



April 6, 2026

Guillermo Viera Rosa, Chief Probation Officer
Los Angeles County Probation Department
1601 Eastlake Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90033

*****PLEASE TAKE NOTICE*****

Dear Chief Viera Rosa:

This letter is to provide you with written notice that the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) will make a determination of suitability of **Campus Vernon Kilpatrick** at its next scheduled board meeting on **April 16, 2026** pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 209, subdivision (d)(3).

The BSCC establishes the minimum standards for juvenile facilities and conducts biennial inspections of those facilities. (Welf. & Inst. Code, §§ 209, 210, 875, 885.) Regulations setting forth these minimum standards can be found in Sections 1300-1511 of Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations.

On November 4, 2025, the BSCC notified you that Campus Vernon Kilpatrick was noncompliant with the following sections of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations:

- § 13-102(c)3. Operational Program Statement
- § 12-201(c)4. Facilities in Existing Buildings
- § 13-201(c)6.B(1). Design Requirements: Fire Safety
- § 13-201(c)6.B(2). Design Requirements: Suicide Hazards
- § 13-201(c)6.B(2)(h). Design Requirements: Suicide Hazards
- § 13-201(c)6.B(9). Design Requirements: Security
- § 13-201(c)6.B(10). Medical/Mental Health Care Housing and Treatment Space
- § 1230.2.10. Security Glazing

On January 5, 2026, the BSCC approved your Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for all outstanding items of noncompliance. All items of noncompliance were required to be resolved within 90 days, no later than April 4, 2026. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 209, subd. (d)(2)(A).)

On April 4, 2026, the county notified the BSCC that it completed all items on the approved CAP "within the department's control and is in compliance with the applicable sections of Title 24 referenced in the Initial Inspection Report." However, it further stated that it remained non-compliant with "Facilities in Existing Buildings: 13-201(c)4 and Design Requirements: Fire Safety: 13-201(c)6. B (1) - State Fire Marshal clearance not received, and Unknown Title 19 and Title 24 Design Requirements specific to Fire

Safety.” Given the nature of the items of noncompliance that remain, BSCC provides this notice accordingly.

Outstanding Items of Noncompliance¹

Our review of policy, processes, and documentation indicates that Campus Vernon Kilpatrick remains out of compliance with the following:

1. § 12-201(c)4. Facilities in Existing Buildings
2. § 13-201(c)6.B(1). Design Requirements: Fire Safety

As of April 4, 2026, the State Fire Marshal has not provided clearance for Campus Vernon Kilpatrick. Typically, this clearance is required before youth are moved into the facility. You informed us that you submitted the design plan to the State Fire Marshal on March 5, 2026 and that the State Fire Marshal has neither reviewed the drawings nor conducted a site visit for approval. We are informed that the State Fire Marshal conducts their reviews on a first come first served basis.

Because Campus Vernon Kilpatrick remains out of compliance following the corrective action period, the BSCC is required to make a determination of suitability at its next scheduled board meeting, **April 16, 2026**. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 209, subd. (d)(3).)

Please note that if the Board finds Campus Vernon Kilpatrick is not being operated or maintained as a suitable place for the confinement of juveniles, the Board shall give notice of its findings to all persons having authority to confine youth pursuant to Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code and commencing 60 days thereafter **Campus Vernon Kilpatrick** shall not be used for confinement of juveniles until the time the Board finds, after reinspection of these facilities that the conditions that rendered the facilities unsuitable have been remedied, and the facilities are a suitable place for confinement of juveniles. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 209, subd. (a)(4).)

Agency Response

The agency is encouraged to, but is not required to, participate at the April 16, 2026 Board meeting as part of the Board’s determination of suitability. If the agency wishes to respond in writing, we request that a response be submitted no later than April 10, 2026 to Joanna.Gonzales@bscc.ca.gov. If the agency anticipates that the facilities will be in compliance before the Board meeting, or soon thereafter, please include in the response specific facts articulating to what extent the facilities are in compliance with the Board’s regulations and the actual or estimated dates of compliance. This response will be included as part of the Board’s 10-day agenda, which will be posted prior to the start of the April 16, 2026 board meeting.

¹ Note: On April 4, 2026, BSCC staff received the department’s verification of compliance with all other code sections except the sections noted. BSCC staff will verify compliance at a future date.

The Board meeting will be held in-person in Santa Barbara, California at the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Board Room, 105 E. Anapamu Street, Fourth Floor, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, as well as on Zoom. A link to the meeting will be available at the Board's website 10 days prior to the meeting at: www.bscc.ca.gov. If you, your staff, or any other agency representative will be participating, please contact Joanna.Gonzales@bscc.ca.gov and provide the names and contact information of those participating no later than April 9, 2026.

While participation is not mandatory, the Board formally requests that you or your designee appear to discuss any outstanding issues of noncompliance.

Determination of Suitability

The determination of suitability is a quasi-judicial process in which the Board determines whether the facilities are in compliance with the Board's regulations. The proceeding is part of the Board's meeting agenda and is not a formal adversarial hearing. Oral testimony, if provided, will not be subject to cross-examination. Board staff will present its findings and recommendations to the Board, which will be followed by questioning by board members through the Chair. The agency will be given the opportunity to provide rebuttal evidence or testimony followed by questioning by board members through the Chair.

Following the presentation of the staff report and agency response, the Board will issue a written decision regarding any items of noncompliance with the Board's minimum standards and the suitability of each juvenile facility. If the Board is unable to make a determination of suitability based on the information provided, the Board may, in its discretion, continue the proceedings to a future board meeting.

The proceedings will be open to the public and is subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. (Gov. Code, §§ 11120-11132.)

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our general counsel, Le-Mai Lyons (Le-Mai.Lyons@bscc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



LINDA M. PENNER
Chair

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