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**STATUS REPORT ON PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE SUITABILITY ISSUES AT LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE HALL (ITEM NO. 71-A; DEC. 17, 2024)**

On December 17, 2024, the Board of Supervisors proclaimed a local emergency related to the conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by the efforts of the Board of State and Community Corrections and others to close Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall (LPJH). This motion included a directive for the Department of Youth Development (DYD) to report back to the Board with the number of community-based facilities and total number of beds provided in each facility, including the number of beds currently available, for youth who could be released by the Probation Department.

In response to this directive, DYD has conducted a landscape analysis to assess the availability of community-based facilities and beds for justice-involved young people. This report outlines the scope of this landscape analysis, findings of current community-based bed capacity and availability, opportunities to increase capacity to serve this population, relevant data, and next steps.

**Scope of Landscape Analysis**

The goal of this analysis is to identify resources that currently exist for youth who could be released by the Probation Department or the Court as well as opportunities to expand the County’s capacity to safely house this population.

The Probation Oversight Commission (POC) and others have completed similar landscape analyses in previous years and DYD built on those efforts by distributing the survey to previous participating providers to gather updated information.

DYD directly surveyed over 75 community-based organizations and has shared the landscape analysis survey with the Department’s provider and County partner networks. To date, 58 organizations have participated in the landscape analysis.

This survey will remain open and DYD will continue to analyze responses to ensure all relevant organizations that currently provide housing for this population or could provide housing with additional support, or resources are included.

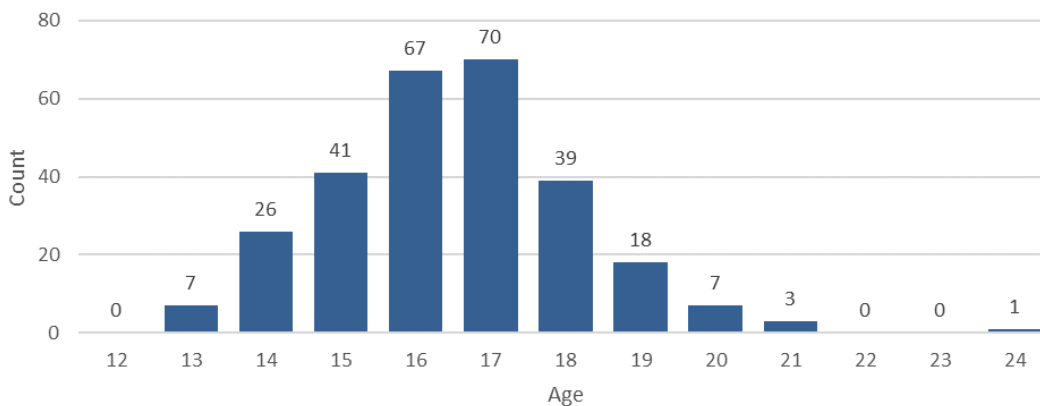
### Relevant Data

Data about the population of youth currently detained in LPJH is unfortunately limited. The POC stopped receiving Daily Population Reports from the Probation Department on October 26, 2024. In the absence of updated data to inform housing needs, DYD has therefore developed high-level estimates based on best available recent data to help contextualize the current landscape analysis. These estimates are consistent with the POC’s 2024 *Demographic Snapshot of the Youth Detained in LA County Juvenile Hall*.

In the most recent data available to the public, the Probation Department reported the following demographic statistics for youth detained at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall:

- 24% age 18 or older (reported Oct. 25, 2024)
- 85% pending disposition (reported Sept. 25, 2025).

Figure 1. Count by Age of Youth Detained in Juvenile Hall on 25 October 2024 (n=279)



On January 14, 2025, the Probation Department reported 232 youth detained in LPJH. Applying the demographic percentages from the POC’s report to the current population, the following are ballpark estimates of the current population:

- 55 youth 18 years of age or older
- 175 youth under 18 years of age
- 195 pre-disposition

These estimates should be confirmed by accurate data but, in the meantime, can inform an approximation of needs for community-based beds to serve this population.

### Current Community-Based Bed Capacity and Availability

See Table 1 below for a high-level summary of available beds for this population by supervisorial district. This summary is based on survey responses received so far and should be understood as an informed estimate to guide follow-up with the organizations themselves in order to seek housing for specific young people.

*Table 1. Community-Based Bed Capacity and Availability for Youth (58 responses)*

Super-visorial District	Estimated Bed Capacity	Current # Available (all ages)	Current # Available (under 18)	Notes on Eligibility
SD1	20	0	0	• Emergency / shelter beds available
SD2	214	162	19	• Restrictions for arson, sexual assault, severe mental health or substance use disorder needs
SD3	37	27	0	• Emergency / shelter beds available
SD4	138	29	5	• Restrictions for violence, sexual assault, domestic violence,
SD5	142	111	4	• Restrictions for arson and sexual assault, and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)
<b>Total</b>	<b>551</b> estimated capacity	<b>329</b> available all ages	<b>28</b> available under 18	See above

DYD will continue to provide updates and more detailed information with all relevant partners as additional providers respond to the landscape analysis survey.

### Opportunities to Increase Capacity

Based on current responses to the landscape analysis survey, there appears to be a need to increase the capacity and availability of beds for justice-involved youth under age 18 in particular. To date, 5 organizations appear to be ready to expand bed availability for justice-involved youth with additional resources. See Table 2 for more.

*Table 2. Notes on Increasing Capacity for Highest Readiness Providers (58 responses)*

Super-visorial District	Estimated Cost and # of New Beds	Ages Served
SD1	None at this time	N/A
SD2	2 organizations estimating 60 new beds for ~ \$3M total	Over 18
SD3	None at this time	N/A
SD4	3 organizations estimating 94 new beds for ~ \$4M total	Over 18
SD5	1 organization estimating 40 new beds for ~ \$500K total	Under 18

## **Next Steps**

DYD will continue to landscape providers through the end of January, circulating the survey to additional providers to ensure responses are as complete and accurate as possible. DYD will share weekly updated analyses and resource guides with the Board, Court, Probation, and Defense Agencies as additional responses are submitted to ensure all partners are aware of potential resources available to serve youth who may be safely released from LPJH.

DYD will also further assess the steps needed to quickly bring additional beds online, including confirming funding, licensing, and eligibility limitations in order to develop more accurate estimates of phased timing to establish new beds for priority populations. In collaboration with key stakeholders, DYD will assess options to expedite funding to these organizations as needed.

Additional beds may be brought on board most quickly if barriers related to contracting authority and dedicated funding with sufficient flexibility to support housing and related services for this population are addressed.

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