

PROBATION E-GRAM



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Priority #1: Promotions & Transfers

In his first week back at the County of LA, Acting Chief Cal Remington has already done far more than Powers ever did: he has agreed to work collaboratively with the Unions that represent Department employees to reform the world's largest probation department. We will meet for the first time later this week.



Acting Chief Cal Remington

A high priority for the committee, and **Local 685's #1 priority!**, is to deal with the totally mismanaged hiring, promotional, transfer, and discipline process under disgraced Chief Powers.

We will keep you apprised of our progress.

Board of Sups to Consider Probation Reform

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Calendar of Events

General Membership Meeting:

Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016
7:30 PM

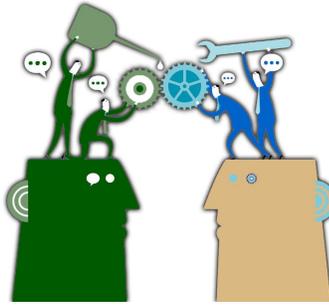
Stewards Meeting:

Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016
7:30 PM

Meetings are held at the Local 685 office:

3701 Wilshire Blvd.
Suite 510
Los Angeles, CA 90010

As reported last week, the Board of Supervisors has begun the hunt for a permanent Chief Probation Officer. In the meantime, the Supervisors are working closely with Acting Chief Cal Remington to examine a multitude of changes to the Department, including:



- Establishment of a "Probation Oversight Commission," similar to that which oversees the Sheriff's Department; and
- Division of the Department into two: Juvenile and Adult Probation.

If the Board does move forward with the proposal to create an additional Oversight Commission (in accordance with [State law](#), the Department is already monitored by the Probation Commission), we will continue to urge the Supervisors to include all stakeholders, including labor.

The Board's open discussion regarding these issues will begin at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the Hall of Administration, 500 W. Temple St., Downtown Los Angeles. All members who are available to attend should join your Executive Board at this important meeting.

Click here to read the Board motions:

- [Motion by Supervisors Kuehl and Ridley-Thomas](#)
- [Motion by Supervisor Antonovich](#)

Additionally, item #27 on the Board Agenda reads as follows:

Recommendation: Authorize the Interim Chief Probation Officer to execute contracts with 12 Community-Based Organizations to provide system navigation services to adult probationers and California Division of Juvenile Justice Wards released to the County for supervision in eight Service Planning Areas for an amount not to exceed \$95,000 each for a total aggregate amount of \$1,140,000, for the term commencing January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016; and take other related actions.

[Click here](#) to read the Board letter.

Send Us Your Stories!

We welcome any story ideas - anything from success with a probationer, to the birth of a child or retirement of a co-worker, to the effect of staffing shortages or workload requirements on your ability to do your job.

Please email your story ideas to Cookie Lommel at clommel@afscme685.com.

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