



February 16, 2024

Mr. Guillermo Viera Rosa  
Chief Probation Officer  
Los Angeles County Probation Department  
1601 Eastlake Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90033

**\*\*\* NOTICE OF FACILITY UNSUITABILITY\*\*\***

**Barry J. Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility and Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall  
Welf. & Inst. Code, § 209, subs. (a)(4) & (d)**

Dear Chief Viera Rosa:

This letter is to provide you with written notice and findings that on February 15, 2024, the California Board of State and Community Corrections determined that the **Barry J. Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility** and the **Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall** are not suitable for the confinement of juveniles pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 209, subdivisions (a)(4) and (d).

The Board is required to make a “determination of suitability” when a facility “fails to meet its commitment to resolve noncompliance issues outlined in its corrective action plan...” (Welf. & Inst. Code, subd. (d).)

Barry J Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility

On August 11, 2023, the BSCC provided the Los Angeles County Probation Department with an Initial Inspection Report indicating the following items of noncompliance at the Barry J Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility:

1. § 1321, Staffing
2. § 1322, Youth Supervision Staff Orientation and Training
3. § 1324, Policy and Procedures Manual
4. § 1328, Safety Checks
5. § 1353, Orientation
6. § 1357, Use of Force
7. § 1360, Searches
8. § 1370, Education Program
9. § 1371, Programs, Recreation, and Exercise
10. § 1390, Discipline

On October 9, 2023, the BSCC received an approved Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for all outstanding items of noncompliance at Barry J Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility; the CAP indicated a completion date of January 5, 2024, for corrective action and compliance with all outstanding items of noncompliance.

On January 5, 2024, the Los Angeles County Probation Department provided written verification that the corrective action had been completed for all areas except section 1390, Discipline.

During January 18 and 25, 2024, BSCC staff conducted a follow-up inspection at the Barry J Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility to verify completion of the CAP and compliance with the remaining above noted sections of Title 15. The BSCC verified that the following items of noncompliance remained following this inspection:

1. § 1321, Staffing
2. § 1322, Youth Supervision Staff Orientation and Training
3. § 1324, Policy and Procedures Manual
4. § 1353, Orientation
5. § 1357, Use of Force
6. § 1371, Programs, Recreation, and Exercise
7. § 1390, Discipline

On February 10, 2024, the BSCC received correspondence and documentation from the Los Angeles County Probation Department claiming that all areas of noncompliance had been corrected. After a review of documentation, the BSCC verified that the following items of noncompliance remained at the Barry J Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility:

1. § 1321, Staffing
2. § 1353, Orientation
3. § 1357, Use of Force
4. § 1371, Programs, Recreation, and Exercise
5. § 1390, Discipline

On February 15, 2024, the Board adopted the findings of the February 2, 2024 Follow Up Inspection Report – Barry J Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility, which can be found as Attachment 4, Agenda Item V.F.1<sup>1</sup> from the Board’s February 15 2024 agenda, which found that the following items remain out of compliance at Barry J. Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility:

1. § 1321, Staffing
2. § 1353, Orientation
3. § 1357, Use of Force
4. § 1371, Programs, Recreation, and Exercise
5. § 1390, Discipline

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Attachment-F-1.4-7205-BJN-SYTF-CAP-Follow-up-LTR-2.2.24.pdf>

Based on these findings of noncompliance with the above sections, the Board made a determination that the Barry J. Nidorf facility was unsuitable within the meaning of Welfare and Institutions Code section 209, subdivision (a)(4).

### Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall

On August 18, 2023, the BSCC provided the Los Angeles County Probation Department with an Initial Inspection Report indicating the following items of noncompliance at the Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall:

1. § 1321, Staffing
2. § 1322, Youth Supervision Staff Orientation and Training
3. § 1324, Policy and Procedures Manual
4. § 1325, Fire Safety Plan
5. § 1328, Safety Checks
6. § 1354.5, Room Confinement
7. § 1357, Use of Force
8. § 1358.5, Use of Restraint Devices for Movement and Transportation Within the Facility
9. § 1360, Searches
10. § 1370, Education Program
11. § 1371, Programs, Recreation, and Exercise
12. § 1390, Discipline

On October 16, 2023, the BSCC received an approved CAP for all outstanding items of noncompliance at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall. The CAP indicated a completion date of January 10, 2024, for corrective action and compliance with all outstanding items of noncompliance.

On January 10, 2024, the Los Angeles County Probation Department provided written verification that the corrective action had been completed for all areas.

During January 29 and February 3, 2024, BSCC staff conducted a follow-up inspection at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall to verify completion of the CAP and compliance with the remaining above noted sections of Title 15. The BSCC verified that the following items of noncompliance remained following this inspection:

1. § 1321, Staffing
2. § 1322, Youth Supervision Staff Orientation and Training
3. § 1324, Policy and Procedures Manual
4. § 1325, Fire Safety Plan
5. § 1328, Safety Checks
6. § 1354.5, Room Confinement
7. § 1357, Use of Force
8. § 1360, Searches
9. § 1370, Education Program
10. § 1371, Programs, Recreation, and Exercise

11. § 1390, Discipline

On February 10, 2024, the BSCC received correspondence and documentation from the Los Angeles County Probation Department claiming that all areas of noncompliance had been corrected. After a review of documentation, the BSCC verified that the following items of noncompliance remained at the Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall:

1. § 1321, Staffing
2. § 1325, Fire Safety Plan
3. § 1328, Safety Checks
4. § 1354.5, Room Confinement
5. § 1357, Use of Force
6. § 1360, Searches
7. § 1370, Education Program
8. § 1371, Programs, Recreation, and Exercise
9. § 1390, Discipline

On February 15, 2024, the Board adopted the findings of the February 7, 2024 Follow Up Inspection Report – Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall, which can be found as Attachment 4, Agenda Item V.F.<sup>2</sup> from the Board’s February 15 2024 agenda, which found that the following items remain out of compliance at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall:

1. § 1321, Staffing
2. § 1325, Fire Safety Plan
3. § 1328, Safety Checks
4. § 1354.5, Room Confinement
5. § 1357, Use of Force
6. § 1360, Searches
7. § 1370, Education Program
8. § 1371, Programs, Recreation, and Exercise
9. § 1390, Discipline

Based on these findings of noncompliance with the above sections, the Board made a determination that the Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall was unsuitable within the meaning of Welfare and Institutions Code section 209, subdivision (a)(4).

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Attachment-F.2.4-7201-LPJH-CAP-Follow-Up-Inspection-Report-2.7.24.pdf>

Please note that pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 209, subdivision (a)(4), commencing **60 days** following this notice or by **April 16, 2024** the facilities shall not be used for the confinement of juveniles until the Board finds, after reinspection of the facilities, that the conditions that rendered the facility unsuitable have been remedied, and the facility is a suitable place for confinement of juveniles.

Sincerely,



LINDA PENNER  
Chair

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