



Juvenile Justice Commission  
Delinquency Prevention Commission

**Joint Meeting**  
January 27, 2026  
5:15 - 7:15 pm

Location and Public participation instructions attached

**AGENDA**

Public comment for items not listed on the agenda will be taken under Item II. If you wish to speak on an agenda item, please fill out a speaker form or raise your hand on Zoom so we can recognize you at the right time. You do not need to share personal information. We only need a name or identifier to call on you

**I. Preliminary Business**

- a. Call to Order
- b. Translation Services for JJDPC meetings
- c. Roll Call and Establish Quorum
- d. Agenda Review and Approval
- e. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - November 18, 2025
  - December 16, 2025
- f. 2026 Joint Meeting Schedule
- g. 2026 Board of Supervisors Liaison:
  - JJDPC: Supervisor Noelia Corzo – District 2
  - JJCC: Supervisor Lisa Gauthier – District 4

**II. Oral Communications - Public Comment**

*This item provides an opportunity for public comment on items not on the agenda (Time limit – three (3) minutes per person. There will be opportunity for public comment on agenda items as they are considered.*

**III. Updates from System Partners**

- a. Private Defender Program: Ron Rayes
- b. District Attorney: Nadia Hahn
- c. Probation Department: John Keene, Ivonne Bustos, Becky Powers
- d. County Office of Education: Sarah Notch
- e. Behavioral Health & Recovery Services: Regina Moreno
- f. Fresh Lifelines for Youth: Tatiana Castenada, Maria Delgado
- g. HSA–Children & Family Services: John Fong

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- IV. **2025 Annual Report**
  - a. Review and Approve
- V. **2026 Operating Policies**
  - b. Review and Approve
- VI. **2026 Strategic Plan**
  - a. Form a subcommittee to review and revise the Commission's Strategic Plan.
- VII. **2025 Prevention in Action Conference**
  - a. Conference Presentation
  - b. Conference Video and Website
  - c. Discussion
  - d. 2026 Planning Committee
- VIII. **Inspection Reports and Updates**
  - a. Law Enforcement Holding Facilities
  - b. Juvenile Hall / SYTF Reports
- IX. **Matters of Commission Interest**
- X. **Announcements**
- XI. **Adjournment**



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**Public Participation Instructions**

**Join In Person**

**Meeting Location**

Manzanita Hall  
500 County Center, 1st Floor  
Redwood City, Ca. 94063  
The entrance to Manzanita Hall is located outside of the building facing Marshall Street.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**Next Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 5:15 – 7:15 p.m.**

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**2026 Meeting Dates**

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March 31, 2026

April 28, 2026

May 26, 2026

June 30, 2026

July 28, 2026

August 25, 2026

September 29, 2026

October 27, 2026

November 17, 2026

December 15, 2026

Annual Retreat: TBA



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**Commissioners Present:** Chair, Johanna Rasmussen, Vice Chair Administration, Karin Huber-Levy, Vice Chair Membership, Whitney Genevro, Shakeel Ali, Jennifer Blanco, Paul Bocanegra, Asteris Ling, Niklas Klemmer, Trena Patton.

**Commissioners Absent:** Jiya Venkatesh

**Staff Present:** Bo Unga, Kenny Chu from County of San Mateo, Clerk's Office

**Juvenile Court:** Hon. Susan Etezadi, Presiding Judge Juvenile Court

**System Partners Present:**

Private Defender's Office - Ron Rayes (provided report in advance)

District Attorney's Office - Nadia Hahn

Probation - Ivonne Bustos, Moniae Wade, Chief John Keene

OYCR (Office of Youth and Community Restoration) - [absent]

BHRS (Behavioral Health & Recovery Services) - [absent]

County Office of Education - Sarah Notch (provided report in advance)

FLY (Fresh Lifelines for Youth) - Tatiana Castenada, Adriana Canales

Children & Family Services - [absent]

**I. Preliminary Business:**

- a. **Call to Order:** Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.
- b. **Translation Services:** Bo Unga, County Clerk, gave instructions for Spanish translation services.
- c. **Roll Call** was taken and **Quorum** was established.
- d. **Agenda Review and Approval:**  
**M:** Bocanegra **S:** Ling, to approve the Agenda for November 18, 2025.  
Passed unanimously.
- e. **Swearing in of New Commissioner Candidates:**  
Judge Etezadi conducted the swearing in of Enya Yuan and Celina Chen as new Commissioners for the JJDPC. Congratulations to both!
- f. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** for August 26, 2025 and September 30, 2025 meetings:  
**M:** Genevro **S:** Bocanegra, to approve the minutes for the aforementioned meetings. Passed unanimously.



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**II. Oral Communications-Public Comment:** none

**III. Updates From System Partners - reports for November (3 weeks):**

**A. Private Defender - Ron Rayes:**

- s.602 assignments - 29 cases assigned: 12 detentions - 4 with petitions containing allegations of 707(b)<sup>1</sup> offences
- out of custody arraignments - 17 cases: 5 with petitions containing allegations of 707(b) offences
- record sealings - none during this time (youth qualified to have records sealed under WIC 786 or 781)
- Youth Miranda Rights Hotline - 20 calls from arresting law enforcement agencies, 20 consultations - all youth invoked their right to remain silent:
  - 1 youth aged 18 yrs/14 youth aged 16-17 yrs/  
1 youth aged 15 yrs/ **5 youth aged 14 yrs and under**

**B. District Attorney - Nadia Hahn, for the period 9/30 to 11/18 :**

- 49 filings: 39 felonies/misdemeanors; 16 misdemeanor/infractions.
- 22 charges were rejected

**C. Probation—** Ivonne Bustos provided updates for October:

**(I) Juvenile Services:**

- 350 youth on Probation (9 Probation Officers)
  - On Supervision: 219
  - At Court: 170
  - On Diversion: 24
  - 7 Gang orders

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<sup>1</sup> 707(b) Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC): considered serious offences in the criminal justice system (robbery, murder, attempted murder).



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- Demographics:
  - Ethnicity: 226 Hispanic-Latino /35 Black-African American/34 White/ 55 Other-Unknown
  - Gender: 269 male/ 80 female/ 1 non-binary
  - Cities overrepresented:
    - Redwood City: 66
    - San Mateo: 55
    - Daly City: 40
    - Out of County: 39

**(II) Institutions:**

- Juvenile Hall: (three housing units)- for month of July
  - 36 youth as of today - 29 male/6 female
  - 31 youth as of Oct 31 - 28 male/ 2 female/ 1 nonbinary
    - Felony charges: 26 male / 1 female/ 1 nonbinary
    - Misdemeanor charges: 2 male/ 1 female
    - 4 out-of-county (2 Santa Clara; 2 San Francisco)
    - **Ethnicity**: 29 Hispanic-Latino/ 5 Black- African American/ 1 Pacific Islander-Hawaiian/ 2 White/ 2 Other/ 0 Middle-Eastern/ 0 Asian
    - **Avg daily population**: 26 - 21 pre-disposition/4 post-disposition males & 1 pre-disposition female/ 0 post-disposition female
    - **Avg length of stay**: 23 days
    - For October: 20 bookings - 15 in-county, 5 out-of-county; 16 releases
- **SOARR Program**-Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF):
  - 8 youth all post-disposition, felony charges:
    - 7 males/1 female
- **EMP** (electronic monitoring program) and **CAM** (continuous alcohol monitoring): 13 youth as of October 31; 8 youth as of today:
  - Felony: 6 male / 1 female
  - Misdemeanor: 0 male/ 1 female
  - Successful completions: 3 EMP; 0 CAM



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- **Avg daily # youth** - 13:
- 13 pre-dispo: 7 male/1 female; post-dispo: 4 males/1 female
- **Avg length on EMP:** 47 days
- Ethnicity: 5 Hispanic/Latino; 1 Asian; 1 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; 0 Black; 1 White
- Referrals: EMP - 7 in-county, 0 out-of-county; CAM - 1 in county, 0 out-of-county.

**Other matters:**

1. **Reports of Allegations of Sexual Contact:** Chair Rasmussen referred to multiple reports of allegations of sexual contact between a staff member and youth at Juvenile Hall received by the Commission over the past 72 hours. Chief Keene noted that he is aware of these allegations and investigations are in progress. This type of inappropriate behavior is never tolerated; he has a track record of holding people accountable and supporting youth in their care. He assured the public that this will not go unaddressed, however he cannot comment further given the nature of ongoing investigations. Transparency is important, but it is also important to provide a fair and impartial process for all parties involved. The sensitivity and concern around this issue was acknowledged.
2. **AB 1376 (Ending Endless Probation)** - Chief Keene noted that there is a question regarding the retroactivity of the new legislation (AB 1376) limiting probation terms for youth under supervision. The Bill is silent as to retroactivity but clear on the fact that probation terms are limited to 12 months going forward. Once there is clarity on the retroactivity question, Probation will align their processes.
3. **Alternative Use of Camp Kemp:** Chief Keene noted that the current proposal is to use the closed Camp Kemp facility to provide a Healing Campus, providing mental health (in and out-patient) services, and short-term therapeutic services to serve a broader swath of youth (under 18 yrs) in our county. Currently, the county only has use of 1 floor of the adult mental health facility, which is inadequate. They are applying for a state grant to fund the redesign of Camp Kemp for this purpose. Different portions of the facility would serve different populations, some as a licensed STRTP similar to Canyon Oaks Youth Center.



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**D. County Office of Education:**

Sarah Notch provided a written report in advance of the meeting as she is ill. Per information received from Vice-Principal Arenas, there are currently 31 students at Hillcrest School: 11 in 12th grade, 10 in 11th grade, 7 in 10th grade, 1 in 9th grade, and 2 in 8th grade.

**E. FLY (Fresh Lifelines for Youth):**

**Re-Entry Program for In-Custody Youth (REPS) - Tatiana Castenada:** currently 10 youth are engaged with in-custody care management - 1 female and 9 males. This includes all 8 SYTF youth, as well as 2 youth with 707(b) charges (both male). Nine of these youth are attending college, and one is completing high school, and is on track to graduate early. One student is attending San Francisco State University, 2 have been accepted to Sonoma State University and one student has recently applied for a second and third associate degree. In October, FLY provided 114.9 hrs of case management hours for these 10 students. They are currently training 4 credible messengers (3 male/1 female) to work with youth in juvenile hall. 1 SOARR youth has recently gotten a job with OYCR.

**Re-Entry Program for Out-of-Custody Youth - Adriana Canales:** Re-Entry LRE (Law Related Education) started to meet on Wednesdays with re-entry youth, who gain community service hours. There is a wait list for the program currently but are working on adding more staff - 2 case managers are currently being hired.

**Oral Communications-Public Comment:**

1. **Melissa Wilson, former SMC JJDPCC Commissioner**, made comment on the applicability of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) to juvenile facilities: PREA, a federal statute, represents the 'gold standard' for facilities, which she became aware of while on the Sexual Abuse Prevention Committee of the Commission. PREA protections are in place at the Maguire adult jail, and she questioned why PREA protections are not in place at the SMC YSC, and requested the JJDPCC to take this issue up.



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2. **Becca Kieler, In Our Care**, made comment that there is no distinct Juvenile Probation Department in SMC and questioned whether we need to have a separate, specifically trained juvenile probation department, especially in light of current allegations.

**IV. 2025 Annual Inspection Reports:**

**(a) Educational Evaluation Report for Canyon Oaks Youth Center:**

For the 2024-25 educational programs evaluation, Commissioner Huber-Levy presented her report on the educational programming provided at Canyon Oaks Youth Center. After some discussion, the report was presented for a vote of approval by the Commission.

**M:** Bocanegra; **S:** Ali, to approve the 2025 Education Evaluation Report for Canyon Oaks Youth Center. Passed unanimously.

**(b) SMC Maguire Correctional Facility Report:**

Chair Rasmussen presented her report on her inspection of the facilities for the purpose of assessing the programming and living conditions for youth who may be transferred into and housed in this adult facility. Overall, conditions were not adequate for youth as required under current law, pursuant to SB 823 and WIC 875, with requisite Individual Rehabilitation Plan programming.

**M:** Huber-Levy; **S:** Bocanegra, to approve the 2025 Maguire Correctional Facility Report. Passed unanimously.

**(c) Law Enforcement Holding Facilities:**

Chair Rasmussen noted that OYCR has now provided to all JJsCs a list of facilities in their county where youth have been held over the past year for any amount of time. Chair Rasmussen requested assistance from Commissioners to complete the inspection of all of these facilities in our county.



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**Oral Communications-Public Comment:**

1. **Darya Larizadeh, National Center for Youth Law**, made comment that while it was understandably upsetting to contemplate an SYTF youth from juvenile hall being transferred into the inadequate and negative adult jail environment, we must not lose sight of the many youth over 18 yrs who are already subjected to life in these terrible conditions and the negative impact on their futures.

**V. Board of Supervisors Update:**

- a. Chair Rasmussen noted that the agenda packet included the letter she submitted on behalf of the Commission to the Board of Supervisors meeting in response to the Civil Grand Jury Report regarding the use of vacant, unused facilities, such as Camp Kemp.
- b. Chair Rasmussen reported on her discussion with Supervisor Canepa regarding improving the food in juvenile hall and options to change the service providers for meals to juvenile hall.
- c. There will be a presentation on behalf of the JJDPDC to the Board of Supervisors on December 9th, and everyone is welcome to join on Zoom or in person.

**VI. Announcements:**

- a. **Nominations for Officers:** a vote on officers for 2026 is postponed until the December meeting.
- b. **Delinquency Prevention in Action Conference Update:** Commissioner Blanco provided an update on this conference to be held at College of San Mateo on January 7, 2026, with workshops, and a systems-impacted youth panel facilitated by FLY. This will be attended by school district partners and local community-based organizations. Sponsorships have been secured, and College of San Mateo has waived facility fees.
- c. **In Re H.T., Court of Appeal, CA 3rd Appellate District, Sacramento County:** in this decision, which represents an important precedent, the court opined that probation had the responsibility to provide



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maintenance for housing, food and basic necessities for an SYTF youth transitioning out of incarceration.

There being no further business on the agenda, Chair Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm, in memory of Sean P, who passed away last month.

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Minutes Prepared and Submitted: 01/7/26, Karin Huber-Levy, Vice-Chair, Administration



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Joint Meeting – December 16, 2025, 5:15 p.m.

I. Preliminary Business

a. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm by Commissioner Johanna Rasmussen (Chair).

b. Translation Services

Spanish translation services were available for meeting participants on Zoom

c. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Commissioners present:

- Johanna Rasmussen, Chair
- Whitney Genevro
- Trena Patton
- Jennifer Blanco
- Paul Bocanegra
- Celina Chen (arrived at 5:21pm)
- Shakeel Ali
- Karin Huber-Levy
- Enya Yuan

Commissioners Absent:

- Niklas Klemmer
- Asteris Ling
- Jiya Venkatesh

A quorum was established.

d. Agenda Review and Approval

The agenda was reviewed and approved as distributed.

e. Recognition of Commissioner Karin Huber-Levy

The Commission recognized Commissioner Karin Huber-Levy for her service and contributions to the Commission.



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### II. Oral Communications – Public Comment

Elliot Gan, Clinical Psychologist & Executive Director of Today's Future Sound, provided comment regarding:

- Integration of arts, STEAM, media literacy, and music production into daytime education programming at Hillcrest.
- Questions about credit-bearing opportunities and intersession programs.
- Advocacy for access to creative learning modalities to support academic engagement.
- Observations about Camp Glenwood's closure and its value as a grounding facility for youth.

### III. System Partner Updates

#### a. Private Defender / Youth Legal Services – Ron Reyes

- Activity (past four weeks; some technical limitations):
  - 16 total cases
  - 8 detentions (2 involving 707(b) allegations)
  - 5 out-of-custody arraignments (1 involving 707(b) allegation)
  - 15 police calls to the Miranda hotline
  - 6 involved youth ages 16–17, 2 involved youth age 14 and under
  - Remaining calls pending tracking; no statements were given

#### Discussion:

- Timing of counsel assignment, Miranda compliance (SB 203), youth making spontaneous statements, police station processing.
- Holistic defense model and parent engagement.
- Commissioners thanked Mr. Reyes for the update and explanation of procedures.

#### b. District Attorney – Nadia Han

- Reporting period November 19 – December 16:
  - 12 cases filed (5 felony, 6 misdemeanor, 1 infraction)
  - 13 cases reviewed and rejected for charging
- Noted the reporting period was relatively slow.



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### c. County Office of Education – Sarah Notch

- 20 youth served at Hillcrest School
  - 1 8th grader
  - 6 10th graders
  - 8 11th graders
  - 5 12th graders
- Nearly all enrolled in CTE Exploring STEM Careers Master Class. A 3-week course that provides 6 academic credits
- Upcoming CTE Work Expo with families invited.
- Round 8 Career Technical Education Grant awarded (partnership with South San Francisco USD).

#### Follow-ups committed:

- IEP data for Hillcrest students
- Detailed grant information: amounts and activities

### d. Probation Department

#### Chief John Keene

- Law enforcement interactions across 24 cities plus out-of-county cases.
- Explanation of new countywide RFP and procurement requirements.
- Discussion of AB 1367, establishing a 12-month probation cap; questions regarding retroactivity.
- Thanked Vice Chair Huber-Levy for collaboration and service.

#### Institutions and Juvenile Services Division:

Monthly data read into the record by Chair Rasmussen: Superintendent Ivone Bustos and Assistant Chief Becky Powers were not in attendance.

#### Probation cases:

- 337 active probation cases
- 21 youth on diversion
- 98 youth court going through court process
- 218 youth on supervision

#### Gender:

- 78 female
- 258 male
- 1 non-binary



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### Demographics:

- 222 Hispanic
- 37 Black
- 29 White
- 19 Native Hawaiian /Pacific Islander
- 15 Asian,
- 15 Unknown

### Regional distribution:

- North County: 76,
- Mid County: 86
- South County: 110
- Coast 26
- Out of county 39

### Institutions

#### Juvenile Hall snapshot:

- 29 Youth in custody
  - 20 predisposition
  - 9 post-disposition
  - Average Length of Stay: 21 days

#### Secure Youth Treatment Facility: Secure Track

- Population: 9 youth
  - 8 housed in SYTF
  - 1 housed at Maguire County Jail

#### Electronic Monitoring Program–EMP

- 13 youth in program
- 9 referrals pending
- 3 Successful completions
- Average length of program participation: 32 days

#### Continuous Alcohol Monitoring –CAM Device

- 5 Referrals



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### e. Behavioral Health & Recovery Services – Martha Cervantes

- Introduced as the new BHRS Unit Supervisor
- BHRS is active hiring: Employment officers extended to: 1 AOD case manager; 2 clinician offers are anticipated
- There is currently one Mental Health Clinician serving all youth at Juvenile Hall and SYTF facilities.
- BHRS On-duty “crisis” line for juvenile hall/SYTF available to staff.

#### Commissioner Discussion:

- Youth report mental health therapy sessions were reduced to weekly or bi-weekly 20 minute sessions due to lack of staffing.
- All family therapy is on hold due to lack of BHRS staffing
- Institutional records document an ongoing pattern of inadequate response from the BHRS on-duty line.
- Commissioners acknowledged BHRS’ recent hiring efforts and emphasized the urgent need to ensure consistent, accessible mental health and therapeutic services for all incarcerated youth.
- Prevention in Action Conference:
  - The conference will host more than 200 educators, school district staff, mental health professionals, justice partners, county employees, policymakers, state and local elected officials, and community-based organizations.
  - More than 30 organizations will participate as tabling partners to highlight programs and services.
  - Behavioral Health and Recovery Services leadership confirmed their willingness to participate.

### f. Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY)

#### Reentry Program Update: Adriana, Reentry Case Manager

- Current Clients: 23
- Hiring one additional case manager
- Reentry Law Related Education (LRE) began in October: 13-week course covering Miranda rights, property damage, substance abuse, sealing records, independent living skills. Meets on Wednesday 4:00–7:00 p.m.



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- LRE Program participants receive completion certificates. Commission will be invited to future completion ceremonies.
- Youth participated in a 49ers Foundation event in November
- FLY will be launching bi-monthly progress reports/updates for probation officers beginning in January 2026.

### **FLY In-Custody (REPS) Program – Tati Castaneda**

- 10 youth enrolled (8 Secure Track, 2 non-Secure Track)
- Case management hours:
  - Nov: 1,667.95;
  - Oct–Dec to date: 240.85
- Key programming: Restorative Justice workshops, Success Stories workshops
- 4 in CTE internships;
- Commissioners commended innovation, consistency, depth of engagement.

### **FLY StayFly Program (Ages 18–25) – Carlos Castaneda**

- Caseload: 11 youth (10 male, 1 female)
- Current Number of Youth on the Waiting List: 7
- Youth receive One-on-one case management; legal, educational, employment, personal goal support
- 3 youth preparing to graduate HS; 2 transitioning out exploring social work careers
- Housing instability noted as primary challenge

#### **IV. Public Comment**

- Becca Kieier, Co-Founder In Our Care requested youth demographic data further disaggregated for unincorporated areas (North Fair Oaks).

#### **V. 2025 Annual Inspection Reports:**

- a. Education: Hillcrest School & SYTF Educational Evaluation – Vice Chair Huber-Levy
  - Annual inspection September 2025; four commissioners participated.
  - Observed classrooms, met students and leadership.



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### **Evaluation Overview:**

- Hillcrest School: K–12, fully accredited, serving detained youth.
- 20 students enrolled, all high school; 18 IEPs (89%), 1 504 plan
- Leadership: Principal Freedom Cam, Assistant Principal Jason Arinus
- Focus on trauma-informed, relationship-centered education

### **Staffing Challenges:**

- Multiple resignations; hiring underway; data specialist position filled

### **Compliance Review:**

- External review (Santa Cruz COE/OYCR) – no deficiencies noted

### **Student Experience & Survey Findings:**

- 50% reported no new learning
- 61% teachers sometimes/rarely explained concepts clearly
- 64% behind on HS credits
- 100% no access to classroom technology

### **Educational Recommendations:**

- Differentiate short-term vs. long-term student instruction
- Increase teacher-led instruction, small-group learning, foundational skill support
- Clarify instructional time, core competencies, special education services, intake procedures, decision-making authority, family engagement, assessment metrics, and postsecondary pathways

### **Postsecondary Education Barriers:**

- Limited technology access, shared spaces, Internet restrictions, staff shortages, disciplinary impacts

### **Career Technical Education (CTE):**

- Master classes, construction programs, 15-day intensive programs, credentialed teachers
- Recommendation: clarify funding responsibility, consistent staffing/materials, hire dedicated teachers



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- b. Camp Glenwood:
    - Closed 2019; leased to CalFire (\$25,000/month), funds to County General Fund; unavailable for youth
  - c. Camp Kemp:
    - Report submitted at distributed without presentation.
  - d. Motions and Votes:
    - Educational Evaluation Reports for Hillcrest and SYTF, Camp Kemp and Camp Glenwood reports approved unanimously.
- VI. 2026 Officer Elections
- Chair: Commissioner Johanna Rasmussen
  - Vice Chair (Administration): Commissioner Trena Patton
  - Vice Chair (Membership): Commissioner Jennifer Blanco
- All nominations approved by unanimous roll call vote.
- VII. JJDPC Presentation to the Board of Supervisors – Update
- Commission leadership presented to the Board; received strong engagement and commitments for follow-up, including planned study session at Juvenile Hall.
  - Commissioners praised presentation and suggested annual Board updates.
- VIII. Announcements
- January meeting: set 2026 meeting schedule, receive annual report, and review operating policies.
  - Commissioners to receive statewide needs assessment survey from OYCR
  - Appreciation expressed for holiday gift bag contributions for incarcerated youth at juvenile hall and SYTF
- IX. Adjournment
- Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:21pm

**San Mateo County Probation Department  
Juvenile Services Institutions Data**

**Juvenile Services - One Day Snapshot**

Active Cases	Nov-25
Diversion	21
Court	98
Supervision	218
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>337</b>

<b>Deputy Probation Officers</b>	<b>7</b>
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Active Cases by Race/Ethnicity	Nov-25
Asian	15
Black	37
Hispanic/Latino	222
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	19
White	29
All Other or Unknown	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>337</b>

Active Cases by Gender	Nov-25
Female	78
Male	258
Nonbinary	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>337</b>

Active Cases by Regions	Nov-25
North County	76
Mid-County	86
South County	110
Coastal	26
Out of County	39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>337</b>

**North County:** Brisbane, Daly City, San Bruno, South San Francisco, Colma

**Mid County:** Belmont, Burlingame, Foster City, Hillsborough, Millbrae, San Mateo

**South County:** East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos, Woodside

**Coastal:** El Granada, Half Moon Bay, Montara, Moss Beach, Pacifica, Pescadero, San Gregorio

**Institutions**

MONTHLY TOTALS	Nov-25
Bookings	21
Releases	23

**Key**

YSC: Youth Services Center  
STYF: Secure Track Youth Facility  
EMP: Electronic Monitoring Program  
CAM: Continuous Alcohol Monitoring

DISPOSITION STATUS - One Day Snapshot	YSC	STYF	TOTAL
Pre-Disposition	20	0	20
Post-Disposition	9	8	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>37</b>

Race/Ethnicity - One Day Snapshot	YSC	STYF	TOTAL
Hispanic/Latino	20	8	28
All Other or Unknown	9	0	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>37</b>

Gender - One Day Snapshot	YSC	STYF	TOTAL
Female	4	1	5
Male	24	7	31
Nonbinary	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>37</b>

Average Length of Stay* (Days)	Nov-25
Youth Services Center	21
Electronic Monitoring Program	32

*\*Total number of days spent in custody by individuals released during the month divided by the total number of those releases.*

<b>Youth on EMP - One Day Snapshot</b>	<b>13</b>
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EMP/CAM - Monthly Totals	Nov-25
EMP Referrals	9
CAM Referrals	5
EMP Successful Completions	3
CAM Successful Completions	0

**SAN MATEO COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
AND  
DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION**



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**ANNUAL REPORT  
2025**

Submitted By  
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Commissioner and Chair



## **Executive Summary**

In 2025, the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDP) strengthened its statutory oversight responsibilities while expanding its leadership role in regional and statewide juvenile justice reform. The Commission conducted required facility inspections and educational evaluations to ensure compliance, accountability, and the protection of youth rights across county-operated and contracted programs. Through consistent monitoring, public meetings, and direct engagement with youth in custody, the Commission reinforced transparency and upheld its responsibility to safeguard the dignity and wellbeing of system-impacted youth.

The Commission advanced public education and policy advocacy through formal presentations to key partners, including the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Commission, the San Francisco Juvenile Justice Commission, the Jefferson Elementary School District, and the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. These engagements strengthened cross-jurisdiction collaboration, supported prevention-focused reforms, and reinforced alignment between local, regional, and County leadership. In December 2025, the Board of Supervisors further recognized the Commission's leadership through the adoption of a County Resolution honoring Chair Johanna Rasmussen for her service to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission and her contributions to oversight, prevention, youth voice, and equity.

At the statewide level, the Commission launched the California Juvenile Justice Commissioners Collaborative (CJJCC), establishing the first coordinated network connecting commissioners from all 58 California counties. This initiative advanced alignment around Title 15 and Title 24 implementation, inspection standards, and oversight best practices. Commission leadership also actively participated in the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Policy and Legislative Advocacy Subcommittee (SACJJDP), ensuring that San Mateo County's inspection findings and implementation experience informed statewide policy development and reform efforts.

Locally, the Commission made history by co-hosting the First Annual Prevention in Action: Schools, Communities, and Youth Voices Conference with the College of San Mateo and Project Change. The conference convened more than 200 participants and over 30 community-based organizations and public agencies, elevated youth voice through a youth-led panel, and strengthened cross-sector prevention collaboration. Together, these accomplishments reflect the Commission's continued commitment to rigorous oversight, public education, prevention leadership, and the advancement of equitable outcomes for young people in San Mateo County.



## **Authority**

San Mateo County's JJDPC is a combination of a state-mandated, court-appointed Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) and a Board of Supervisors-appointed Delinquency Prevention Commission. Resolution No. 070307 of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors established the combined JJDPC as of August 4, 2009.

California Welfare and Institutions Code (CWIC) Sections 225-232 mandate that each California County shall have JJC. The duty of the JJC is to inquire into the administration of justice in the juvenile courts of the county or region in which the commission serves. The JJC inspects any publicly administered institutions in the county at which juveniles are held. It also inspects any County jail or lockup that has confined any minor for more than 24 hours in the previous calendar year, and may inspect any group home located in the county that serves county wards.

CWIC Sections 233-236 authorizes a county's board of supervisors to establish, support, and maintain a Delinquency Prevention Commission, of not fewer than seven citizens, to coordinate on a countywide basis the work of governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) engaged in activities designed to prevent juvenile delinquency.

## **Mission**

The Mission of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission is to be a public conscience in the best interest of young people. The Commission advocates for programs and services that prevent youth entry into the juvenile justice system, and that provide tools young people need to thrive and succeed in life. The Commission seeks to promote respect for the human dignity of all young people who do enter the juvenile justice system and seeks to preserve their youth.

## **Aspirations**

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission's Aspirations for our Community help choose initiatives that will help move San Mateo County closer to fulfilling its ideals. They are that:

1. The voices of communities most likely to be affected by the juvenile justice system, and the organizations that serve them, are heard regularly by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and other appointed and elected officials in the County.



2. All youth in San Mateo County, and their families, have convenient, affordable access to high-quality mental health, substance abuse, restorative, and other programs and services they need to promote their health and success.
3. All youth who come in contact with the juvenile justice system in San Mateo County are provided, from the time they enter the juvenile justice system, with the support they and their families need to thrive and succeed when they transition from the juvenile justice system.
4. All schools in San Mateo County apply restorative justice principles and practices comprehensively in classrooms, curricula and policies, and provide students and their families with convenient, affordable access to high-quality programs and resources that strengthen student and parent engagement to ensure every student stays in school and graduates.
5. All elementary and middle school children in San Mateo County, especially those in underserved areas, have convenient, affordable access to high-quality programs that engage and support them after school and that provide services to address early childhood trauma as needed.

## **Inspections**

The Juvenile Justice Commission was responsible for conducting the following state-mandated inspections and educational evaluations:

### **Facility Inspections**

- Juvenile Hall
- Secure Youth Treatment Facility – SYTF
- Maguire Correctional Facility – San Mateo County Jail
- Canyon Oaks Youth Center (STRTP)
- Elysian (STRTP)
- San Mateo County Receiving Home (TSCF)

### **Educational Evaluations**

- Hillcrest Schools
- Secure Youth Treatment facility –SYTF
- Canyon Oaks Youth Center



## **Law Enforcement Holding Facilities**

Due to the transition in reporting responsibilities from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR), the Commission experienced a delay in receiving its annual list of law enforcement juvenile holding facilities. As a result, the following law enforcement holding facilities are scheduled to be completed by February 24, 2026.

- Belmont Police Department
- Burlingame Police Department
- Daly City Police Department
- East Palo Alto Police Department
- Menlo Park Police Department
- Redwood City Police Department
- San Bruno Police Department
- San Mateo Police Department
- San Mateo County Sheriff's Office
- South San Francisco Police Department

## **Closed Facilities**

The Commission also issued updated reports for the Camp Glenwood and Camp Kemp juvenile detention facilities, which did not serve youth in 2025.

## **Monthly Meetings and Annual Retreat**

In 2025, the Commission held a total of 11 joint monthly meetings and convened its Annual Retreat to strengthen internal capacity, elevate youth voice, and advance strategic planning priorities. Highlights from the retreat included Commissioner training on statutory responsibilities, governance protocols, and oversight roles; legislative and policy updates, a listening session with youth incarcerated in our Secure Youth Treatment Facility and reflection and planning sessions focused on lessons learned and priority areas for 2026.



## **Statewide Leadership and Policy Engagement**

### **California Juvenile Justice Commissioners Collaborative (CJJCC)**

In 2025, the Commission created and launched the California Juvenile Justice Commissioners Collaborative (CJJCC), establishing a statewide monthly coordination network connecting Juvenile Justice Commissioners from all 58 California counties. This initiative was designed to strengthen cross-county collaboration, standardize oversight practices, and create a consistent forum for sharing implementation strategies related to Title 15 and Title 24 compliance, Office of Youth and Community Restoration guidance, and emerging juvenile justice policy changes.

### **California's State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP)**

In 2025, Commissioner Rasmussen was invited to join the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice Policy and Legislative Advocacy Subcommittee (SACJJDP), strengthening San Mateo County's representation in statewide juvenile justice policy development. Through this role, the Commission contributed to legislative analysis, policy recommendations, and advocacy efforts impacting youth justice systems across California. This participation ensured that local oversight perspectives, facility inspection experiences, and implementation challenges from San Mateo County were elevated at the state level. In addition, Commission leadership engaged in Office of Youth and Community Restoration working groups to support system alignment, compliance monitoring, and coordinated implementation of statewide juvenile justice reforms. Together, these efforts positioned San Mateo County as a leader in advancing youth-centered juvenile justice oversight and reform across California.

## **Commission Projects**

### **Outreach to System Impacted Youth and Families**

This project reaches out to youth and families in underserved communities throughout San Mateo County to better understand their needs and concerns. Outreach opportunities include facilitating a parent support group, holding listening sessions, attending parent, school, and community meetings, and tabling local community events. In addition, Commissioner Bocanegra and Chair Johanna Rasmussen continued their bi-monthly visits with youth at Hillcrest Juvenile Hall and the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) as part of this ongoing outreach effort.

**Year End Status:** Completed



## **First Annual Prevention in Action Schools, Communities, and Youth Voices Conference:**

In 2025, the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission made history by partnering with the College of San Mateo and Project Change to host the First Annual Prevention in Action: Schools, Communities, and Youth Voices Conference. Under the leadership of Commissioner Blanco, the conference was a major success, bringing together educators from every school district in the county, along with mental health professionals, law enforcement, legal advocates, policymakers, and youth leaders to advance prevention strategies, strengthen cross-sector collaboration, and improve outcomes for the county's most vulnerable students. The event featured the Youth Voices Panel, a powerful, youth-led session facilitated by Commissioners Rasmussen and Bocanegra, in which system-impacted young people shared their lived experiences, challenges, and pathways to success. The panel deeply resonated with attendees and left participants across sectors even more committed to taking action to improve policies, practices, and supports for youth. With support from major sponsors including the Sobrato Family Foundation, Silicon Valley Community Foundation, the National Center for Youth Law, SamTrans, and additional community partners, the Commission welcomed more than 200 participants who engaged in workshops led by local, state, and national leaders and accessed information and resources from more than 30 community-based organizations and county and state agencies. The conference received statewide recognition and media coverage from the Redwood City Pulse, with conference materials, resources, and the full event video publicly available on the Commission's website at [smcjjdpc.com](http://smcjjdpc.com). This conference marked the first event of its kind in San Mateo County and represented a historic milestone in countywide cross-sector prevention collaboration, with planning already underway for the second annual conference.

**Year End Status:** Established and Ongoing

## **Commission Presentations**

### **San Francisco Juvenile Probation Commission**

June 11, 2025, Commissioner Rasmussen presented to the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Commission with University of San Francisco researchers and formerly incarcerated individuals who had been tried as adults as teens. The presentation underscored the long-term consequences of youth transfers to adult court and reinforced the need for reform. The Commission's resolution opposing youth transfers was formally introduced and approved unanimously.



## **San Francisco Juvenile Justice Commission**

On June 17, 2025, Commissioner Rasmussen and Commissioner Bocanegra delivered a comprehensive presentation on the harmful practice of trying youth as adults, including an overview of juvenile transfer practices and presentation of the Commission’s resolution opposing youth transfer to adult criminal court.

## **Jefferson Elementary School District**

On November 12, 2025, Commissioner Blanco delivered a presentation to the Jefferson Elementary School District focused on the intersection of education systems and juvenile justice involvement. The presentation highlighted prevention strategies, early intervention approaches, and the importance of cross-sector collaboration between schools and youth-serving agencies. This engagement strengthened partnerships with educational leaders and reinforced the critical role of schools in supporting youth stability, prevention, and long-term success.

## **San Mateo County Board of Supervisors**

On December 9, 2025, Commissioner Rasmussen presented to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to provide updates on Commission oversight activities, facility inspections, prevention initiatives, and statewide leadership efforts. The presentation reinforced the Commission’s statutory role, highlighted emerging system needs, and strengthened coordination between the Commission and County leadership.

## **Other Accomplishments**

**San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Recognition:** In December 2025, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors formally recognized Chair Johanna Rasmussen through the adoption of a County Resolution honoring her leadership and service to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission. The resolution acknowledged her commitment to strengthening oversight, advancing prevention strategies, elevating youth voice, and promoting equity and transparency across County systems. This recognition reflects the Board’s appreciation for the Commission’s work and reinforces the importance of sustained collaboration between County leadership and independent juvenile justice oversight.



## **Commissioner Funded Youth Programs**

Commissioners funded the following youth programs in 2025:

- **Unlocked Potential: College Laptop Initiative:** Commissioners Rasmussen and Bocanegra provide laptop computers for justice involved college students both in the juvenile hall & SYTF and in the community. A total of 14 laptops were provided in 2024.
- **Annual Holiday Gift Bags:** Each year the commission partners with community groups to provide youths at the juvenile hall with Holiday gift bags that contain \$125 worth of ethnically appropriate hygiene items. New board games for the visiting rooms are also provided.
- **Suited for Success: A Court Clothing Program,** founded in 2021 by Commissioners Rasmussen & Bocanegra, has evolved into a comprehensive initiative that provides more than just court attire. Participants receive a full set of formal wear, including a suit, dress shirt, and tie, free of charge. The program's impact extends beyond clothing, as it instills confidence and creates opportunities for youth upon their release. By providing attire for crucial events like job interviews, school, and community functions, the program empowers participants to approach these situations with dignity and self assurance. During this reporting period, the program received substantial support through a generous donation from the family of former San Mateo County Sheriff and Supervisor, Don Horsley. The program also covers the cost of dry cleaning.

## **Commission Membership**

The Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission is required to have a minimum of seven members and no more than 15 members. Two seats must to be occupied by individuals between the ages 14 and 21 years old, if such individuals are available.

As of December 31, 2025, the Commission was composed of the following 11 Commissioners:

- **Paul Bocanegra:** Commissioner Bocanegra is the cofounder of Reevolution Group, a human rights watch officer for the Children's Division of Human Rights Watch, and a certified drug and alcohol counselor. Paul was sentenced to life without parole when he was 16 years old and served more than 25 years in adult prison. He describes himself as a survivor of Juvenile LWOP and the California prison system. Today Paul works to reform the juvenile criminal justice system by sharing his experiences and struggles within the juvenile and adult systems and institutions.



- Johanna Rasmussen: Commissioner Rasmussen is a fourth generation San Franciscan who has been advocating for youth and families in the Bay Area for over thirty years. Her advocacy in the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice System began when her own daughter entered the system at the age of 13. Johanna has worked both locally and on the state level to increase funding community based mental health, substance abuse, restorative justice program designed to interrupt the school-to-prison-pipeline. In addition her criminal justice reform efforts, Johanna advocates for underserved youth and families on issues relating to housing, special education, and seeks to increase equity and improve transparency at all levels of government.
- Whitney Genevro: Commissioner Genevro is a native of San Mateo County and resides in the Belle Haven neighborhood of Menlo Park. She was elected to the JJDP in 2023. Whitney graduated with a BA from California State University East Bay and a JD from Golden Gate University School of Law. Whitney currently works as a conflicts attorney for Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto. Prior to attending law school, she worked as a program manager and grant writer for Second Harvest of Silicon Valley for 10 years. A core value of Whitney's is to be supportive of her community — she grew up with a strong volunteer ethic and became a youth leader at 17. She currently volunteers her time as a youth leader at her church, with Project WeHOPE, Bayshore Christian Ministries, is working on a community garden project at Aspire East Palo Alto Charter School and continues to support Second Harvest as a food sort volunteer. She is also a Law Program facilitator with Fresh Lifelines for Youth in Santa Clara County.
- Jennifer Blanco: Commissioner Blanco is a first-generation individual of Cuban and Salvadorian descent, has dedicated nearly three decades to serving the San Bruno community. As a Trustee of the San Bruno Park Elementary School District for 17 years, Jennifer has had a lasting impact on children and families. Jennifer was instrumental in bringing the national Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros annual celebration to San Bruno back in 2009, emphasizing the importance of literacy for children from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Jennifer's unwavering dedication to providing essential support to all students has earned her the title of an equity warrior.
- Shakeel Ali: Commissioner Ali is a lifelong resident of San Mateo County. He grew up in Midway Village and has lived in Daly City for over 45 years. He currently serves as the Governing Board President of the Jefferson Elementary School District and has been a Trustee for more than 15 years. Shakeel holds a master's degree in special education and is currently teaching at El Camino High School in South San Francisco. Shakeel is a founding advisor for YEEE (Youth Empowerment, Entrepreneurship, and Employment), a trainer for Ripple Effects, and a Community Health Advisor at the Bay Area Community Health Advisory Council.



- Niklas Klemmer: Commissioner Klemmer is a Menlo Park resident and student at Menlo-Atherton High School with a strong commitment to law, public service, and policy advocacy. He brings research and legislative experience through internships with Senator Josh Becker and Stanford’s Deliberative Democracy Lab, where he contributes to work on policymaking and civic engagement. Niklas is an active member of the National Honor Society and participates in debate and Model United Nations, and he further developed his global leadership skills through Yale’s Young Global Scholars program.
- Jiya Venkatesh: Commissioner Venkatesh is a Belmont resident and sophomore at Carlmont High School whose global perspective, shaped by living in South Africa for 12 years before relocating to California in 2024, informs her strong interest in law and public policy. As a student journalist for the Scot Scoop, she reports on critical local issues including affordable housing, homelessness, and criminal justice, and her investigative reporting on a juvenile manslaughter case earned her a journalism award. Jiya also serves on the Belmont Youth Advisory Committee and as a Youth Commissioner on the Belmont Parks and Recreation Commission, where she advocates for inclusive programming and community outreach.
- Trena Patton: Commissioner Patton brings extensive public service and social work experience that closely aligns with the mission of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission. With decades of professional service, she has supported vulnerable and underserved populations through roles as a Social Worker for foster youth in Alameda County, Executive Director of the Iris Center, an outpatient substance abuse treatment program focused on women and HIV/AIDS education, and Deputy Public Guardian serving at-risk individuals across the San Francisco Bay Area. Trena holds a BA in General Psychology from CSU Long Beach and an MA in Clinical Psychology, strengthening her expertise in trauma, mental health, and behavioral development. Her long-standing civic engagement, including tutoring incarcerated youth at the Southern Reception Center and Clinic, reflects her sustained commitment to youth advocacy, rehabilitation, and social equity.
- Celina Chen: Commissioner Chen is an accomplished student at Menlo School with a strong focus on criminal justice, civic engagement, and public policy. She brings legislative and policy experience from internships with Margaret Abe-Koga and Assemblymember Evan Low, where she supported research and event planning, as well as from her work submitting legislation to Senator Josh Becker and serving as a fellow at the Los Altos Institute, where she has published papers in political science and international relations. At Menlo School, Celina has demonstrated leadership through continuous service on Student Council and as President of the Students in Politics Club, and she brings seven years of experience in debate and mock trial as a



skilled advocate and public speaker. She also volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club and is fluent in Mandarin, strengthening her ability to engage diverse communities. Her commitment to school-based prevention, probation reform, and youth-centered justice initiatives contributes meaningfully to the work of the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission.

- Enya Yuan: Commissioner Yuan is a high-achieving student at the University of California, Berkeley, pursuing a double major in Political Science and Economics, with strong training in statistics, quantitative analysis, and political theory that supports the analytical work of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission. She brings hands-on experience from internships with the Superior Court of Santa Clara County, the San Mateo County Juvenile Courts, the San Mateo County District Attorney’s Office, and the Office of Congresswoman Jackie Speier, where she worked on legal processes, policy research, and issues impacting system-involved youth and families. Enya also serves as Project Coordinator for Undergraduate Research at UC Berkeley’s Haas School of Business and Head Chair of Berkeley Model United Nations, and was selected to participate in Girls Nation.

### **Commissioners Sworn In During 2025**

The commission welcomed the following commissioners in 2025:

- Niklas Klemmer
- Jiva Vankatash
- Asteris Ling
- Trena Patton
- Celina Chen
- Enya Yuan

### **Commissioner Resignations in 2025**

The following Commissioners resigned in order to pursue other professional or academic opportunities:

- Kenneth Williams
- Ruchi Mangtani
- Ameya Nori
- Tiffany Uhila-Hautau
- Karin Huber-Levy.



## **2025 Commission Leadership, Committees, and Roles**

### **Commission Officers**

Chair: Johanna Rasmussen

Vice Chair of Administration: Commissioner Karin Huber-Levy

Vice Chair of Membership: Commissioner Whitney Genevro

### **Councils And Commissions**

- Local and Statewide Councils and Commissions
- California Juvenile Justice Commissioners Collaborative
- California State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP): Policy and Legislative Advocacy Subcommittee
- San Mateo County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

### **Standing Committees**

- Executive Committee
- Membership Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Sexual Abuse Prevention
- Prevention in Action Conference Planning Committee
- Multi-Media Committee

### **Coordinator Roles**

- Marketing and Social Media
- Inspection Coordinator
- Legislative Coordinator

### **Liaison Roles**

- San Mateo County Juvenile Court
- System-Impacted Youth and Families
- Private Public Defender Program
- Education: Elementary, High School, and College Districts
- Probation Department
- Law Enforcement
- Children and Family Services
- Community-Based Organizations

# **SAN MATEO COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE & DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSIONS**



## **OPERATING POLICIES**

**Revised: January 2026**

**Readopted:**

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# OPERATING POLICIES OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE & DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

## ARTICLE I - PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

- A. The Commissions shall be known as the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commissions.
- B. The legal authorization for the establishment and operation of the Juvenile Justice Commission of San Mateo County, California is set forth in California Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 225 through 231. The legal authorization for the establishment and operation of the Delinquency Prevention Commission of San Mateo County, California is set forth in California Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 232 through 236. These policies are intended to supplement the governing provisions of State Law and aid the Commissions in more effectively discharging their statutory duties and responsibilities. If one part of these policies is found to be invalid because it conflicts with State Law, no other part of these policies shall be affected by such finding of invalidity.
- C. It is the mission of the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commissions to be a public conscience in the best interest of young people. The Commissions advocate for programs and services that prevent youth entry into the juvenile justice system, and that provide the tools young people need to thrive and succeed in life. The Commissions promote respect for the human dignity of all young people who do enter the juvenile justice system and seek to preserve their youth.

## ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP AND TERM OF OFFICE

- A. Members. By law, the Commissions shall consist “of not less than seven (7) and no more than fifteen (15) citizens. Two or more members shall be persons who are between 14 and 21 years of age, provided there are available persons between 14 and 21 years of age able to carry out the duties of a Commission member in a manner satisfactory to the appointing authority.” (W&I Code Section 225)
- B. Appointments. When a vacancy occurs due to the expiration of a member’s term of appointment, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, with the concurrence of the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, shall appoint a successor for a term of four (4) years to the Juvenile Justice Commission. Newly appointed members are notified by the Court prior to the next scheduled public meeting and are administered the oaths of office by the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court or their designee.

- C. Responsibility. The Chair of the Commissions is responsible for keeping the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court and the Board of Supervisors apprised of membership status. In the event of a vacancy, the Vice Chair-Membership shall recruit, screen, and schedule potential candidates for an interview with the Membership Committee. The Vice Chair-Membership is responsible for leading the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee is responsible for interviewing and recommending candidates to be brought before the full membership for a vote. Once approved, the candidate's information is forwarded to the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court.
- D. Vacancy. “When a vacancy occurs for any reason other than the expiration of a term of office, the appointee to fill such vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor.” (W&I Code Section 225)
- E. Leave of Absence. A specified leave of absence may be granted to a Commissioner by the membership, taking into account current membership and number of leaves of absence in effect when the leave is requested.
- F. Resignation. A Commissioner who is unable or unwilling to continue active service shall submit a written resignation to the Chair of the Commissions.
- G. Attendance. When a Commissioner is unable to attend a scheduled public meeting they shall notify the Commissions’ Chair and Vice Chair-Administration at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, whenever possible. Failure to provide adequate notice of an absence prior to missing a public meeting shall be deemed an unexcused absence.

Any Commissioner who accumulates three unexcused absences from scheduled public meetings during the calendar year shall be considered by the Commissions as having resigned from the Commissions. This information will then be forwarded to the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court for subsequent ratification.

All Commissioners are expected to participate in the Juvenile Justice Commission’s legally-mandated annual inspections, and are encouraged to participate in standing committees, ad-hoc committees, projects, and/or public hearings. If a Commissioner commits to participate and is unable to attend a scheduled meeting or event, notice shall be provided to the committee or project lead. Failure to consistently provide adequate notice may be grounds for recommending a member for removal from the Commissions by full vote of the membership, at the reasonable discretion of the Chair.

- A. Commissioners in Good Standing. A Commissioner in good standing is one who has been administered the oaths of office, exhibits the responsible conduct, courtesies, and decorum expected of Commissioners as outlined in the San Mateo County Boards and Commissions Handbook, has not accumulated three unexcused absences from scheduled public meetings of the Commissions during the calendar year, and has participated in legally-mandated annual inspections, unless excused by the Chair.

Any Commissioner who is not in good standing may reasonably be recommended by the Chair for removal from the Commissions and such recommendation must be voted on and approved by the full membership before being forwarded to the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court for subsequent ratification.

### **ARTICLE III - DUTIES**

- A. It is the duty of the Commissions to inquire into the administration of justice in a broad sense, including, but not limited to, operation of the Juvenile Court, Probation Department, Human Services Agency, and Law Enforcement.
  - 1. For this purpose, the Commissions shall have access to all publicly administered institutions authorized or whose use is authorized by Chapter 2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (W&I Code Section 229)
- B. The Commissions shall annually inspect institutions, any jail or other secure custody facility within the County which may be used for confinement of any minor; also, institutions operated for dependent children of the Court. It shall report the results of such inspection, together with its recommendations based thereon, in writing, to the Juvenile Court Judge, the Chief Probation Officer, Board of State and Community Corrections Standards Authority, and the Board of Supervisors.
- C. The Commissions may hold hearings to gain information beyond the inspection of institutions and utilize, with the concurrence of the Judge, the subpoena power of the Juvenile Court requiring attendance and testimony of witnesses and production of papers.
- D. Juvenile justice policy matters are a concern of the Commissions. Recommendations will be made to the Juvenile Court, Board of Supervisors, and/or any other responsible policy-making body or individual, as appropriate.
- E. The Commissions are actively concerned with the provision of appropriate and adequate services and facilities by city, county, and state governments.
- F. The Delinquency Prevention Commission may make inquiries into the status of youth service programs, public and private.
- G. Delinquency prevention policy matters are also the Commissions' concern. Recommendations will be made to the Juvenile Court, Board of Supervisors and/or any other responsible policy making body or individual, as appropriate.

### **ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS**

The officers of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commissions of San Mateo County shall be: Chair, Vice Chair-Membership, and Vice Chair-Administration. The San Mateo County, County Executive's office shall provide administrative staff and clerical support to assist the Commissions in carrying out their mandates.

- A. The Chair shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of members of the Commissions, not later than the October meeting of each year, and shall designate the Nominating Committee Chairperson. The Nominating Committee shall report its recommended slate to the full membership by the final regular public meeting of the year. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent any member from nominating a member for any office for the ensuing year.

- B. The Commissions' Chair and Vice Chairs shall be elected from the full membership by a roll call vote of the members present at the final public meeting of the year. To be elected, the officer candidates must receive the votes of a majority of the members in attendance.
- C. The officers shall hold office commencing January 1st for one year or until their successors shall be duly elected.
- D. In the event of a vacancy in the offices of Chair and Vice Chair, by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Commissions shall immediately nominate and elect a successor to the vacant office for the remainder of their term of office.
- A. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Commission at which they are present. They shall perform such duties and shall exercise such powers as usually pertain to the office of the Chair and shall have additional duties and powers as granted by the membership.
- B. In the absence or vacancy of office of the Chair, the Vice Chair-Administration shall preside at all meetings of the Commissions and enjoy the powers and duties of the Chair. The structure of the Commissions will include the following roles and responsibilities, where possible:
- Chair  
Provides overall leadership of the Commissions and leads discussions on annual priorities. Responsible for developing meeting agendas, running meetings, and producing an annual report. Chair issues external communications on behalf of JJDPC or assigns a Commissioner to issue external communications.
  - Vice Chair-Administration  
Stands in for the Chair as needed. Responsible for maintaining and updating the Commissions' materials and on-line resources and provides oversight of the JJDPC web site. The Vice Chair-Administration is fully informed of the provisions of the Commissions' Operating Policies and the San Mateo County Boards and Commissions Handbook and uses their best efforts to ensure the Commissions follow the provisions and guidelines set out therein.
  - Vice Chair - Membership  
Responsible for overseeing recruitment processes of new members, the application, interview, and approval process, leads the Membership Committee, and assists with the on-boarding and orientation of new members.
  - Project Lead  
A "Project" is an ad-hoc committee formed to pursue an aspect of the goals and aspirations of the Commission. A Project Lead is that committee's chairperson and is responsible for developing a Project plan including goals, milestones, and deliverables, implementing an approved Project plan on schedule, and providing reports to the Commissions.
  - Inspection Coordinator  
Responsible for keeping inspection forms and materials current. The Inspection Coordinator manages the sign-up process for inspections, is responsible for oversight of inspections, the report approval process, and the preparation and distribution of letters and final reports, as required.

- Legislative Coordinator  
Responsible for tracking and analyzing delinquency and dependency systems-related legislation and keeping the Commissions informed of relevant changes and developments on a timely basis.
  - Social Media & Marketing Coordinator  
Responsible for the implementation of the Commissions’ marketing and communications strategy, and managing the Commissions’ social media accounts in accordance with the County and Commissions social media guidelines. The Social Media & Marketing Coordinator may form and lead a social media subcommittee (“Social Media Working Group”), and shall keep the social media work plans updated and provide copies to the County Executive's Office annually.
  - Liaisons  
Responsible for maintaining relationships with relevant organizations to ensure each party is informed on areas of common interest. Liaisons shall keep current on relevant issues and update the Commissions on areas of interest.
  - Community Ambassadors  
Represent the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commissions at stakeholder meetings as appropriate and update the full membership on areas of interest.
- H. A county-assigned staff person will provide administrative services to the Commissions including, but not limited to, maintaining membership files, assisting with Commissioner on-boarding, ordering Commissioner business cards, and posting agendas, materials, and reports on appropriate County platforms 72 hours prior to a scheduled public meeting as legally required by the Brown Act.

**ARTICLE V - SUBCOMMITTEES**

- A. The Commissions may establish ad-hoc or standing committees of its membership to perform fact-finding functions in any matter under jurisdiction of the Commissions. The Chair of the Commissions shall appoint a committee chairperson for each committee established. When applicable, a committee may include non-commission members. A committee shall report its findings of fact at a scheduled public meeting, at which time the full membership shall consider and/or act upon such findings.
- B. The purpose, scope, and results of each ad-hoc or standing committee shall be recorded in the Commissions’ public meeting minutes.
- C. Each ad-hoc or standing committee chairperson shall be responsible for keeping records of all actions and reports and shall submit these records to the full membership on a regular basis.

## ARTICLE VI - ORGANIZATION PROCEDURES

- A. The rules of parliamentary law embraced in Rosenberg's Rules of Order shall serve as a guide in meetings of the Commissions in all cases in which such rules are not inconsistent with these policies.
- B. Meetings. The Commissions shall meet on the last Tuesday of each month except December, unless this time is changed by the Commissions. A schedule of meeting times, dates, and places shall be posted on the Commissions' website and social media accounts.
- C. Meeting Time. The Chair shall call each scheduled public meeting to order at the time established by the Commissions.
  - A. Quorum. Quorum will be one/half plus one of the Commissioners in good standing.
  - B. Notice. Notice of meetings of the Commissions will be as required by the Brown Act.
  - C. Meeting Agenda. The Chair of the Commissions shall prepare and distribute an agenda at least four business days prior to each scheduled public meeting. The agenda shall consist of a list of items to be considered at each regular meeting which are described in sufficient detail to give notice about business to be considered at the meeting. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the introduction of agenda items which through exercise of due diligence could not have been placed on the agenda and which require early action by the Commissions. Members of the Commission desiring to place items on the agenda should contact the Chair. A Commissioner may bring up items introduced solely for informational purposes and which involve no request for immediate action by the Commissions.
  - D. Suspension of Order of Business. The order of business may be suspended at any time during any meeting of the Commissions by a majority vote of the members present.
  - E. Action by the Commission. The Commissions may take action on matters properly before it, only at a scheduled meeting. The authority of the Commissions may only be exercised as an entire body, and only at such meetings as duly and legally called and constituted. Individual members acting in their individual capacities have no authority to commit the Commissions to any policy determination or course of action unless the Commissions previously authorized or subsequently ratified such act by that individual Commissioner.
  - F. Voting. Each member in good standing is entitled to one vote. . Members must be present to exercise their vote.
  - G. Written Record of Commission Proceeding. The Commissions' official record of proceedings at meetings shall be known as the minutes and shall be a record of the actions taken by the Commissions. At the subsequent meeting, minutes shall be approved by a majority vote of the members present at that time. Once approved by the Commissions, the minutes shall be the official records of the proceedings at which they were taken. The minutes shall be posted onto the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commissions website and retained as required by State law.
  - H. Press Releases. Only the Chair of the Commissions or their designee shall issue press releases on behalf of the Commissions.

- I. Release of Information. The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commissions of San Mateo County may conduct inquiries involving minors in the juvenile justice system. Because of the confidential and sensitive nature of these inquiries, the Commissions may choose to write an executive summary of any final report. If the Commissions choose to publicize their findings and recommendations, the executive summary and not the final report shall be used. The decision to release an executive summary will be made by a vote of the full membership of the Commissions.
- J. Contact with Public and Agency Personnel. The Chair or other Commissioner designated by the Commissions shall be spokesperson with County agencies and/or personnel as well as the media. Commissioners shall work in teams of two or more in speaking on behalf of the Commissions or in gathering information on behalf of the Commissions, except in assigned committee representation.
- K. Correspondence. All correspondence on behalf of the Commissions shall be sent only with the approval of the entire membership or the Chair. Correspondence shall reflect the title of Chair.
- L. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Commissions shall be called, as necessary.
- M. Annual Meeting. The Commissions shall hold an Annual Meeting every January, at the regular meeting of the Commissions. At the Annual Meeting the Commissions shall:
  - 1. Readopt these operating policies which are then in effect, along with any proposed amendments thereto, with approval by a majority vote.
  - 2. Review the Commissions' prior year's activities.
  - 3. Establish the Chair's vision for the next year.
- N. Commission Retreat. The Commissions may hold a Planning Retreat Meeting if so desired, on a day most convenient to all members. The purpose of the retreat shall be established by the members at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- O. Written Communications to the Commissions. All written communications addressed to the Commissions or any member thereof involving policy matters which are properly the concern of the Commissions shall be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Commissions held after receipt of the written communication.
- P. Documents: Commissioners shall store and maintain all documents, data, and work products related to the Commissions on a specified secure server that is accessible to all active members in good standing.

These Operating Policies shall be revised as necessary to be in conformance with the Welfare & Institutions Code and other applicable State law. They shall be reviewed and amended as needed by the Commissions.

**SAN MATEO COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL REPORT  
2025**

Submitted By  
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Commissioner and Chair



## **Executive Summary**

In 2025, the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJJDC) strengthened its statutory oversight responsibilities while expanding its leadership role in regional and statewide juvenile justice reform. The Commission conducted required facility inspections and educational evaluations to ensure compliance, accountability, and the protection of youth rights across county-operated and contracted programs. Through consistent monitoring, public meetings, and direct engagement with youth in custody, the Commission reinforced transparency and upheld its responsibility to safeguard the dignity and wellbeing of system-impacted youth.

The Commission advanced public education and policy advocacy through formal presentations to key partners, including the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Commission, the San Francisco Juvenile Justice Commission, the Jefferson Elementary School District, and the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. These engagements strengthened cross-jurisdiction collaboration, supported prevention-focused reforms, and reinforced alignment between local, regional, and County leadership. In December 2025, the Board of Supervisors further recognized the Commission's leadership through the adoption of a County Resolution honoring Chair Johanna Rasmussen for her service to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission and her contributions to oversight, prevention, youth voice, and equity.

At the statewide level, the Commission launched the California Juvenile Justice Commissioners Collaborative (CJJCC), establishing the first coordinated network connecting commissioners from all 58 California counties. This initiative advanced alignment around Title 15 and Title 24 implementation, inspection standards, and oversight best practices. Commission leadership also actively participated in the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Policy and Legislative Advocacy Subcommittee (SACJJDP), ensuring that San Mateo County's inspection findings and implementation experience informed statewide policy development and reform efforts.

Locally, the Commission made history by co-hosting the First Annual Prevention in Action: Schools, Communities, and Youth Voices Conference with the College of San Mateo and Project Change. The conference convened more than 200 participants and over 30 community-based organizations and public agencies, elevated youth voice through a youth-led panel, and strengthened cross-sector prevention collaboration. Together, these accomplishments reflect the Commission's continued commitment to rigorous oversight, public education, prevention leadership, and the advancement of equitable outcomes for young people in San Mateo County.



## **Authority**

San Mateo County's JJDPC is a combination of a state-mandated, court-appointed Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) and a Board of Supervisors-appointed Delinquency Prevention Commission. Resolution No. 070307 of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors established the combined JJDPC as of August 4, 2009.

California Welfare and Institutions Code (CWIC) Sections 225-232 mandate that each California County shall have JJC. The duty of the JJC is to inquire into the administration of justice in the juvenile courts of the county or region in which the commission serves. The JJC inspects any publicly administered institutions in the county at which juveniles are held. It also inspects any County jail or lockup that has confined any minor for more than 24 hours in the previous calendar year, and may inspect any group home located in the county that serves county wards.

CWIC Sections 233-236 authorizes a county's board of supervisors to establish, support, and maintain a Delinquency Prevention Commission, of not fewer than seven citizens, to coordinate on a countywide basis the work of governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) engaged in activities designed to prevent juvenile delinquency.

## **Mission**

The Mission of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission is to be a public conscience in the best interest of young people. The Commission advocates for programs and services that prevent youth entry into the juvenile justice system, and that provide tools young people need to thrive and succeed in life. The Commission seeks to promote respect for the human dignity of all young people who do enter the juvenile justice system and seeks to preserve their youth.

## **Aspirations**

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission's Aspirations for our Community help choose initiatives that will help move San Mateo County closer to fulfilling its ideals. They are that:

1. The voices of communities most likely to be affected by the juvenile justice system, and the organizations that serve them, are heard regularly by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and other appointed and elected officials in the County.



2. All youth in San Mateo County, and their families, have convenient, affordable access to high-quality mental health, substance abuse, restorative, and other programs and services they need to promote their health and success.
3. All youth who come in contact with the juvenile justice system in San Mateo County are provided, from the time they enter the juvenile justice system, with the support they and their families need to thrive and succeed when they transition from the juvenile justice system.
4. All schools in San Mateo County apply restorative justice principles and practices comprehensively in classrooms, curricula and policies, and provide students and their families with convenient, affordable access to high-quality programs and resources that strengthen student and parent engagement to ensure every student stays in school and graduates.
5. All elementary and middle school children in San Mateo County, especially those in underserved areas, have convenient, affordable access to high-quality programs that engage and support them after school and that provide services to address early childhood trauma as needed.

## **Inspections**

The Juvenile Justice Commission was responsible for conducting the following state-mandated inspections and educational evaluations:

### **Facility Inspections**

- Juvenile Hall
- Secure Youth Treatment Facility – SYTF
- Maguire Correctional Facility – San Mateo County Jail
- Canyon Oaks Youth Center (STRTP)
- Elysian (STRTP)
- San Mateo County Receiving Home (TSCF)

### **Educational Evaluations**

- Hillcrest Schools
- Secure Youth Treatment facility –SYTF
- Canyon Oaks Youth Center



## **Law Enforcement Holding Facilities**

Due to the transition in reporting responsibilities from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR), the Commission experienced a delay in receiving its annual list of law enforcement juvenile holding facilities. As a result, the following law enforcement holding facilities are scheduled to be completed by February 24, 2026.

- Belmont Police Department
- Burlingame Police Department
- Daly City Police Department
- East Palo Alto Police Department
- Menlo Park Police Department
- Redwood City Police Department
- San Bruno Police Department
- San Mateo Police Department
- San Mateo County Sheriff's Office
- South San Francisco Police Department

## **Closed Facilities**

The Commission also issued updated reports for the Camp Glenwood and Camp Kemp juvenile detention facilities, which did not serve youth in 2025.

## **Monthly Meetings and Annual Retreat**

In 2025, the Commission held a total of 11 joint monthly meetings and convened its Annual Retreat to strengthen internal capacity, elevate youth voice, and advance strategic planning priorities. Highlights from the retreat included Commissioner training on statutory responsibilities, governance protocols, and oversight roles; legislative and policy updates, a listening session with youth incarcerated in our Secure Youth Treatment Facility and reflection and planning sessions focused on lessons learned and priority areas for 2026.



## **Statewide Leadership and Policy Engagement**

### **California Juvenile Justice Commissioners Collaborative (CJJCC)**

In 2025, the Commission created and launched the California Juvenile Justice Commissioners Collaborative (CJJCC), establishing a statewide monthly coordination network connecting Juvenile Justice Commissioners from all 58 California counties. This initiative was designed to strengthen cross-county collaboration, standardize oversight practices, and create a consistent forum for sharing implementation strategies related to Title 15 and Title 24 compliance, Office of Youth and Community Restoration guidance, and emerging juvenile justice policy changes.

### **California's State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP)**

In 2025, Commissioner Rasmussen was invited to join the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice Policy and Legislative Advocacy Subcommittee (SACJJDP), strengthening San Mateo County's representation in statewide juvenile justice policy development. Through this role, the Commission contributed to legislative analysis, policy recommendations, and advocacy efforts impacting youth justice systems across California. This participation ensured that local oversight perspectives, facility inspection experiences, and implementation challenges from San Mateo County were elevated at the state level. In addition, Commission leadership engaged in Office of Youth and Community Restoration working groups to support system alignment, compliance monitoring, and coordinated implementation of statewide juvenile justice reforms. Together, these efforts positioned San Mateo County as a leader in advancing youth-centered juvenile justice oversight and reform across California.

## **Commission Projects**

### **Outreach to System Impacted Youth and Families**

This project reaches out to youth and families in underserved communities throughout San Mateo County to better understand their needs and concerns. Outreach opportunities include facilitating a parent support group, holding listening sessions, attending parent, school, and community meetings, and tabling local community events. In addition, Commissioner Bocanegra and Chair Johanna Rasmussen continued their bi-monthly visits with youth at Hillcrest Juvenile Hall and the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) as part of this ongoing outreach effort.

**Year End Status:** Completed



## **First Annual Prevention in Action Schools, Communities, and Youth Voices Conference:**

In 2025, the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission made history by partnering with the College of San Mateo and Project Change to host the First Annual Prevention in Action: Schools, Communities, and Youth Voices Conference. Under the leadership of Commissioner Blanco, the conference was a major success, bringing together educators from every school district in the county, along with mental health professionals, law enforcement, legal advocates, policymakers, and youth leaders to advance prevention strategies, strengthen cross-sector collaboration, and improve outcomes for the county's most vulnerable students. The event featured the Youth Voices Panel, a powerful, youth-led session facilitated by Commissioners Rasmussen and Bocanegra, in which system-impacted young people shared their lived experiences, challenges, and pathways to success. The panel deeply resonated with attendees and left participants across sectors even more committed to taking action to improve policies, practices, and supports for youth. With support from major sponsors including the Sobrato Family Foundation, Silicon Valley Community Foundation, the National Center for Youth Law, SamTrans, and additional community partners, the Commission welcomed more than 200 participants who engaged in workshops led by local, state, and national leaders and accessed information and resources from more than 30 community-based organizations and county and state agencies. The conference received statewide recognition and media coverage from the Redwood City Pulse, with conference materials, resources, and the full event video publicly available on the Commission's website at [smcjjdpc.com](http://smcjjdpc.com). This conference marked the first event of its kind in San Mateo County and represented a historic milestone in countywide cross-sector prevention collaboration, with planning already underway for the second annual conference.

**Year End Status:** Established and Ongoing

## **Commission Presentations**

### **San Francisco Juvenile Probation Commission**

June 11, 2025, Commissioner Rasmussen presented to the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Commission with University of San Francisco researchers and formerly incarcerated individuals who had been tried as adults as teens. The presentation underscored the long-term consequences of youth transfers to adult court and reinforced the need for reform. The Commission's resolution opposing youth transfers was formally introduced and approved unanimously.



## **San Francisco Juvenile Justice Commission**

On June 17, 2025, Commissioner Rasmussen and Commissioner Bocanegra delivered a comprehensive presentation on the harmful practice of trying youth as adults, including an overview of juvenile transfer practices and presentation of the Commission’s resolution opposing youth transfer to adult criminal court.

## **Jefferson Elementary School District**

On November 12, 2025, Commissioner Blanco delivered a presentation to the Jefferson Elementary School District focused on the intersection of education systems and juvenile justice involvement. The presentation highlighted prevention strategies, early intervention approaches, and the importance of cross-sector collaboration between schools and youth-serving agencies. This engagement strengthened partnerships with educational leaders and reinforced the critical role of schools in supporting youth stability, prevention, and long-term success.

## **San Mateo County Board of Supervisors**

On December 9, 2025, Commissioner Rasmussen presented to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to provide updates on Commission oversight activities, facility inspections, prevention initiatives, and statewide leadership efforts. The presentation reinforced the Commission’s statutory role, highlighted emerging system needs, and strengthened coordination between the Commission and County leadership.

## **Other Accomplishments**

**San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Recognition:** In December 2025, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors formally recognized Chair Johanna Rasmussen through the adoption of a County Resolution honoring her leadership and service to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission. The resolution acknowledged her commitment to strengthening oversight, advancing prevention strategies, elevating youth voice, and promoting equity and transparency across County systems. This recognition reflects the Board’s appreciation for the Commission’s work and reinforces the importance of sustained collaboration between County leadership and independent juvenile justice oversight.



## **Commissioner Funded Youth Programs**

Commissioners funded the following youth programs in 2025:

- **Unlocked Potential: College Laptop Initiative:** Commissioners Rasmussen and Bocanegra provide laptop computers for justice involved college students both in the juvenile hall & SYTF and in the community. A total of 14 laptops were provided in 2024.
- **Annual Holiday Gift Bags:** Each year the commission partners with community groups to provide youths at the juvenile hall with Holiday gift bags that contain \$125 worth of ethnically appropriate hygiene items. New board games for the visiting rooms are also provided.
- **Suited for Success: A Court Clothing Program,** founded in 2021 by Commissioners Rasmussen & Bocanegra, has evolved into a comprehensive initiative that provides more than just court attire. Participants receive a full set of formal wear, including a suit, dress shirt, and tie, free of charge. The program's impact extends beyond clothing, as it instills confidence and creates opportunities for youth upon their release. By providing attire for crucial events like job interviews, school, and community functions, the program empowers participants to approach these situations with dignity and self assurance. During this reporting period, the program received substantial support through a generous donation from the family of former San Mateo County Sheriff and Supervisor, Don Horsley. The program also covers the cost of dry cleaning.

## **Commission Membership**

The Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission is required to have a minimum of seven members and no more than 15 members. Two seats must to be occupied by individuals between the ages 14 and 21 years old, if such individuals are available.

As of December 31, 2025, the Commission was composed of the following 11 Commissioners:

- **Paul Bocanegra:** Commissioner Bocanegra is the cofounder of Reevolution Group, a human rights watch officer for the Children's Division of Human Rights Watch, and a certified drug and alcohol counselor. Paul was sentenced to life without parole when he was 16 years old and served more than 25 years in adult prison. He describes himself as a survivor of Juvenile LWOP and the California prison system. Today Paul works to reform the juvenile criminal justice system by sharing his experiences and struggles within the juvenile and adult systems and institutions.



- Johanna Rasmussen: Commissioner Rasmussen is a fourth generation San Franciscan who has been advocating for youth and families in the Bay Area for over thirty years. Her advocacy in the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice System began when her own daughter entered the system at the age of 13. Johanna has worked both locally and on the state level to increase funding community based mental health, substance abuse, restorative justice program designed to interrupt the school-to-prison-pipeline. In addition her criminal justice reform efforts, Johanna advocates for underserved youth and families on issues relating to housing, special education, and seeks to increase equity and improve transparency at all levels of government.
- Whitney Genevro: Commissioner Genevro is a native of San Mateo County and resides in the Belle Haven neighborhood of Menlo Park. She was elected to the JJDP in 2023. Whitney graduated with a BA from California State University East Bay and a JD from Golden Gate University School of Law. Whitney currently works as a conflicts attorney for Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto. Prior to attending law school, she worked as a program manager and grant writer for Second Harvest of Silicon Valley for 10 years. A core value of Whitney's is to be supportive of her community — she grew up with a strong volunteer ethic and became a youth leader at 17. She currently volunteers her time as a youth leader at her church, with Project WeHOPE, Bayshore Christian Ministries, is working on a community garden project at Aspire East Palo Alto Charter School and continues to support Second Harvest as a food sort volunteer. She is also a Law Program facilitator with Fresh Lifelines for Youth in Santa Clara County.
- Jennifer Blanco: Commissioner Blanco is a first-generation individual of Cuban and Salvadorian descent, has dedicated nearly three decades to serving the San Bruno community. As a Trustee of the San Bruno Park Elementary School District for 17 years, Jennifer has had a lasting impact on children and families. Jennifer was instrumental in bringing the national Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros annual celebration to San Bruno back in 2009, emphasizing the importance of literacy for children from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Jennifer's unwavering dedication to providing essential support to all students has earned her the title of an equity warrior.
- Shakeel Ali: Commissioner Ali is a lifelong resident of San Mateo County. He grew up in Midway Village and has lived in Daly City for over 45 years. He currently serves as the Governing Board President of the Jefferson Elementary School District and has been a Trustee for more than 15 years. Shakeel holds a master's degree in special education and is currently teaching at El Camino High School in South San Francisco. Shakeel is a founding advisor for YEEE (Youth Empowerment, Entrepreneurship, and Employment), a trainer for Ripple Effects, and a Community Health Advisor at the Bay Area Community Health Advisory Council.



- Niklas Klemmer: Commissioner Klemmer is a Menlo Park resident and student at Menlo-Atherton High School with a strong commitment to law, public service, and policy advocacy. He brings research and legislative experience through internships with Senator Josh Becker and Stanford’s Deliberative Democracy Lab, where he contributes to work on policymaking and civic engagement. Niklas is an active member of the National Honor Society and participates in debate and Model United Nations, and he further developed his global leadership skills through Yale’s Young Global Scholars program.
- Jiya Venkatesh: Commissioner Venkatesh is a Belmont resident and sophomore at Carlmont High School whose global perspective, shaped by living in South Africa for 12 years before relocating to California in 2024, informs her strong interest in law and public policy. As a student journalist for the Scot Scoop, she reports on critical local issues including affordable housing, homelessness, and criminal justice, and her investigative reporting on a juvenile manslaughter case earned her a journalism award. Jiya also serves on the Belmont Youth Advisory Committee and as a Youth Commissioner on the Belmont Parks and Recreation Commission, where she advocates for inclusive programming and community outreach.
- Trena Patton: Commissioner Patton brings extensive public service and social work experience that closely aligns with the mission of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission. With decades of professional service, she has supported vulnerable and underserved populations through roles as a Social Worker for foster youth in Alameda County, Executive Director of the Iris Center, an outpatient substance abuse treatment program focused on women and HIV/AIDS education, and Deputy Public Guardian serving at-risk individuals across the San Francisco Bay Area. Trena holds a BA in General Psychology from CSU Long Beach and an MA in Clinical Psychology, strengthening her expertise in trauma, mental health, and behavioral development. Her long-standing civic engagement, including tutoring incarcerated youth at the Southern Reception Center and Clinic, reflects her sustained commitment to youth advocacy, rehabilitation, and social equity.
- Celina Chen: Commissioner Chen is an accomplished student at Menlo School with a strong focus on criminal justice, civic engagement, and public policy. She brings legislative and policy experience from internships with Margaret Abe-Koga and Assemblymember Evan Low, where she supported research and event planning, as well as from her work submitting legislation to Senator Josh Becker and serving as a fellow at the Los Altos Institute, where she has published papers in political science and international relations. At Menlo School, Celina has demonstrated leadership through continuous service on Student Council and as President of the Students in Politics Club, and she brings seven years of experience in debate and mock trial as a



skilled advocate and public speaker. She also volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club and is fluent in Mandarin, strengthening her ability to engage diverse communities. Her commitment to school-based prevention, probation reform, and youth-centered justice initiatives contributes meaningfully to the work of the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission.

- Enya Yuan: Commissioner Yuan is a high-achieving student at the University of California, Berkeley, pursuing a double major in Political Science and Economics, with strong training in statistics, quantitative analysis, and political theory that supports the analytical work of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission. She brings hands-on experience from internships with the Superior Court of Santa Clara County, the San Mateo County Juvenile Courts, the San Mateo County District Attorney’s Office, and the Office of Congresswoman Jackie Speier, where she worked on legal processes, policy research, and issues impacting system-involved youth and families. Enya also serves as Project Coordinator for Undergraduate Research at UC Berkeley’s Haas School of Business and Head Chair of Berkeley Model United Nations, and was selected to participate in Girls Nation.

### **Commissioners Sworn In During 2025**

The commission welcomed the following commissioners in 2025:

- Niklas Klemmer
- Jiva Vankatash
- Asteris Ling
- Trena Patton
- Celina Chen
- Enya Yuan

### **Commissioner Resignations in 2025**

The following Commissioners resigned in order to pursue other professional or academic opportunities:

- Kenneth Williams
- Ruchi Mangtani
- Ameya Nori
- Tiffany Uhila-Hautau
- Karin Huber-Levy.



## **2025 Commission Leadership, Committees, and Roles**

### **Commission Officers**

Chair: Johanna Rasmussen

Vice Chair of Administration: Commissioner Karin Huber-Levy

Vice Chair of Membership: Commissioner Whitney Genevro

### **Councils And Commissions**

- Local and Statewide Councils and Commissions
- California Juvenile Justice Commissioners Collaborative
- California State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP): Policy and Legislative Advocacy Subcommittee
- San Mateo County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

### **Standing Committees**

- Executive Committee
- Membership Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Sexual Abuse Prevention
- Prevention in Action Conference Planning Committee
- Multi-Media Committee

### **Coordinator Roles**

- Marketing and Social Media
- Inspection Coordinator
- Legislative Coordinator

### **Liaison Roles**

- San Mateo County Juvenile Court
- System-Impacted Youth and Families
- Private Public Defender Program
- Education: Elementary, High School, and College Districts
- Probation Department
- Law Enforcement
- Children and Family Services
- Community-Based Organizations