



Juvenile Justice Commission  
Delinquency Prevention Commission

**Joint Meeting**  
March 25, 2025  
5:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Location and Public participation instructions attached

**AGENDA**

*Public comment will be accommodated under Item II for items not on the agenda. The Commission requests that members of the public, who wish to comment on items on the agenda, submit a request to the Chair prior to the start of the meeting or raise their hand to speak, so that they may be recognized at the appropriate time.*

**I. Preliminary Business**

- a. Call to Order
- b. Translation Services for JJDPC meetings
- c. Roll Call and Establish Quorum
- d. Vote on the Candidacy of:
  - Jiya Venkatesh
- e. Agenda Review and Approval
- f. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - February 25, 2025

**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
- b. Probation Department
- c. Youth Liaison Report
- d. County Office of Education
- e. Behavioral Health & Recovery Services – BHRS
- f. Fresh Lifelines for Youth-FLY
- g. Children & Family Services

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**IV. Presentation: FLY -Fresh Lifelines for Youth**

- a. Secure Track
- b. Reentry
- c. Stay FLY

**VI. Liaison Updates**

- a. Commissioner Blanco: Education Update

**VII. 2025 Inspections**

- b. Inspection Sign Up's

**VIII. Announcements**

- a. BSCC Inspection Occurred: March 3-7, 2025
- b. Statewide Juvenile Justice Commissioner Meeting
- c. 2025 Commission Retreat: August 9, 2025

**IX. Adjournment**



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**Join In Person**

*New Meeting Location*

Manzanita Hall  
500 County Center, 1st Floor  
Redwood City, Ca. 94063

The only entrance to Manzanita Hall is located outside of the building, on the side of the building facing Marshall Street.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**Please click the link below to join the webinar:**

<https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/81532289793>

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**Spanish translation services are available via Zoom videoconference**

If you wish to speak to the Commission during public comment, you may raise your hand using Zoom with the Reactions button at the bottom of your screen, or indicate that you would like to speak if you are attending in person. If you have any materials that you wish distributed to the Commission and included in the official record, please send them via email to [sanmateojjdp@gmail.com](mailto:sanmateojjdp@gmail.com), prior to the meeting and attach the materials.

**Next Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 5:15 – 7:15 p.m.**

**Monthly meetings are held in the same location each month.**

Meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. individuals who need special assistance or a disability-related modification or accommodation (including auxiliary aids or services) to participate in this meeting, or who have a disability and wish to request an alternative format for the agenda, meeting notice, agenda packet or other writings that may be distributed at the meeting, should contact Connie Juarez-Diroll [cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org](mailto:cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org) at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to enable the county to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting and the materials related to it. attendees to this meeting are reminded that other attendees.

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MINUTES [DRAFT]**

- I. Preliminary Business**
- a. Call to Order: Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.
  - b. Bo Unga, County Clerk, gave Instructions for Spanish translation services.
  - c. **Commissioners Present:** Chair Johanna Rasmussen, Vice Chair Administration, Karin Huber-Levy, Shakeel Ali (online), Jennifer Blanco, Paul Bocanegra, Whitney Genevro, Niklas Klemmer, Ameya Nori (joined 5:52pm), Tiffany Uhila-Hautau, and Kenneth Williams. A quorum was established.  
**Commissioners Absent:** Vice Chair Membership, Ruchi Mangtani  
**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  
District Attorney's Office - Nadia Hahn  
Probation - [absent]  
OYCR - Darius Parakh  
BHRS - Ornit Shoham  
County Office of Education - [absent]  
FLY - Maria Delgado Cruz, ChrisBeth Cortez-Lopez, Xochil Ocegueda, Tatiana Castaneda  
Children & Family Services - [absent]  
Youth Liaison - [absent]
  - d. **Meeting Agenda and Minutes**
    - a. **M:** Bocanegra **S:** Huber-Levy, to approve the Agenda for February 28, 2025. Passed unanimously.
    - b. **M:** Bocanegra **S:** Huber-Levy, to approve the January 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Passed unanimously.
- II. Oral Communications-Public Comment:** none.



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**III. Updates From System Partners**

- a. **Private Defender**— report for **Jan 28-February 24:**
- s.602 assignments - 44 cases assigned: 9 detentions, 6 with 707(b)<sup>1</sup> allegations
  - out of custody arraignments - 32 cases: 2 with 707(b) allegations
  - record sealings - 4
  - Youth Miranda Rights Hotline - 7 calls, 7 consultations: 2 youth aged 16-17 yrs/ 5 under 15 yrs; 6 minor youth invoked right to remain silent.
- b. **Probation**— Commissioner Huber-Levy shared data provided by email prior to the meeting:
- Probation:**
- 167 youth at court/on diversion; 188 on supervision (355 total)
  - 12 youth on EMD (electronic monitoring devices): 11 male/1 female, all SMC.
- Juvenile Hall:**
- Total population: 24 youth, 23 male / 1 female
- 5 male SYTF youth
  - 2 out-of-county youth (1 Santa Clara; 1 San Francisco)
- Racial composition: 18 Hispanic youth/ 2 African American/ 1 Pacific Islander/ 3 Other
- c. **Youth Liaison Report** - Chair Rasmussen reported on behalf of Youth Liaison: a mural project was completed in the visiting room; 3 college graduations will be celebrated in May; Live in Peace, a community-based organization, has begun inner perspectives workshops in both housing units.
- d. **FLY – Reentry Services:** Chrisbeth Cortes-Lopez (Re-Entry Case Manager) reported that 22 youth are currently in the program; they are hiring another case manager who will be able to serve additional 12 youth. Updates in the program: one youth joined a cheerleading program; 2 high schoolers enrolled back into their school district; (cont'd)

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



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last week held a successful bowling event attended by 4 youth; and there is a workshop on job readiness scheduled for tomorrow.

- **Secure Track:** Tatiana Casteneda (case manager for youth inside juvenile hall) reported 4 youth are currently committed to Secure Track. The youth participated in the interview process for the new case manager (Lead Coach) who will start in April. Also now that have increased time in the hall to 10 hours per week, they can do more one:one and group workshops, on public speaking, interview prep, self-advocacy skills. About 2 hours spent per youth on one:one case management.

**IV. 2025 Officer Elections**

Election of Officer for Vice Chair, Membership for 2025, Tiffany Uhila-Hautau. Passed unanimously.

**V. 2023-2024 Facility Inspection Reports**

**A. Hillcrest Juvenile Hall:**

Chair Rasmussen reported on behalf of the inspection team (herself, Commissioner Ameya Nori, and former Commissioner Susan Swope) on the inspection conducted over three days at Juvenile Hall (August 12, 13 and 28, 2024). One day was spent reviewing documents. Unfortunately, some of the basic data requested has still not been provided. Probation responded that they were consulting with County Counsel and would be providing data at a later date.

Chair Rasmussen reviewed the report, which is available to the public on the JJDPC website, including specific recommendations made by the Commission based on the inspection results.

**Public Comment:** Becca Kieler, community member, commented there is a need to support youth transitioning back to our communities - the greatest driver of violence is shame; need to stop shaming tactics and focus on building confidence and pride. Also, data should be openly provided to a legislatively-mandated Commission. These reports highlight the same issues for so many years and need action now.

Nancy Goodban, Clara Jaeckel, and Barbara Taylor, community members, agreed with Ms Kieler's comments, and that it is important for youth to have positive rehabilitation programming, to explore ways to hold Probation accountable, and communicate issues more broadly to build public support.



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Melissa Wilson, former JJDPC Commissioner and community member, noted the Commission has the legal authority to hold hearings, request the court to compel witnesses by subpoena, and to have data produced.

Beth von Emster, community member, provided written comment supporting rehabilitation and positive changes in juvenile hall.

**M:** Bocanegra **S:** Klemmer, to approve the Hillcrest Juvenile Hall Inspection Report, with the addition of data when provided and amendments noted. Passed unanimously.

**VI. Operating Policies**

**M:** Uhila-Hautau **S:** Genevro, to approve Operating Policies for 2025. Passed unanimously.

**VII. Commission Vision for 2025**

Chair Rasmussen reviewed the three areas of focus for the COMmission for 2025: Camp Kemp (alternative use for facilities - LRP), SYTF (Secure Track programming), state legislation (to be aware and provide support where appropriate).

**VII. AB-802 Hunger Survey (2025-26)**

Commissioner Huber-Levy reported on the newly introduced bill, AB 802, which would require Juvenile Justice Commissions to conduct surveys at least every 2 years of youth, to ascertain whether food requirements of detained youth are being met, beyond bare nutritional requirements, then post those results with recommendations to remedy any shortcomings.

**M:** Nori **S:** Huber-Levy, for Commission to provide a letter of support of AB 802.

**VIII. Maintaining Confidentiality of Youth:**

Chair Rasmussen reviewed the concerns of the Commission, set out in the November 2025 letter to the District Attorney's Office, asking the DA to stop providing youth's full names, birthdates and private medical information in press notes to the media. Nadia Hahn provided an update that this practice has been stopped and the DA's office will now only provide a first name and initial of last name, no birth dates and no medical information in press notes.



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**Public Comment:** Arnold Morales, community member and parent of juvenile justice involved youth, commented that he would like to understand how confidentiality restrictions in the law are applied as his family has experienced the negative consequences of extensive media attention.

Nadia Hahn, DA's office, explained that the statute on public hearings governs manslaughter and homicide charges and permits disclosure of juvenile confidential information. However, though disclosure may be permitted by law, the DA also is seeking to balance the need for public disclosure with the goals of rehabilitation set out in the Commission's letter.

Ron Rayes, Private Defender office, noted that this has been an ongoing issue for some time but that strides have been made, including prohibiting the use of youths' full names in court calendars posted in public, and in open court in public hearings. He was pleased to hear the DA office confirm that it would stop using youths' full names in press notes going forward.

Becca Kieler, community member and founder of In Our Care, agreed with the concerns expressed by Mr Morales, and she finds the issue of 'facts' released by the press resulting in trying youth in the media, disturbing.

**IV. Announcements:**

Chair Rasmussen asked community members to please complete the BHRS survey (link provided in Agenda packet) for Prop 1 on Mental Health, to support the distribution of Prop 1 funding. Also, registration is open for the Dream 2025 Career Fair for youth involved in the juvenile justice system, being held on March 15 at the MLK Library in San Jose.

Chair Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm.

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Submitted: 3/16/25, Karin Huber-Levy, Vice-Chair, Administration



# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

## Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

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### APPLICATION FOR COMMISSION

Special Requirements: **APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS APPLICANT:**

- 1. HAS ATTENDED TWO (2) MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION**
- 2. IS A RESIDENT OF SAN MATEO COUNTY**

*Information provided on this application is public information and may be made available to other applicants, members of the press, or to the general public.*

WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO ATTEND COMMISSION MEETINGS, WHICH ARE SCHEDULED THE **LAST TUESDAY** OF THE MONTH FROM 5:15 P.M. TO 7:15 P.M.? YES  NO

NAME: Jiya Venkatesh EMAIL: jyavenkatesh08@gmail.com PHONE: (804)847-8132

STREET ADDRESS: 2441 Carlmont Dr. Apt 102

ZIP CODE: 94002 CITY: Belmont NEIGHBORHOOD: Belmont

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN SAN MATEO COUNTY: 14 months

WHICH MEETINGS HAVE YOU ATTENDED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW DID YOU BECOME AWARE OF THE OPENING? Recommended to apply by Ms. Johanna Rasmussen

WHY ARE YOU SEEKING THIS APPOINTMENT? I am seeking this appointment because I recently became involved in a current juvenile case as a student journalist. As I was covering this case, I learnt a lot concerning juvenile justice and the current issues that juveniles and juveniles of color face in the justice system. I would like to be more involved in these affairs to advocate for justice for these youth.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Current sophomore at Carlmont High School

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:** As a student journalist for Scot Scoop, I wrote articles covering community affairs, striving to provide accurate and insightful reporting. My work was recognized with a Best of SNO award for an article that clarified media misinterpretation in a juvenile case. In Summer 2024, I served as a Research and Advocacy Intern at Until There's A Cure, a nonprofit dedicated to combating HIV stigma through education and policy work. I conducted in-depth research on the intersection of the opioid crisis and public health, focusing on safe injection sites in San Francisco, Oakland, and Los Angeles. Additionally, I authored reports and advocacy materials to support harm reduction initiatives.

**EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYER'S ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**CIVIC ACTIVITIES (Please include present or past membership on boards, committees, and participation in the activities of community groups and organizations.):**

I am a Youth Advisory Committee Voting Member for the City of Belmont (Sept. 2024 – Present). I contribute to planning activities and working to improve provision of services and community engagement for youth in Belmont. Additionally, I am a member of VOICES (Volunteers, Outreach, Involvement, Community, Events, & Services), where I collaborate and volunteer on projects that enhance community engagement. Since April 2024, I have been a volunteer tutor for underserved youth with Learn to Be.

I was recently appointed to serve as a Parks and Recreation Youth Commissioner for the City of Belmont, and I'm looking forward to working to improve recreational programs and services for local youth, and discussions on sustainability.

WHAT STRENGTHS AND SKILLS WOULD YOU BRING TO THE COMMISSION? (Include languages.)

I bring a strong background in research and writing, which allows me to analyze issues critically and communicate effectively. My

dedication and motivation drive me to take initiative and contribute meaningfully to projects. I have experience in advocacy and I am

passionate about addressing social issues and creating reform. Additionally, I speak Tamil, French, and Afrikaans.

HAVE YOU WORKED WITH OR ADVOCATED FOR YOUTH? (Please describe.)

As a student journalist, I wrote an article clarifying media misinterpretation of a juvenile case. I wrote this on the importance of

accurate reporting and its impact on young individuals. Additionally, I volunteer as a tutor for underserved youth with Learn to Be.

DO YOU OR HAVE YOU HAD A PERSONAL CONNECTION WITH SOMEONE IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM? (Please provide context):

No, I have not.

OF OUR CURRENT PROJECTS, WHICH ARE MOST INTERESTING TO YOU AND WHY?

I'm very interested in the commission's movement to advocate against the transfer of juvenile cases to adult court. As I was reporting on

my last article, I learned a lot relating to the role of the District Attorney's office and the push for juvenile cases to be transferred. I would

like to help with furthering this cause through commission work.

HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU HAVE TO DEVOTE TO COMMISSION WORK?

I will be able to attend every commission meeting, and beyond this I can devote 3-5 hours every week to additional commission work.



Signature

02/15/25

Date