

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

Thursday, May 21, 2026
10:30 a.m.

Supervisor Elisa Márquez, Chair
Supervisor Nate Miley, excused

Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Suite 512
Oakland, CA 94612

Webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/99247500951>

SUMMARY/ACTION MINUTES

The Public Protection Committee meeting convened at 10:49 a.m. with Supervisor Márquez presiding as Chair. Supervisor Márquez was present, Supervisor Miley was excused.

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: National Public Defense Workload Study and the AB 625 – California Public Defense Workloads and Staffing Report

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Malia Brink, Policy Director, Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center at SMU Dedman School of Law, provided an overview of the National Public Defense Workload Study. Ms. Brink reported that most California public defender offices report insufficient attorney staffing, approximately 73% of the attorney staffing levels of prosecutors. Significant shortages also exist among investigators, social workers, paralegals, and support staff.

Brendon Woods, Alameda County Public Defender, Alameda County Public Defender's Office, provided an overview of the California Public Defense Workloads and Staffing Report. Public Defender Woods reported on staffing shortages in his office and retention challenges due to heavy workloads.

Speaker

One (1) speaker commented on the Workload Study and Staffing Report.

Supervisor Marquez expressed support for increasing public defender funding and emphasized the constitutional obligation to provide effective legal representation.

Purpose:

Report progress

Advocacy or Education

Request Public Protection Committee Recommendation or Position

Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Juvenile Justice Landscape Analysis & Service Needs Assessment

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Carol F. Burton, MSW, Project Lead, Jeweld Consulting, Summer Jackson, MA, Project Manager, Jeweld Consulting and Katie Kramer, DSW/MPH/MSW, Research Lead, Jeweld Consulting, provided an overview on the county's Juvenile Justice Landscape Analysis and Service Needs Assessment.

The analysis and service needs assessment included surveys, mapping of youth services and interviews from focus groups and stakeholders. The analysis identified services and service gaps, with recommendations for improvement, expansion and youth access to services.

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- Other:

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III. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Strategy

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Brian Ford, Chief Probation Officer, Alameda County Probation Department, provided introductory comments and introduced Dante Cercone, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Alameda County Probation Department, who provided an update on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Strategy.

The Probation Department plans to align funding and contracts with identified needs to improve outcome-based performance measures. In addition, the department will expand targeted youth violence reduction efforts and continue monthly oversight through the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act workgroup.

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- Request Public Protection Committee Recommendation or Position
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Six (6) speakers commented in opposition of the County's use of Flock cameras.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m. on May 21, 2026.