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The Honorable Kathryn Barger
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Los Angeles County Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Room 869
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Opposition to Conversion of Afflerbaugh-Paige and Glenn Rockey Camps to Secure Youth Treatment Facilities

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Dear Supervisor Barger:

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) joins the Cities of La Verne and San Dimas in opposing the conversion of Los Angeles County's Afflerbaugh-Page and Glenn Rockey nonviolent juvenile offender camps to secure youth treatment facilities intended to house the most serious criminal offenders incarcerated for murder, rape, robbery, assault and other violent felonies.

SGVCOG understands Los Angeles County must comply with the juvenile justice realignment implemented under Senate Bill 823 signed by Governor Newsom in 2020. This law shifts the responsibility for incarcerating violent and serious offenders from the state to the counties, so that offenders are housed closer to their families and communities and to treatment and social services. However, the camps in La Verne and San Dimas are located high in the San Gabriel Mountains, are not served by public transit and are too remote to facilitate the rehabilitative intent of realignment. Multiple tracts of thousands of new homes have been built in the hills near these camps, leaving neighbors alarmed about the prospects of a new population of violent offenders.

We believe that facilities located closer to families, communities and needed services would better meet the County's goal of creating a "rehabilitative, health-focused and care-first system" for the incarcerated. Notably, the Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall in Sylmar is a fully secure facility where the most serious offenders undergo pre- and post-adjudicative processing. We urge the County to upgrade Nidorf Hall to qualify as a care-first placement site, in addition to Campus Kilpatrick in Malibu, which was rebuilt and modernized in 2017 as the flagship location of the Los Angeles County Probation Department's "L.A. Model" for juvenile rehabilitative service facilities.

We appreciate your attention to this letter and your leadership on this matter of significance to the San Gabriel Valley. Questions regarding this matter may be directed to SGVCOG Government and Community Relations Director Paul Hubler at phubler@sgvcog.org.

Sincerely,

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