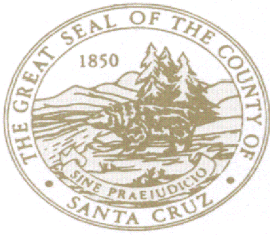


County of Santa Cruz



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION DRAFT MINUTES

August 13, 2026
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Probation Success Center
303 Water Street First Floor
Santa Cruz, CA 950506
/ Hybrid (see link below)

The purpose of the Santa Cruz County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission is to inquire into the administration of juvenile court law in the County, and to coordinate on a county-wide basis the work of those governmental and non-governmental organizations engaged in activities designed to prevent juvenile delinquency. In addition, the Commission is to assist the Juvenile Court with monitoring the safety and well-being of youth housed in local facilities and to prevent youth from becoming involved in the juvenile justice system. The Commission further delineates that in execution of its purpose, powers, and duties, it will endeavor to educate and inform the community and system leaders on the importance of positive youth development and advocate for coordinated and well-resourced systems that promote family and youth success and prevent system involvement.

If you would like the full packet which includes material distributed during the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission, please contact Gerardo Leon at PRB1150@santacruzcountyca.gov

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Bernie Gomez (arrived at 6:05 p.m.), Cynthia Druley, David Brody, Elias Gonzales, Julia Feldman, Sierra Thompson

Absent: Beverly Brook (excused), Jeri Limon, Reyna Ruiz (excused), Stephanie Sonnenshine (excused)

Ex Officio: Judge Guy (absent), Jennifer Martinez, Sarah Fletcher, Sandra Mendez

Staff: Gerardo Leon

II. CONSENT AGENDA:
Approval of the August 13, 2026, Agenda
Approval of the July 9, 2026, Minutes

Moved: Kebebew **Second:** Feldman

Yes: Druley, Brody, Kebebew, Gonzales, Feldman, Frutos, Thompson

No: None

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Abstain: None

Motion Passed

*Commissioner Gomez not present at time of vote

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Including items via email on file)

Vice-Chair shared

San Benito Child Support Services holding event at Romo Park – August 14th 2-5p

Commissioner Druley – WES

Commissioner Druley - Bridge Foundation at Homeless Garden Project, August 20th 4-6:30p

Chief – Opened Aztecas Soccer Camp this summer, release of MSC Van – focus is to reach our population living in homelessness – been out a couple of times and at NNO. Mobile Tattoo Removal services, we are preparing the survey. Reviewing contract terms, will share survey to county and community partners.

V. MONTHLY STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM PROBATION AND JUVENILE HALL (Accept & File):

Moved: Druley **Second:** Kebebew

Yes: Gomez, Druley, Brody, Kebebew, Gonzales, Feldman, Frutos, Thompson

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Passed

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

1. None

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. 2026 Juvenile Hall Inspection

Commissioner Druley will update the Commission on the status and planning for the 2026 Juvenile Hall and SYTF Inspection process.

The Commissioners finalized tasks and schedules for their Juvenile Hall Inspection on August 17 and 18.

2. Delinquency Prevention

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- a. Asset Builders Collaborative: Commissioner Kebebew shared that at the Asset Builders Collaborative (ABC) retreat, they voted to focus on two main areas. The first area is to focus on four external assets for the next two months – two assets per month. The second area of focus is figuring out how to bring parents in and help support youth in programs like Cara Corazon, MENtors, etc., and how can these providers support parents to have tools to manage youth and support their success.
- b. Asset of the Month: Asset #4: Young person experiences caring neighbors.

Commissioner Kebebew shared that one of the results ABC saw in their community survey is that youth do not feel supported by their community. This will continue to be an area of research for ABC.

Separately, the Commissioners requested an update on initiatives or programs/list of programs Juvenile Probation is currently offering youth. Chief Mendez asked for a formalized request to ensure Probation has a clear scope of the Commission's request and will share at a future meeting.

- c. United for Youth – United4Youth 2025-2026 Annual Report:

Please see report. Available upon request.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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