

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Probation *A-8*

BOARD AGENDA # \*A-3c

Urgent  Routine

AGENDA DATE March 31, 2009

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Proclamation of the 100th Anniversary of the Probation Department on April 15, 2009

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Proclaim April 15, 2009 as the 100th Anniversary of the Probation Department in Stanislaus County.
2. Present a resolution on the Probation Department 100th Anniversary at the April 14, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2009-185

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor Grover

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Grover, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended

4) \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: *Christine Ferraro*  
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The Probation Department supports the Board of Supervisors' Priorities and is committed to the successful implementation of the following:

Priority 1: A Safe Community

Priority 4: Effective Partnerships

Priority 7: Efficient Delivery of Public Services

The Probation Department staff take pride in achieving the Probation Department Mission Statement:

"As an integral part of the criminal justice system, Probation protects our community by:

- \* Promoting responsible behavior and offender accountability
- \* Providing objective information and recommendations to the Court
- \* Operating safe and secure juvenile facilities and programs
- \* Partnering with the community to provide direct services to offenders, families and victims."

For 100 years, the Probation Department has provided progressive and innovative programs to achieve our objectives which include (1) to protect the community, (2) restore offenders to law abiding status, and (3) to adjust and improve the offender's ability to function within the community.

### **Field Services Division**

The Field Services Division provides services to the courts, offenders, victims, families of offenders and the community. State-mandated services are provided to the courts in the form of investigations, court reports and dispositional recommendations. Court officers appear in adult and juvenile courts on a daily basis presenting both written and verbal case information and sentencing recommendations. Victim services include notification of court hearings, victim impact statements, restitution determination and collection, and referral services. The division provides community supervision to both adult and juvenile offenders placed on probation. Supervision services include risk/needs assessments, referrals to treatment and counseling, case management, general and intrusive supervision, drug testing, and foster home/group home care for juvenile offenders.

The Field Services Division works in collaboration with other law enforcement agencies and many community-based agencies to assist probationers in successfully completing their terms of probation. Armed Probation Officers provide intensive community supervision, intelligence gathering activities, gang suppression and task force operations.

### **Juvenile Institutions and Alternatives-to-Custody Programs**

Juvenile Hall is a maximum-security detention facility for juveniles who are alleged to have committed criminal offenses prior to their 18th birthday. Juveniles who are arrested and not released by law enforcement agencies are delivered to the Probation Officer's custody at Juvenile Hall. Minors who are not released by the Probation Officer or the Juvenile Court are detained at the facility pending completion of their court proceedings. Since it is the only secure facility for juveniles in Stanislaus County, Juvenile Hall also serves as a commitment facility for minors who are ordered by the Juvenile Court to serve a period of incarceration.

The Juvenile Hall has a state-rated capacity of 158 minors. While housed at the institution, minors receive comprehensive medical, mental health and educational services. Spiritual and religious counseling is available upon request.

The Alternatives-to-Custody Programs are designed to offer community supervision and sanctions for minors who do not represent the level of threat to the community that requires incarceration at Juvenile Hall. Close supervision of these minors allows them to attend school, counseling, and community service while still providing for a high level of safety to the community.

### **Administrative Services, Information Technology, and Human Resources**

The Administrative Services staff are responsible for preparing and managing the annual budget, writing, reviewing, negotiating, renewing contracts, as well as maintaining the department file copies. This division is also responsible for coordinating maintenance, repair and acquisition of facilities and fixed assets; preparing cost benefit analyses for major acquisitions or programs; developing management reports and statistics; acquiring supplies and equipment to support department operations; facilitating and conducting periodic audits to ensure proper controls are in place and implemented correctly; and grant management.

The Information Technology staff are responsible for the set-up and maintenance of the network infrastructure; research, acquisition, installation and maintenance of application software; trouble-shooting; software development; and application training and assistance.

The Human Resources division coordinates and manages personnel functions for the Probation Department. The staff in this unit works with the department's employees, potential employees, and other County Departments to administer personnel-related activities including recruiting and advertising, recruitment for promotional opportunities, background investigations, payroll coordination, internal affairs investigations, employee discipline, risk management, employee benefits, training and staff development, employee recognition, and Equal Employment Opportunity program.

Proclamation of the 100th Anniversary of the Probation Department on April 15, 2009

**POLICY ISSUE:**

Proclaiming April 15, 2009 as the 100th Anniversary of the Probation Department in Stanislaus County honoring the accomplishments of the dedicated, professional, and hard-working men and women of this department.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

There is no staffing impact associated with this item.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Abstaining: Supervisor: None

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

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STANISLAUS COUNTY  
PROCLAMATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
ON APRIL 15, 2009

WHEREAS, on April 15, 1909 the Stanislaus County Probation Department was established and a Probation Commission was appointed by Judge Fulkerth. The Board consisted of L.L. Dennett, Thomas Downey, J.W. Ross, Dr. Surryhne, Theodore Turner, L.J. Maddux and H.M. Briggs; and,

WHEREAS, the Probation Department has evolved from an agency consisting of one Probation Officer and 15 probation cases to a department of 250 personnel responsible for over 8,000 probationers; and,

WHEREAS, in 1909 the budget for the Probation Officer consisted of his \$35.00 monthly salary for his part-time work to the current budget of over \$25 million for operation of the department; and,

WHEREAS, during the last 100 years, the Probation Department has established itself through the public safety services provided to our community by ensuring offenders are held accountable and providing access to rehabilitation programs to help our community stay safe; and,

WHEREAS, today, the Probation Department is viewed as a progressive and innovative department statewide; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby unanimously proclaim April 15, 2009 as:

Stanislaus County Probation Department Day in Recognition of the  
Department's 100th Anniversary of Public Safety Services to our Community

and encourages all citizens to honor these law enforcement professionals and to recognize their achievements.

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk  
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,  
State of California

