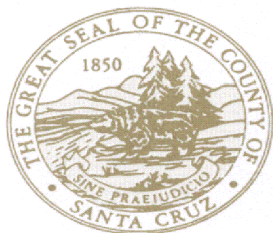


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## JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION MINUTES

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Thursday, April 13, 2023  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

Probation Offices  
303 Water St, Ste 9  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m.

Present: Beverly Brook, Cynthia Druley, David Brody, Kayla Kumar, Kieran Kelly, Athena Reis, Deutron Kebebew, Elaine Johnson (arrived at 5:39 p.m.)

Excused: Elias Gonzales

Ex Officio: Judge Jerry Vinluan, Sara Ryan

Probation Staff: Gerardo Leon Garcia

Probation Representatives: Fernando Giraldo, Valerie Thompson

II. CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Kebebew moved to approve the Consent Agenda (Approval of Agenda and Approval of Minutes from February 9, 2023); Commissioner Kumar seconded.

**Motion Passed**

Aye: Brook, Druley, Brody, Kumar, Kelly, Reis, Kebebew

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gonzales, Johnson (late)

Commissioner Brook noted that the notes from the SB 823 sub-committee were attached in the packet.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Commissioner Romero shared that this will be her last meeting. She noted that the experience of being on the Commission has been invaluable. She introduced Josh Luis who will be applying to take her place as a commissioner. Mr. Luis was a youth commissioner on the JJDPC in 2014.

Commissioner Kebebew announced that the Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women will present, *Imagine a World Without Violence: Men Speak Out* on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 @ 7pm at the Resource Center for Non-Violence. Commissioner Kebebew will be one of the presenters. Commissioner Brook shared

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about the Walnut Avenue Family and Women's Center are introducing a new program, *Space for Change*. It will offer adults, youth and families additional options in addressing the harm caused by domestic violence. More information can be found at [wafwc.org/spaceforchange](http://wafwc.org/spaceforchange).

Commissioner Druley attended an event for Girls, Inc and met with Faris Sabbah and Michael Painter. She talked with them about having FosterEd serve all Probation Youth and will be setting up a meeting to talk further with them about it. She asked Fernando if Probation would like to attend, and he said yes.

Commissioner Brook noted that the Watsonville Youth Initiative will be hosting a resource fair for youth and families the last weekend of the county fair. Anyone can have a table at this event. More information forthcoming.

- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Including items via email on file): Commissioner Druley introduced our new Juvenile Court Judge Jerry Vinluan. Judge Vinluan indicated he is not quite on the bench yet as he is going through training. He looks forward to working with the Commission. Judge Schmal is currently sitting on the Juvenile Court Bench.

Commissioner Druley thanked Commissioner Sandra Romero for her lengthy and dedicated service to the JJDP. Commissioner Rice and Brook also noted Commissioner Romero's insights and her ability to parse out the most important aspects of complicated situations. All three commissioners remarked on Commissioner's Romero's dedication and compassion for all youth.

- V. MONTHLY STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM PROBATION/JUVENILE HALL (ATTACHMENTS Accept and File): Division Director Sara Ryan shared there are currently 12 youth in the hall (10 males and 2 females). There was one altercation involving two youth who were 'trash talking' during Physical Education. This led to a fight which resulted in the youth being placed in room confinement. No injuries.

There were four grievances, three from one youth. This youth was helping with inventory and wrote a grievance about expired deodorant. Another one of his grievances was about not having a virtual visit with his family. At that time in person visits had been suspended due to work being done in the kitchen. The suspension of the virtual visit was due to the family member taking a picture of the youth and posting it on social media. Once in-person visits started this youth was able to visit with his family. The last grievance from this youth was for having four books in his room and then staff determined that two of the books were inappropriate. The youth had asked one of the school teachers to buy him the books and she did unaware apparently of their inappropriateness. The teacher was spoken with, and the books were taken from the youth.

Commissioner Kumar asked about the virtual visit being taken away. Director indicated that the youth still had the option to telephone his family.

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Commissioner Kumar questioned about the nature of the inappropriate books. Division Director Ryan indicated they were 'violent' and supported gang life.

The fourth grievance concerned a youth receiving a special programming due to an altercation.

Division Director Ryan advised that no more masks are required at the hall. When a new youth arrives, the youth is seen by the medical staff and once cleared they are good to go. Medical staff are now working 12-hour shifts.

The Institutional Supervisors and Group Supervisors received Exemplary Recognition by the Board of Supervisors for the Juvenile Hall not having any Covid transmissions during the pandemic.

In March the Hall underwent Title 15 inspections.

Santa Cruz Community Credit Union will be providing an 8-week financial literacy class for the youth.

The STAR grant was extended for another three years.

Probation was also awarded a grant for two Mobile Services units to serve homeless youth. They will be equipped with hot spots so youth can use Wi-Fi for online services. Commissioner Kumar asked how many unhoused youth are there in our county? No specific data regarding unhoused youth on probation was available.

The Justice Assistance grant was extended which supports the Student Success Program. La Luna y Familia Center's grant was not extended and will expire on June 30th.

Commissioner Druley noted about youth in DJJ and Sonoma are being matched with CASA advocates. One youth at DJJ specifically had inquired about receiving an advocate.

Commissioner Brook noted that the fire camp at Pine Grove will remain open and operated by CDRC. It was unclear if Pine Grove will take undocumented youth; however, it appears CCC will assist youth in receiving DACA status. CCC and Pine Grove might be considered 'step-downs' from Sonoma.

Chief Giraldo indicated there are currently 127 youth on juvenile probation.

Commissioner Kebebew questioned why Watsonville youth were over-represented? What is causing these youth to get into trouble? He asked if the commission could get a

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daily blast of the data about youth on probation and have the staff walk the commission through the information.

## VI. ACTION ITEMS

1. Accept Commissioner Agreements as amended in February meeting (ATTACHMENT): Commissioner Brook moved to approve the Commissioner Agreements as amended in the February 9, 2023, JJDPDC Meeting; Commissioner Kumar seconded.

### **Motion Passed**

Aye: Brook, Druley, Brody, Kumar, Kelly, Reis, Kebebew, Johnson  
No: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Gonzales

Commission was given a few minutes to review the agreements.

Commissioners were encouraged to sign and provide the signed copy to Gerardo Leon Garcia.

2. Election of new Officers, re-appointment of Commissioners, and potential new Commissioners (ADDED): Commissioner Kebebew moved to elect a slate of officers: Nominating Cynthia Druley for Chair, Beverly Brook for Vice-chair, and Commissioner David Brody as Secretary; Commissioner Rice seconded.

### **Motion Passed**

Aye: Brook, Druley, Brody, Kumar, Kelly, Reis, Kebebew, Johnson  
No: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Gonzales

Were others interested in running for office? An email encouraging interest and offering to answer questions had been sent by the Chair a few weeks earlier. No one had responded at this point. Commissioners asked: What are the responsibilities of each officer? There is a brief outline in our by-laws but maybe a good idea to have job descriptions for the future.

Commissioners Druley and Rice were reappointed for another four years. Commissioner Gonzales will be reappointed next month.

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### VII. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Report on Meetings by Commissioners with individual Supervisors:  
Commissioner Brook met with Supervisor McPherson. Updated him on Sonoma's STYF and our hope to create some step-down opportunities for our youth to be closer to home. Shared that JJDPC is the only mandated commission and that the Commission is exploring administrative support similar to that of the Justice and Gender Commission.  
  
Commissioner Johnson mentioned that she has scheduled an appointment with Supervisor Manu Koenig. Commissioners Druley and Kebebew hope to join Commissioner Johnson for that meeting.
2. Electronic access to our JJDPC meetings for the public – AB2449 (ATTACHMENT):  
Commissioner Brody gave a brief update on AB 2449 which allows for a hybrid meeting for the public. It also allows for a Commissioner with a 'just cause' absence to attend virtually; however, their presence would not be considered for a quorum. More specific information will be forthcoming.
3. Holding some meetings in South County: Item Tabled.  
Holding meetings in south county will be discussed at the May meeting.

### VIII. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:

1. Steering/Outreach: Former Commissioner Romero reported that discussion in their meeting had included the upcoming election of officers, holding future meetings in Watsonville, openings on the Commission, and the future Steering Committee meetings. Sandra Romero will help set up the April meeting on Zoom and the subcommittee will need to set it up another way in the future.
2. Juvenile Hall Inspection: Committee has not met yet. Inspection report went to the BOS along with a response from probation. Chair Druley expressed the appreciation of the whole Commission to the changes in Covid protocols to eliminate the 5-day isolation if a youth tests negative and has no symptoms. Probation Response (ATTACHED).
3. SB190/SB823: Commissioner Reis shared about the visit to the Santa Clara County STYF. She highlighted the theme of their program as a Pathway to Adulthood, including having DMV come and prepare California IDs, opening bank accounts for the youth, enrollment in college and individual, group and family counseling. Steps have been taken to improve the jail-like setting; however, it is still a jail. Noted that the whole STYF staff rotates in July and Commissioner Reis questioned how that will work for the program and youth. Commissioners Druley and Brook shared their experience of meeting the three remaining youth at DJJ. Shared that one youth had

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inquired about CASA and asked if he could have one. Most of the youth were anxious to move except for they were now making money at jobs and wanted to do that until the end of their time at DJJ.

The sub-committee is scheduled to meet with the CEO of Rancho Cielo.

4. Delinquency Prevention: Commissioner Kebebew shared that the subcommittee plans to hold a listening session to get input from families and youth who have been involved with the Juvenile Justice system.
5. By-Laws: Next month we will be voting on our by-laws. Commissioner Rice who has worked diligently on the by-laws strongly encourages the commissioners to read through them and be prepared to vote.
6. Sub-committee membership review next month

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:20 a.m.

### UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

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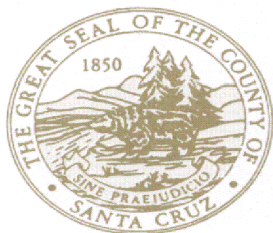
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## JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION UPDATED AGENDA

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Thursday, April 13, 2023  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

Probation Offices  
303 Water St, Ste 9  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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For questions regarding the meeting process, please contact Gerardo Leon, staff for the JJRPC, at 831-454-3105 or [PRB1150@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:PRB1150@santacruzcounty.us)

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:
- II. CONSENT AGENDA:  
Approval of Agenda  
Approval of Minutes from February 9, 2023
- III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Any member of the public will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes each to address the Commission on any item listed on today's Agenda and/or any other topic within the scope of the responsibility of the Commission. If the issue or matter is not listed on today's agenda, Commissioners will not take actions or respond immediately to any public comment, but may follow up later, either individually or at a subsequent meeting.
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Including items via email on file): Welcome to Judge Vinluan and thank you to Judge Guy and Sandra Romero
- V. MONTHLY STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM PROBATION/JUVENILE HALL (ATTACHMENTS Accept and File):
- VI. ACTION ITEMS
  1. Accept Commissioner Agreements as amended in February meeting (ATTACHMENT)
  2. Election of new Officers, re-appointment of Commissioners, and potential new Commissioners (ADDED)

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VII. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Report on Meetings by Commissioners with individual Supervisors
2. Electronic access to our JJDCP meetings for the public – AB2449 (ATTACHMENT)
3. Holding some meetings in South County

VIII. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:

1. Steering/Outreach: Romero – Chair, Brook, Druley, Brody, Rice
2. Juvenile Hall Inspection: Druley – Chair, Kebebew, Kelly, Reis  
Probation Response (ATTACHED)
3. SB190/SB823: Brook – Chair, Gonzales, Kumar, Reis  
DJJ and Santa Clara SYTF visits
4. Delinquency Prevention: Kebebew – Chair, Brody, Gonzales, Reis
5. By-Laws: Rice – Chair, Druley, Kebebew  
Full review of final draft and vote at May meeting
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IX. ADJOURNMENT:

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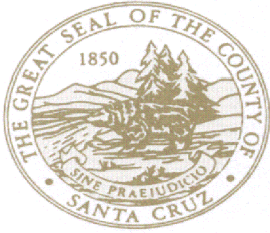
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Thursday, February 9, 2023  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

Probation Offices  
303 Water St, Ste 9  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 5:31 p.m.

Present: Beverly Brook, Cynthia Druley, David Brody, David Lucio, Elias Gonzales Kayla Kumar, Kieran Kelly, Sandra Romero, Athena Reis (arrived at 5:37 p.m.), Deutron Kebebew (arrived at 5:44 p.m.), Elaine Johnson (arrived at 5:53 p.m.)

Excused: Ben Rice

Ex Officio: Judge Denine Guy (absent), Sara Ryan

Probation Staff: Gerardo Leon Garcia

Probation Representatives: Fernando Giraldo, Jose Flores

II. CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Brook moved to approve the Consent Agenda (Approval of Agenda and Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2023); Commissioner Kumar seconded.

**Motion Passed**

Aye: Brook, Druley, Brody, Lucio, Gonzales, Kumar, Kelly, Romero

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Reis, Kebebew, Johnson (all not present at the time of vote)

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Druley shared that she attended the San Luis Obispo Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee meeting at the invitation of Chair JD Pittenger. They have two separate meetings one for Juvenile Justice and the other for Delinquency Prevention. They also have an electronic Zoom option for the public and guest attendance.

Commissioner Brook shared that Eli Chance of the Cabrillo College Rising Scholar program for formerly and currently incarcerated students met with Sara Ryan, Jose Flores, and the County Office of Education's Jen Izant-Gonzales and Jack Michael. Eli shared about the development of this new program on campus and currently in Roundtree. Jen and Jack explained what they currently have put together to assist youth to enroll in community college both at the hall and in Sonoma. All parties look forward to working together as the Rising Scholar program continues to develop.

- V. MONTHLY STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM PROBATION/JUVENILE HALL: Division Director Sara Ryan shared there are currently 13 youth in the hall (11 male identifying and 2 female identifying). There were two incidents which involved verbal altercations between two youth which resulted in 35-minute room confinements for each youth; five grievances and no physical altercations.

Chief Giraldo shared that probation is submitting a grant from the Vera Institute of Justice for Ending Girls Incarceration. Ending Girls' Incarceration Initiative (EGI) aims to zero out the incarceration of girls and gender-expansive youth in the country's juvenile legal system by 2030.

The grant is for technical assistance in developing a court policy to disrupt the pathways that result in girls being incarcerated. Probation has partnered with Walnut Street Women's Center and Monarch Services. The grant is for \$125,000 annually.

Probation is also in the process of having a probation mobile service. They have purchased a Sprinter van to help individuals who are struggling with housing and find it difficult to obtain services.

Division Director Ryan indicated they are still working with the county and state fire in order to move forward with the renovations which includes new cameras and software in the Hall.

As previously noted, the project had a shortfall of close to five million dollars. The Community Corrections Partnerships, which oversees AB 109 funds, voted to provide probation with funds to bridge this gap. Division Director Ryan hopes the groundbreaking will happen in early 2024.

Division Direction Ryan also mentioned that SB 823 funds were used to provide a virtual safe meeting space.

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Chair Druley inquired about the JJDCP's Juvenile Hall Inspection Report. Probation has a 'placeholder' date for the March 14, 2023, Board of Supervisors' agenda. Chair Druley requested that the report reflect it is coming from the JJDCP and not Probation. Probation will include their response; however, the report should reflect it is a JJDCP report/document.

Commissioner Reis inquired about how we might obtain CASA advocates for our incarcerated youth as well as how a mentor might be able to obtain clearance to meet with a youth. Division Director Ryan indicated that a CASA advocate can meet with the youth outside of visiting days. The advocate would need to make arrangements with the Institutional Supervisor (IS). Even though advocates are cleared they would still need to be cleared through Juvenile Hall clearance process.

Commissioner Kebebew emphasized how important it is for young men, who are incarcerated, to have male advocates and/or mentors.

Jose Flores indicated probation is still analyzing the data from the CASA pilot program. Chair Druley indicates that CASA is currently hiring a director to oversee the Juvenile Justice CASA program.

Commissioner Gonzales inquired about Probation's involvement in OYCR's goal of creating the AB 2417 - the Youth Bill of Rights. Chief Giraldo was unaware of it. Commissioner Gonzales explained that the Youth Bill of Rights expands the current youth bill of rights and applies to youth housed in all juvenile justice facilities including local ones. Additionally, a copy of it must be included in orientation packets given to the youth and parents. The Youth Bill of Rights must be in place by June 2023. Commissioner Gonzales will provide more information to the Chair who will forward it to Probation. (ATTACHED)

\*More information about AB2417 is available here as well:

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202120220AB2417](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2417)

**VII. ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Discuss and Accept Sonoma Visit Report from SB190/823 Subcommittee (ATTACHMENT): Commissioner Kebebew made the motion; Commissioner Kumar seconded.

**Motion Passed**

Aye: Reis, Brook, Druley, Brody, Lucio, Kebebew, Johnson, Gonzales, Kumar, Kelly, Romero

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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Commissioner Lucio introduced the report and acknowledged that Commissioners Gonzales, Druley, and Brook met with Probation staff to address some of their concerns.

Commissioner Kumar expressed concern over the lack of mental health clinicians and programming at the facility.

Commissioner Druley explained that the Commission reached out to our County's Children's Behavior Health and while we hoped they might provide a temporary solution their agency felt they did not possess the bandwidth to do so.

Chief Giraldo offered that there is a lack of children's behavioral counselors throughout the state. He noted that Sonoma is in the process of hiring an additional counselor in March and continues to recruit for additional counselors.

Chief Giraldo noted the reporting of the lack of programming and indicated this is an issue in which all of the counties are dealing. He noted that the counties have asked for additional funding to address these concerns. He indicated that he feels it will be four to five years before we see real progress. In the meantime, additional youth will be going to Sonoma upon the final closure of DJJ on June 30, 2023.

Commissioner Kumar inquired about what is required by the state and what oversight and accountability is there.

Chief Giraldo said that the minimum requirements for incarceration facilities are outlined in Title 15. He indicated that Sonoma has become the Bay Area hub for smaller counties. He feels we have very little leverage since they are the only county to date that will accept our youth. The OYCR is the oversight body for Secure Treatment facilities

2. Review and adopt Commissioner Obligations (ATTACHMENT): Commissioner Brook to review and adopt Commissioner Obligations as amended; commissioner Reis seconded.

**Motion Passed**

Aye: Reis, Brook, Druley, Brody, Lucio, Kebebew, Johnson, Gonzales, Kumar, Kelly, Romero

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Several commissioners did not like the word 'obligations' and others felt strongly about lines #2 and #3. Commissioner Romero felt line #10 should be omitted. Several options for wording were shared and a friendly amendment was offered by Commissioner Brody. Both Commissioner Brook and Reis agreed to the friendly amendment.

The final Commissioner Agreements are attached.

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VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Electronic access to our JJDPC meetings for the public – ITEM TABLED
2. Meetings by Commissioners with individual Supervisors at Board of Supervisors (ATTACHMENT) – ITEM TABLED

Chair Druley encouraged Commissioners to meet with their supervisor. If commissioner would like another commissioner to attend the meeting with them, please reach out to Chair Druley. Please review the Suggested Topics which were attached to this meeting's agenda.

IX. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:

1. Steering/Outreach: Commissioner Romero reported that the committee talked about electronic access for the public and guests to our Commission meetings, how to create sample talking points to make it easier for Commissioners to meet with their Supervisors and reminding sub-committee chairs to submit items to the agenda. Also discussed were the openings on the Commission and how to fill them.
2. Juvenile Hall Inspection: Committee will meet to discuss the inspection for 2023 in order to best coordinate with Juvenile Hall regarding their availability. The subcommittee to wait to see Probation's responses before taking any further action on the report. Probation said that they would provide their response to the Commission prior to submitting it to the Board of Supervisors.
3. SB190/SB823: Commissioner Lucio shared that he resigning from the JJDPC and tonight is his last meeting. He thanked the Commission for the opportunity to serve and indicated Commissioner Brook will now serve as chair of this subcommittee. Commissioner Lucio indicated that OYCR now has an Ombudsman for all of the Secure Treatment facilities; she is an UCSC graduate. Commissioner Gonzales indicated we will have further follow-up on AB 2417 next month.
4. Delinquency Prevention: Commissioner Kebebew reported that they connected with the SLO JJDPC to inquire how they are addressing prevention. He also indicated Jose Flores joined them during one of their meetings and probation and the subcommittee will be working together to understand the current challenges for youth in our community. Commissioner Kebebew indicated they will be holding 'listening sessions' in the Pajaro Valley middle schools.
5. By-Laws: Discussed in meeting above.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Regular JJDCP Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

- March 9, 2023 Justice and Gender Commission Meeting (hosted by their Families, Youth and Prevention Committee) from 12-1:30 pm. Location TBD – contact [sgreene@ucsc.edu](mailto:sgreene@ucsc.edu) for location.)
- **March 9, 2023: Regular Commission Meeting, 5:30 to 7 p.m. In-Person at Probation Offices** (Judge Vinluan joins the Commission)
- March 21, OYCR Community Input Meeting in Santa Cruz (location and time TBD)
- **April 13, 2023: Regular Commission Meeting, 5:30 to 7 p.m. In-Person at Probation Offices**
- **May 11, 2023: Regular Commission Meeting, 5:30 to 7 p.m. In-Person at Probation Offices** (Annual Election of Officers)
- **June 8, 2023: Regular Commission Meeting, 5:30 to 7 p.m. In-Person at Probation Offices**

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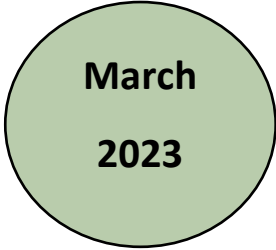
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There were no firearm related bookings in March.

Youth on probation by area of residence:

<b>Count</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>
1	<b>76208 Total</b>
1	<b>93722 Total</b>
1	<b>93901 Total</b>
1	<b>93906 Total</b>
1	<b>93907 Total</b>
1	<b>94602 Total</b>
7	<b>95003 Total</b>
1	<b>95004 Total</b>
3	<b>95005 Total</b>
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9	<b>95062 Total</b>
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4	<b>95066 Total</b>
4	<b>95073 Total</b>
65	<b>95076 Total</b>
1	<b>95132 Total</b>
1	<b>95717 Total</b>
1	<b>95901 Total</b>
1	<b>98387 Total</b>
1	<b>NULL Total</b>
131	<b>Grand Total</b>

# Juvenile Hall Monthly Data Blast



## Population Info

- IEP's: 5
- 504's: 1
- Graduations: 0
- Youth on Psychotropic Meds: 6
- Youth with drug/alcohol issues: 5
- Youth open to MH services: 12
- Medical Referrals: 2
- Physical Altercations: 1
- Room confinements: 3
- Pending transfer hearing: 1

## Booking Charges (most serious offense)

- Bench Warrant: 11% (1)
- Drugs/Alcohol: 33% (3)
- EM Violation: 11% (1)
- Probation Violation: 11% (1)
- Violent/Weapons: 33% (3)

## Booking Demographics (area of residence)

- North County: 67% (6)
- South County: 22% (2)
- Out of County: 11% (1)

## JUVENILE HALL POPULATION INFORMATION

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
6 am count (average) <sup>1</sup>	10.3	0.6	10.9
Population in-custody at start of time period	14	2	16
Admitted during time period	9	0	9
Released during time period	15	2	17
Population in-custody at end of time period <sup>1</sup>	8	0	8
Average daily attendance	10.1	0.6	10.7
Average length of stay	48.1	115.5	56.1
Average length of stay without STYF youth	48.1	115.5	56.1
Length of Stay MODE	1.0	n/a	1.0
Range of stay	1 - 702	84 - 147	1 - 702
Range of age	14 - 19	17 - 18	14 - 19
Number of "in-county" residents received	8	0	8
Number of "out-of-county" residents received	1	0	1
Percentage from out-of-county	11.1%	0.0%	11.1%
Total child care days	322	18	340
Total court commitments admitted	0	0	0
Total court commitments released	0	0	0
Total child care days for released court commit	0	0	0
Total intake to date (current year): <b>March 2023</b>	40	6	46
Total intake to date (prior year): <b>March 2022</b>	34	14	48

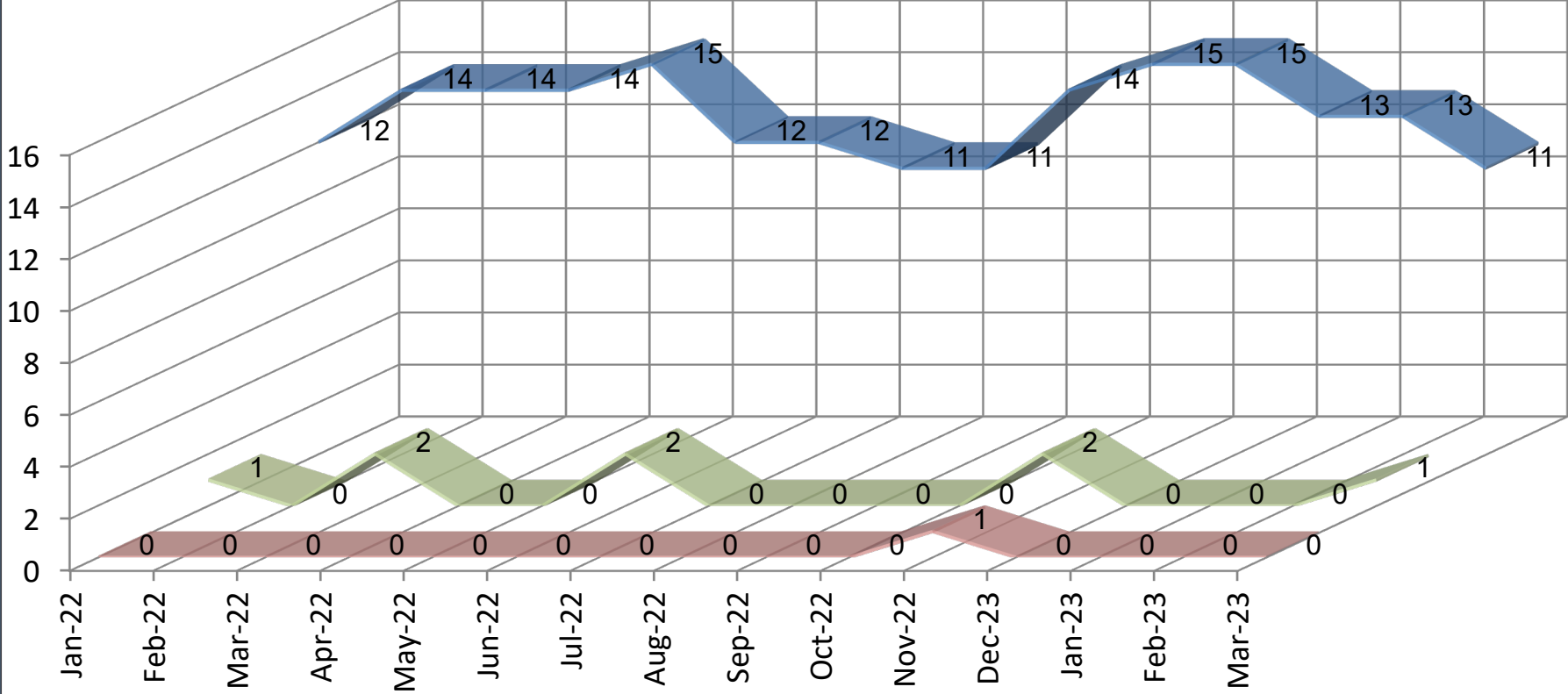
## Overall Population Demographics

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Latinx: 18 (75%)</li> <li>• White: 6 (25%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boys: 22 (92%)</li> <li>• Girls: 2 (8%)</li> </ul>	<b>ALOS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Latinx: 65.4 days</li> <li>• White: 12.7 days</li> </ul>	% Youth on Probation: 75%
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# Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Physical Altercations: Overview

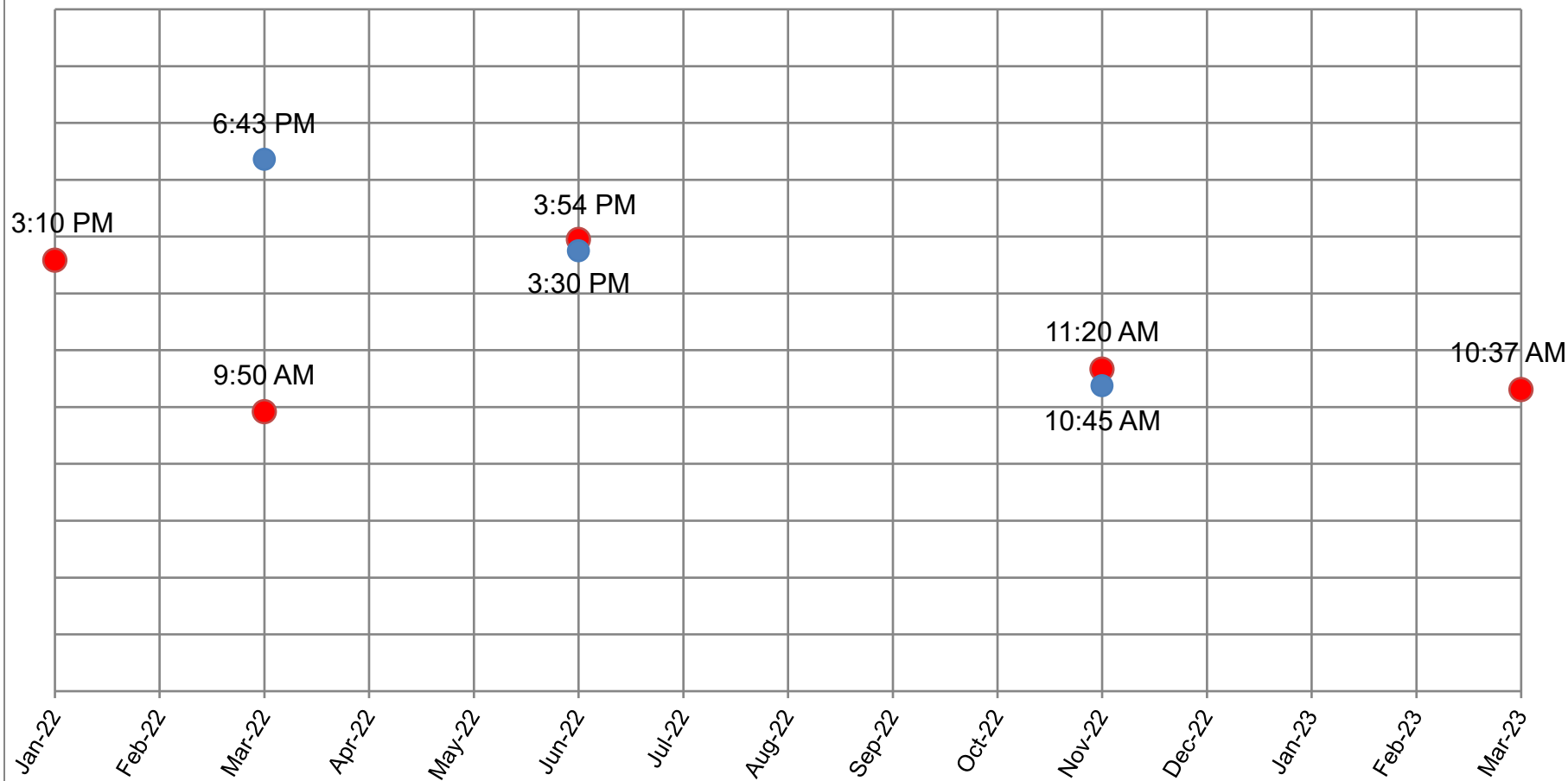
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# Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Physical Altercations: Time of Day

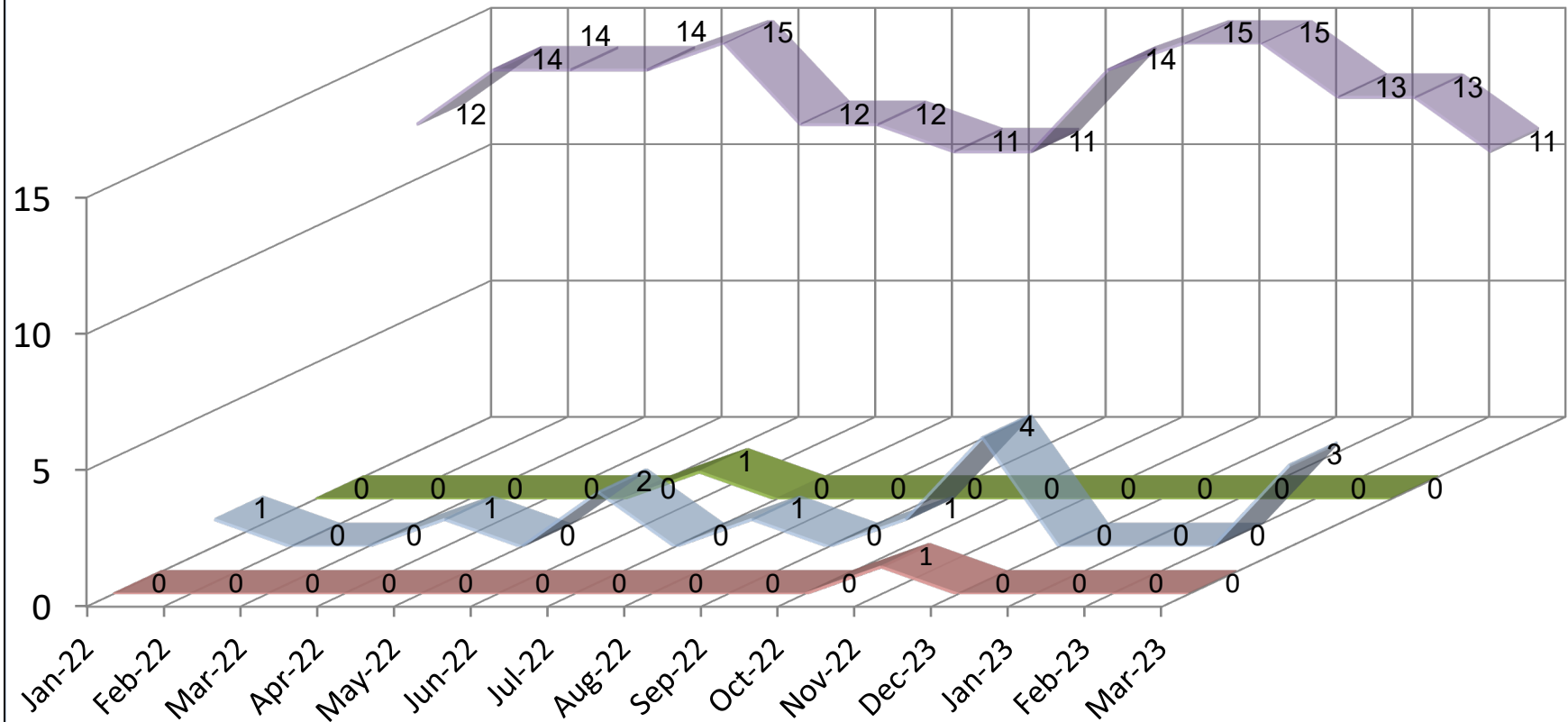
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- Time of 2nd Altercation
- ▲ Time of 3rd Altercation



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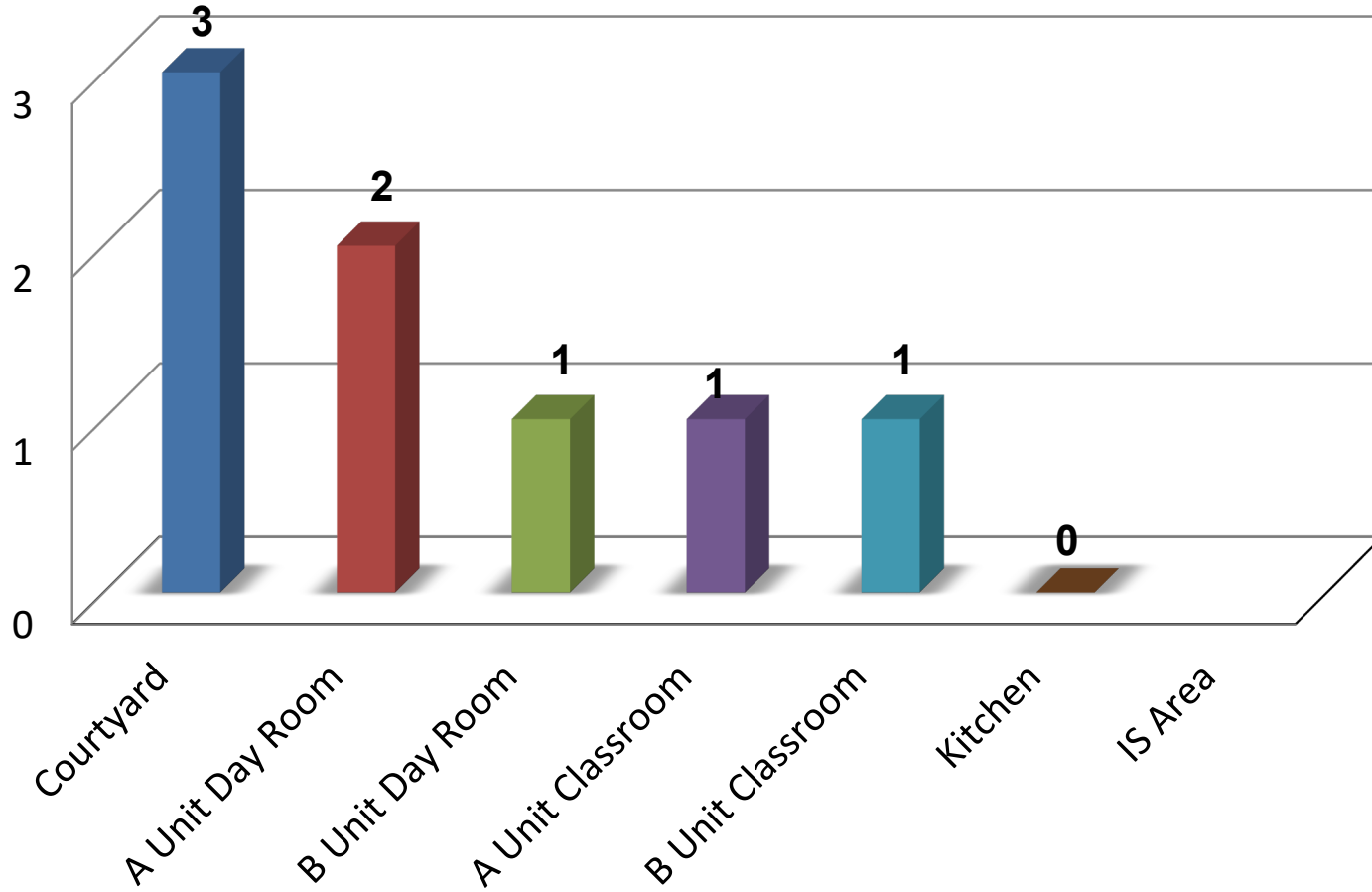
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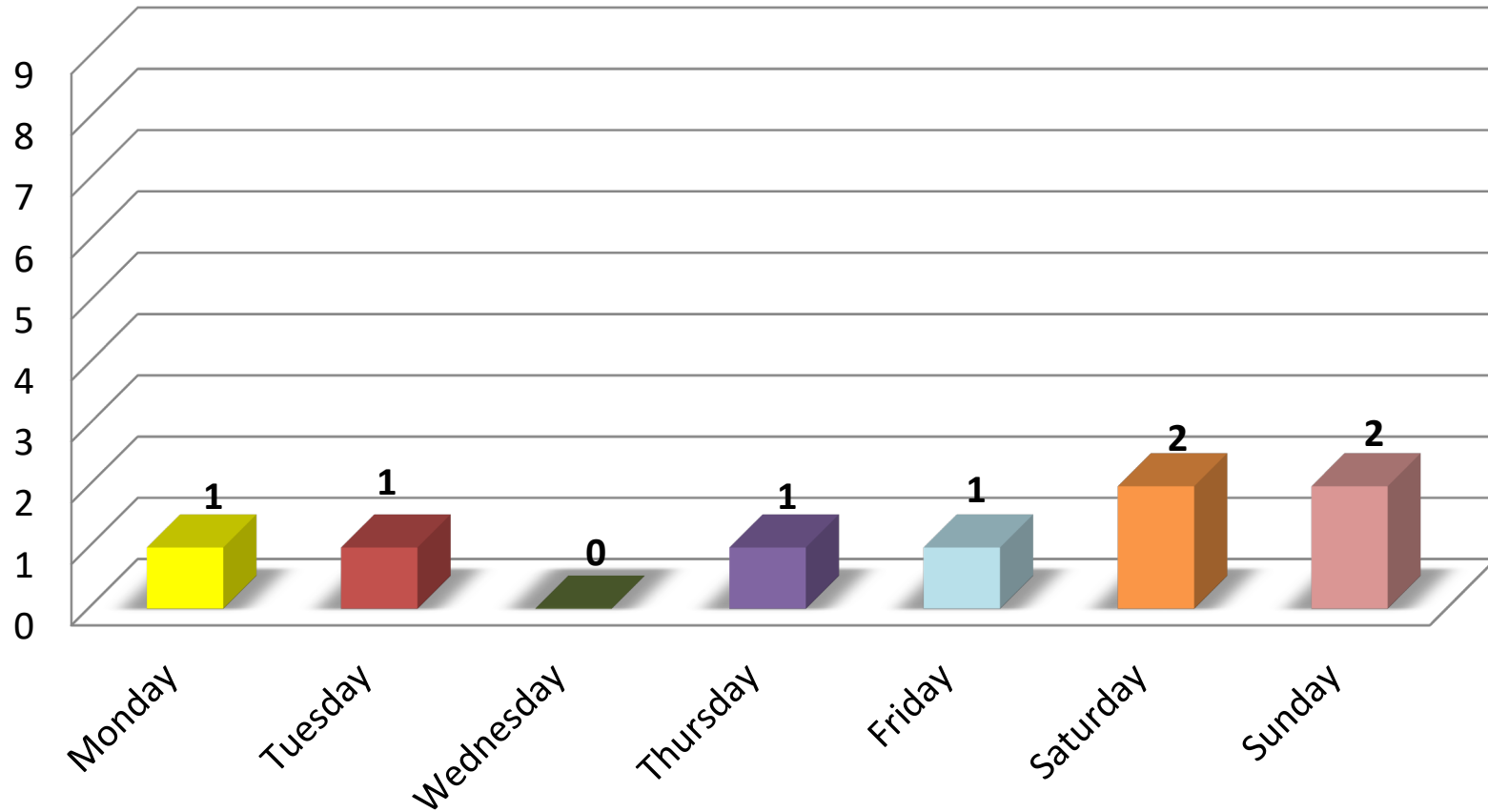
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# Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Physical Altercations: Location



**January 2022 - March 2023**

# Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Physical Altercations: Day of the Week



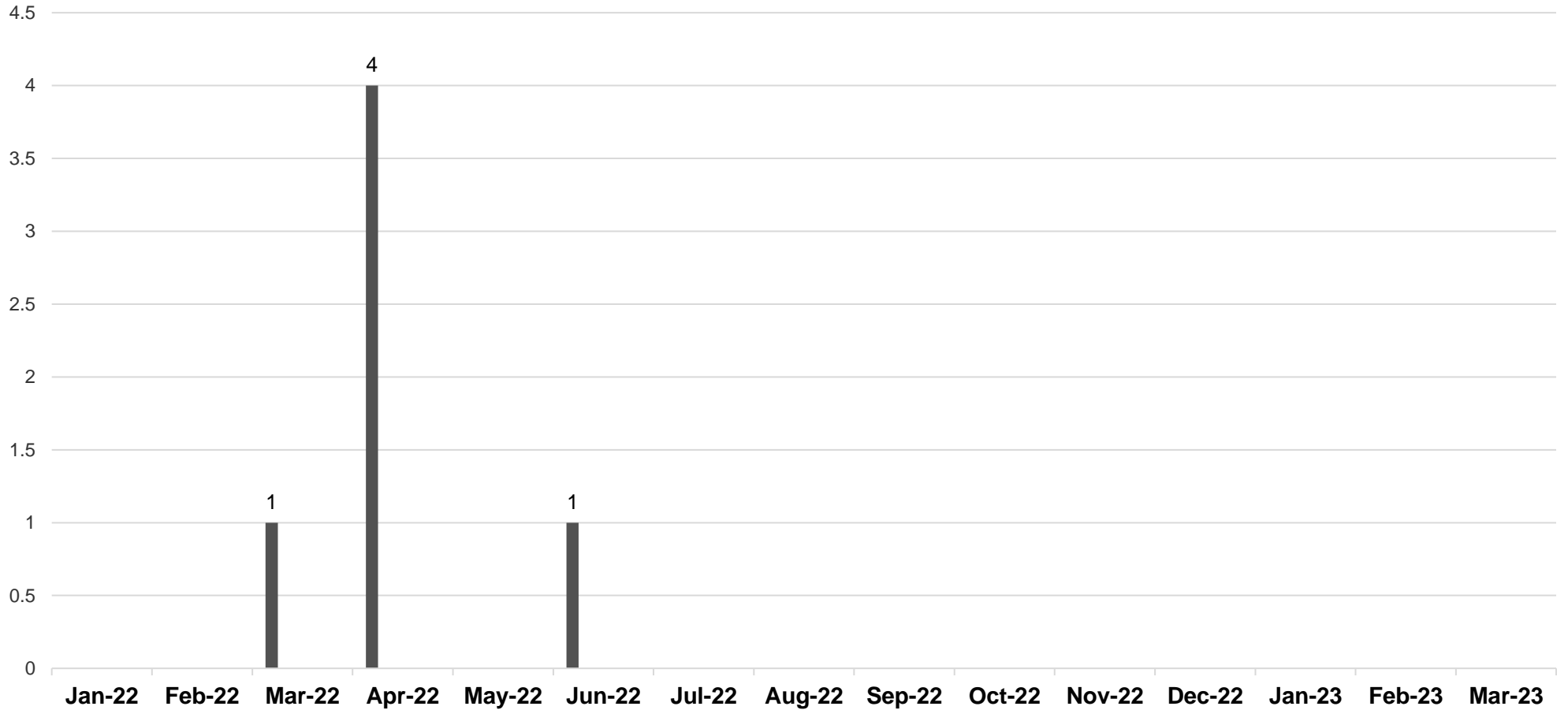
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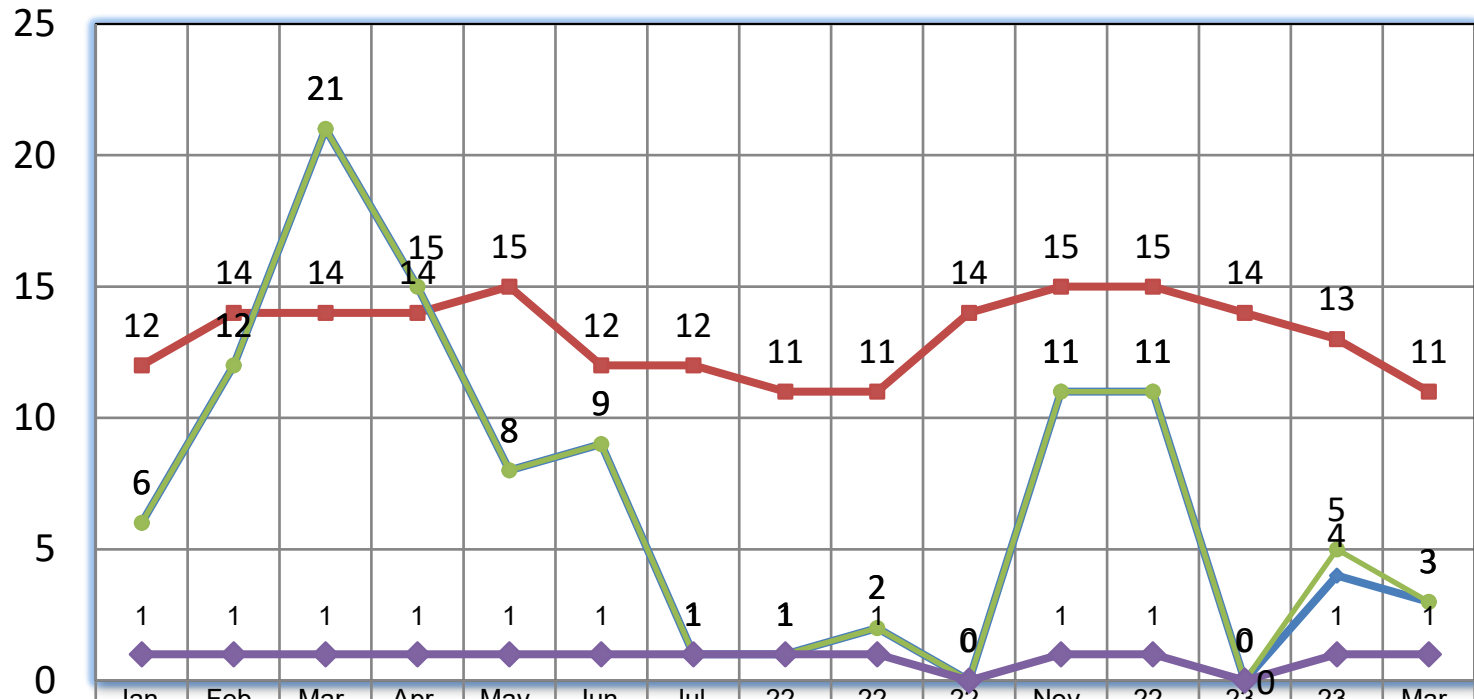


# Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Room Confinement over 4 Hours

## January 2022 - March 2023

■ 4 - 5 Hours ■ 6 - 7 Hours ■ 8 - 9 Hours ■ 10 - 11 Hours ■ 12 Hours



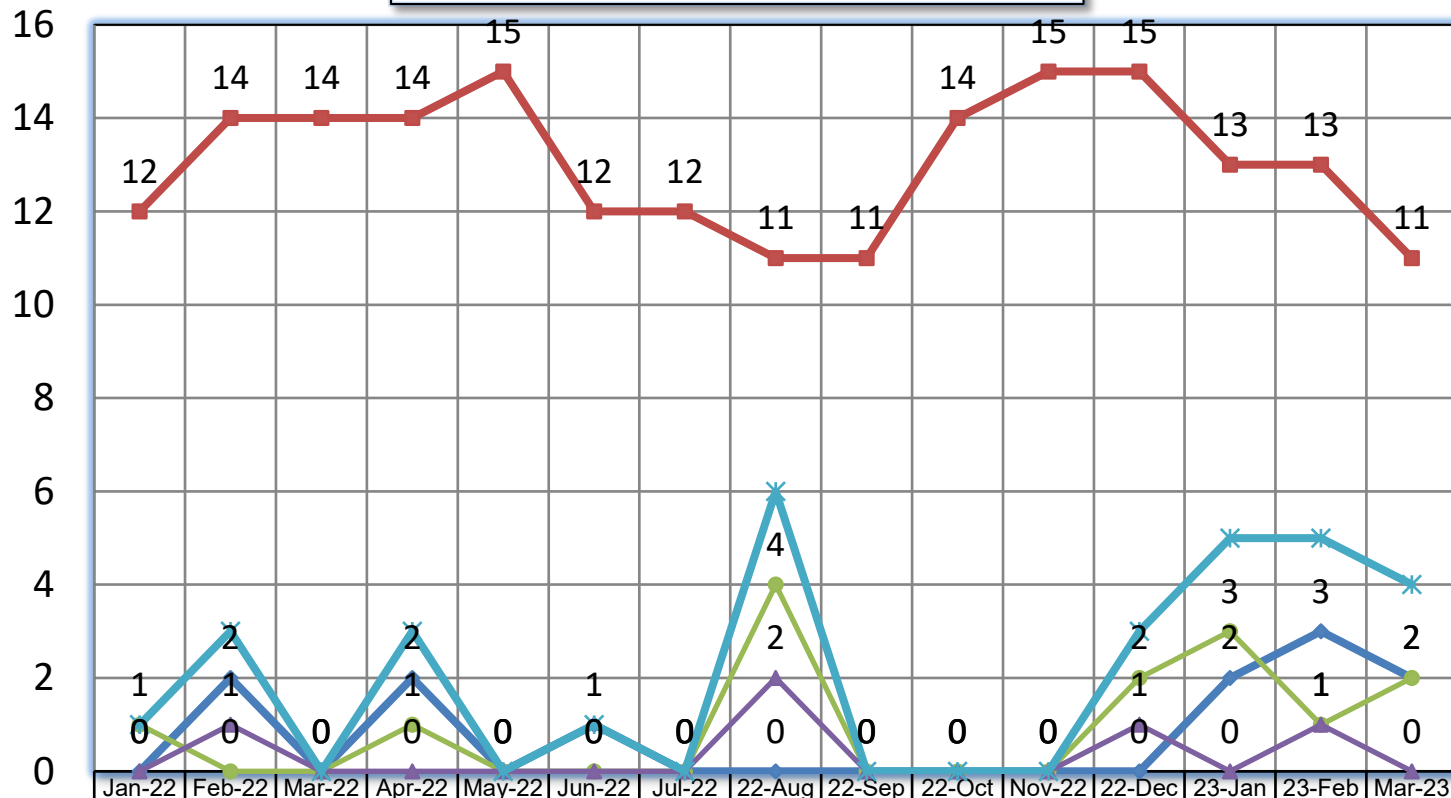


ADP	12	14	14	14	15	12	12	11	11	14	15	15	14	13	11
# Youth Incidents	6	12	21	15	8	9	1	1	2	0	11	11	0	4	3
Total # R/C Days for Month	6	12	21	15	8	9	1	1	2	0	11	11	0	5	3
Avg # R/C Days per Youth/Incident	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1

**Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall**  
**Room Confinement: Overview**  
**January 2022 - March 2023**

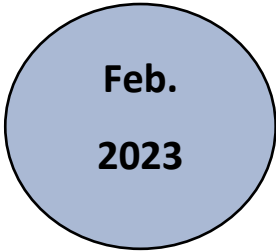


## Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Grievances: Overview



	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	22-Aug	22-Sep	22-Oct	Nov-22	22-Dec	23-Jan	23-Feb	Mar-23
ADP	12	14	14	14	15	12	12	11	11	14	15	15	13	13	11
Conditions	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	2
Discipline	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	3	1	2
Staff/Policies	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Total # Grievances	1	3	0	3	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	3	5	5	4

January 2022 - March 2023



**Population Info**

- IEP's: 7
- 504's: 1
- Graduations: 1
- Youth on Psychotropic Meds: 7
- Youth with drug/alcohol issues: 12
- Youth open to MH services: 20
- Medical Referrals: 4
- Physical Altercations: 0
- Room confinements: 4
- Pending transfer hearing: 1

**Booking Charges (most serious offense)**

- Bench Warrant: 6% (1)
- Drugs/Alcohol: 35% (6)
- EM Violation: 6% (1)
- Probation Violation: 6% (1)
- Violent/Weapons: 41% (7)
- Other: 6% (1)

**Booking Demographics (area of residence)**

- North County: 41% (7)
- South County: 41% (7)
- Out of County: 18% (3)

<b>JUVENILE HALL POPULATION INFORMATION</b>	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
6 am count (average) <sup>1</sup>	11.3	2.4	13.7
Population in-custody at start of time period	12	3	15
Admitted during time period	13	4	17
Released during time period	11	5	16
Population in-custody at end of time period <sup>1</sup>	14	2	16
Average daily attendance	11.3	2.3	13.6
Average length of stay	44.9	6.2	32.8
Average length of stay without STYF youth	44.9	6.2	32.8
Length of Stay MODE	1.0	1.0	1.0
Range of stay	1 - 671	1 - 132	1 - 671
Range of age	14 - 19	14 - 18	14 - 19
Number of "in-county" residents received	11	3	14
Number of "out-of-county" residents received	2	1	3
Percentage from out-of-county	15.4%	25.0%	17.6%
Total child care days	329	67	396
Total court commitments admitted	0	0	0
Total court commitments released	0	0	0
Total child care days for released court commit	0	0	0
Total intake to date (current year): <b>February 2023</b>	31	6	37
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**Overall Population Demographics**

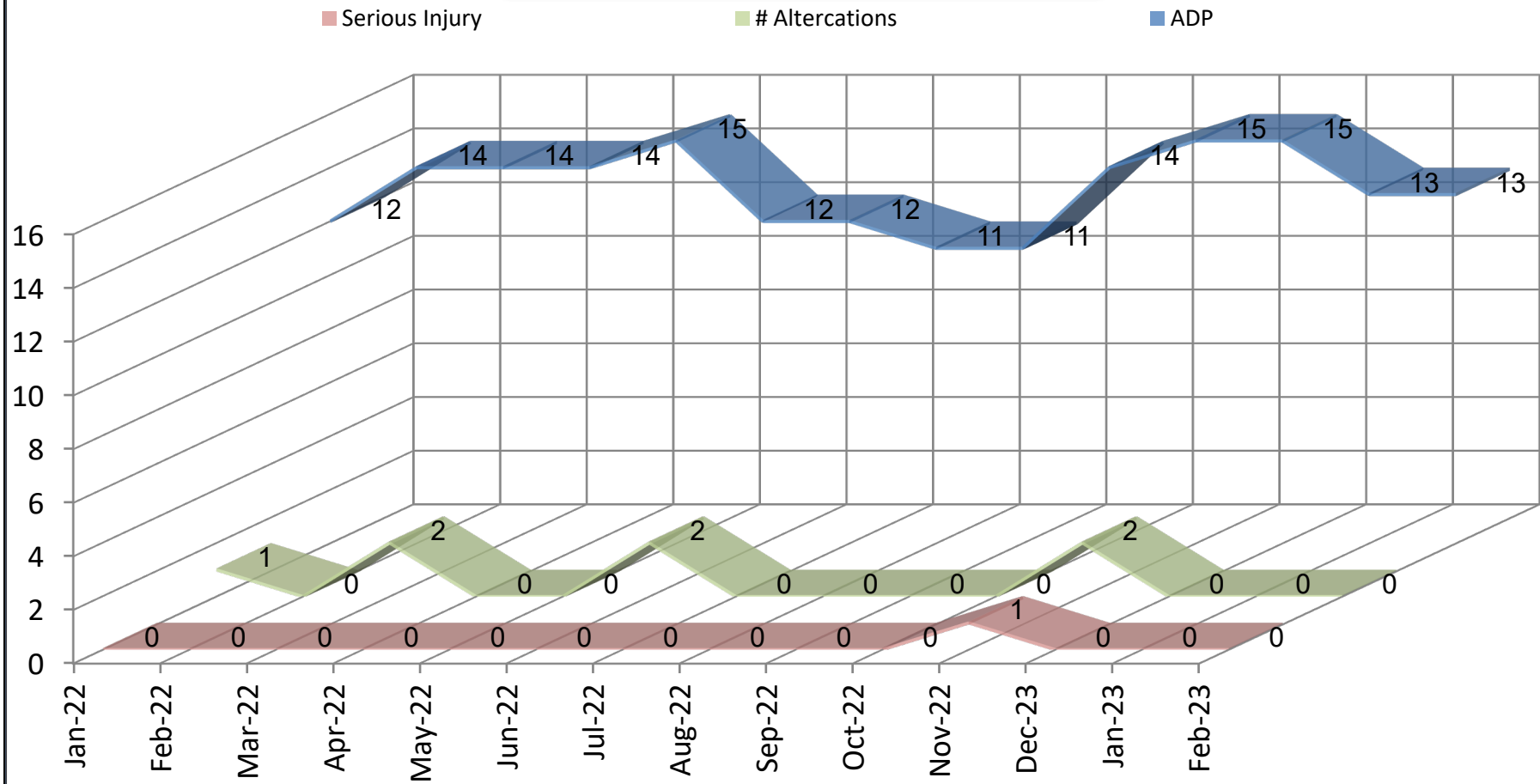
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• African American: 1 (3%)</li> <li>• Latinx: 20 (63%)</li> <li>• White: 11 (34%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boys: 25 (78%)</li> <li>• Girls: 7 (22%)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ALOS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• African American: 1 day</li> <li>• Latinx: 49 days</li> <li>• White: 20 days</li> </ul>	<p>% Youth on Probation: 53%</p>
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There were two firearm related bookings in February: both 16-year-old boys from Watsonville.

Youth on probation by area of residence:

<b>Count</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>
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1	<b>93722 Total</b>
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4	<b>95018 Total</b>
3	<b>95019 Total</b>
1	<b>95023 Total</b>
9	<b>95060 Total</b>
7	<b>95062 Total</b>
4	<b>95065 Total</b>
4	<b>95066 Total</b>
2	<b>95073 Total</b>
67	<b>95076 Total</b>
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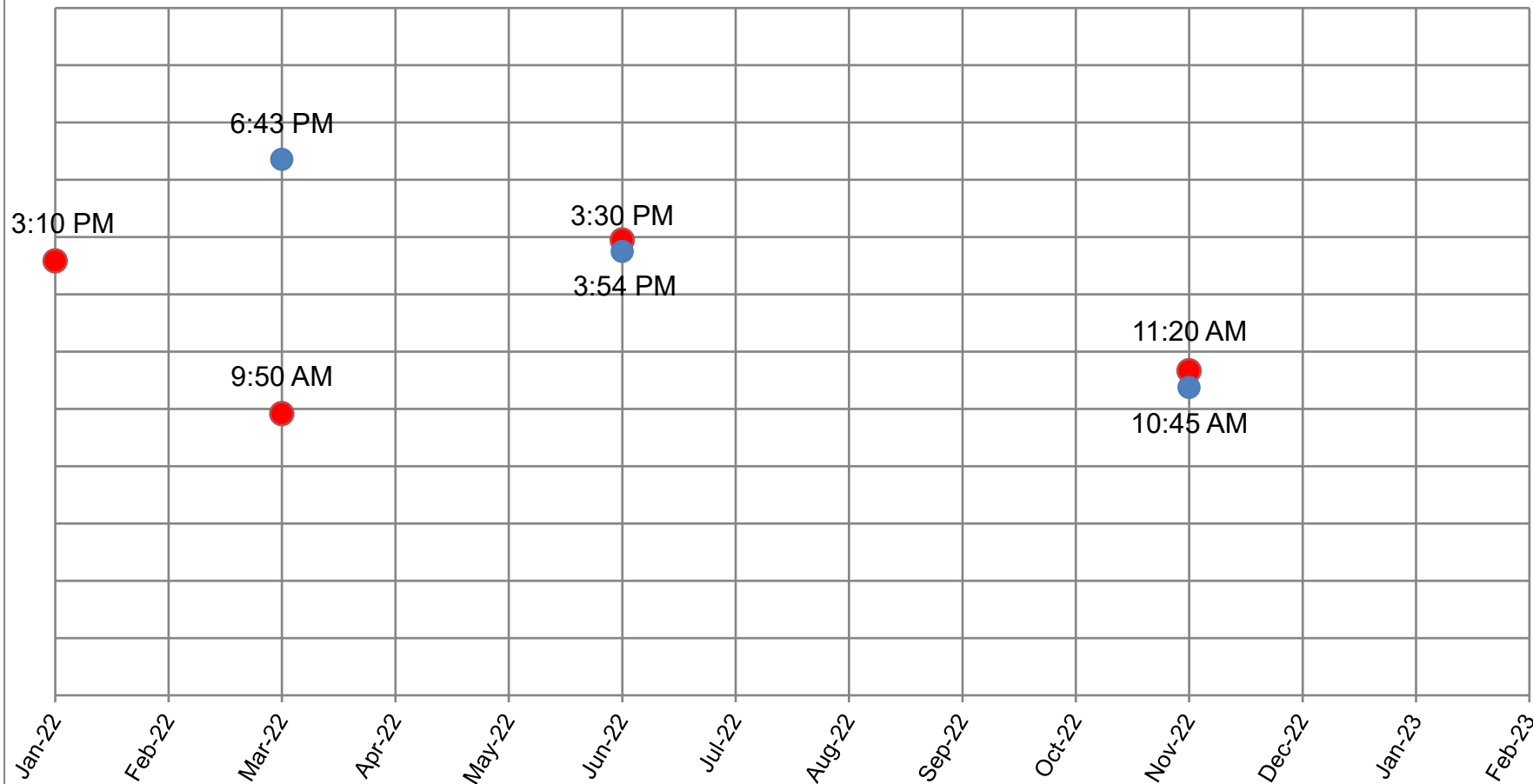
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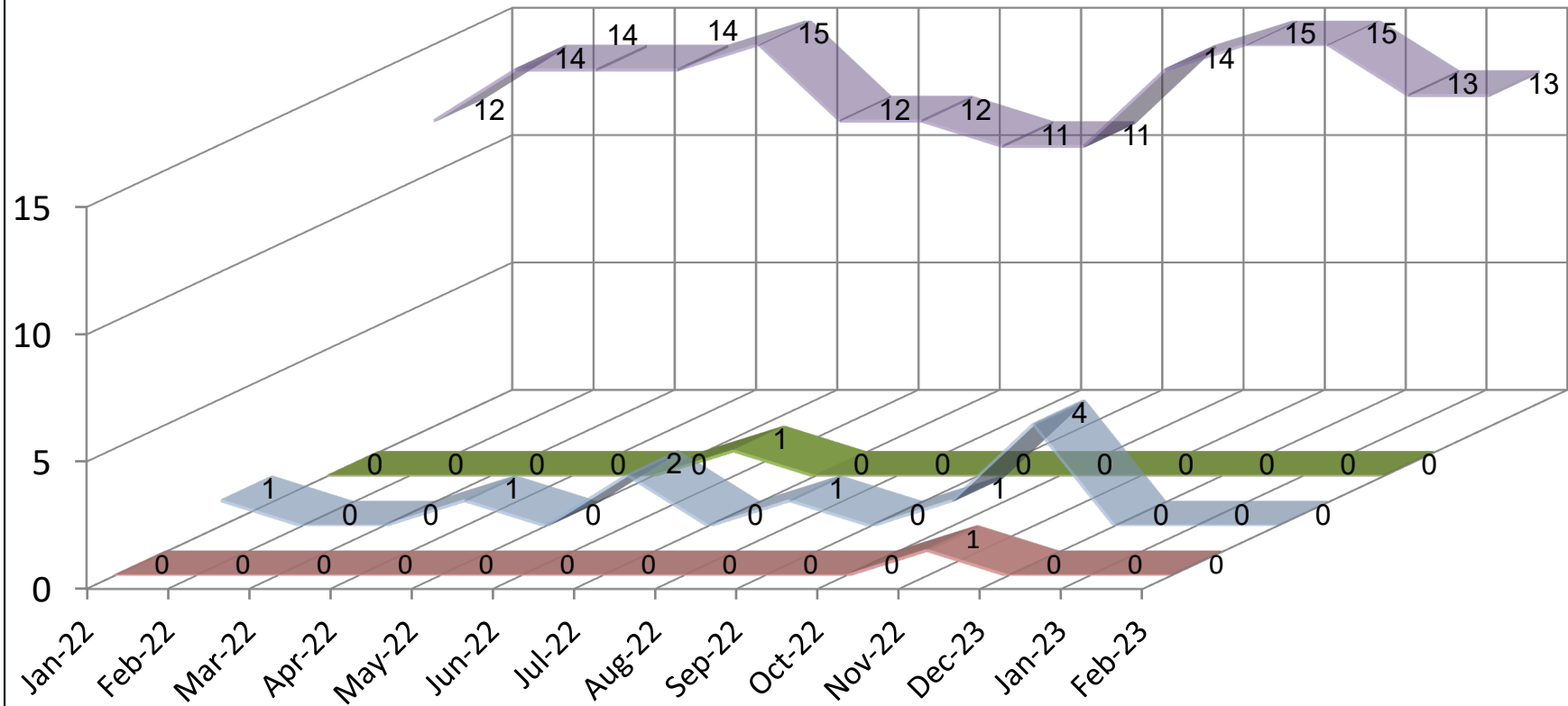
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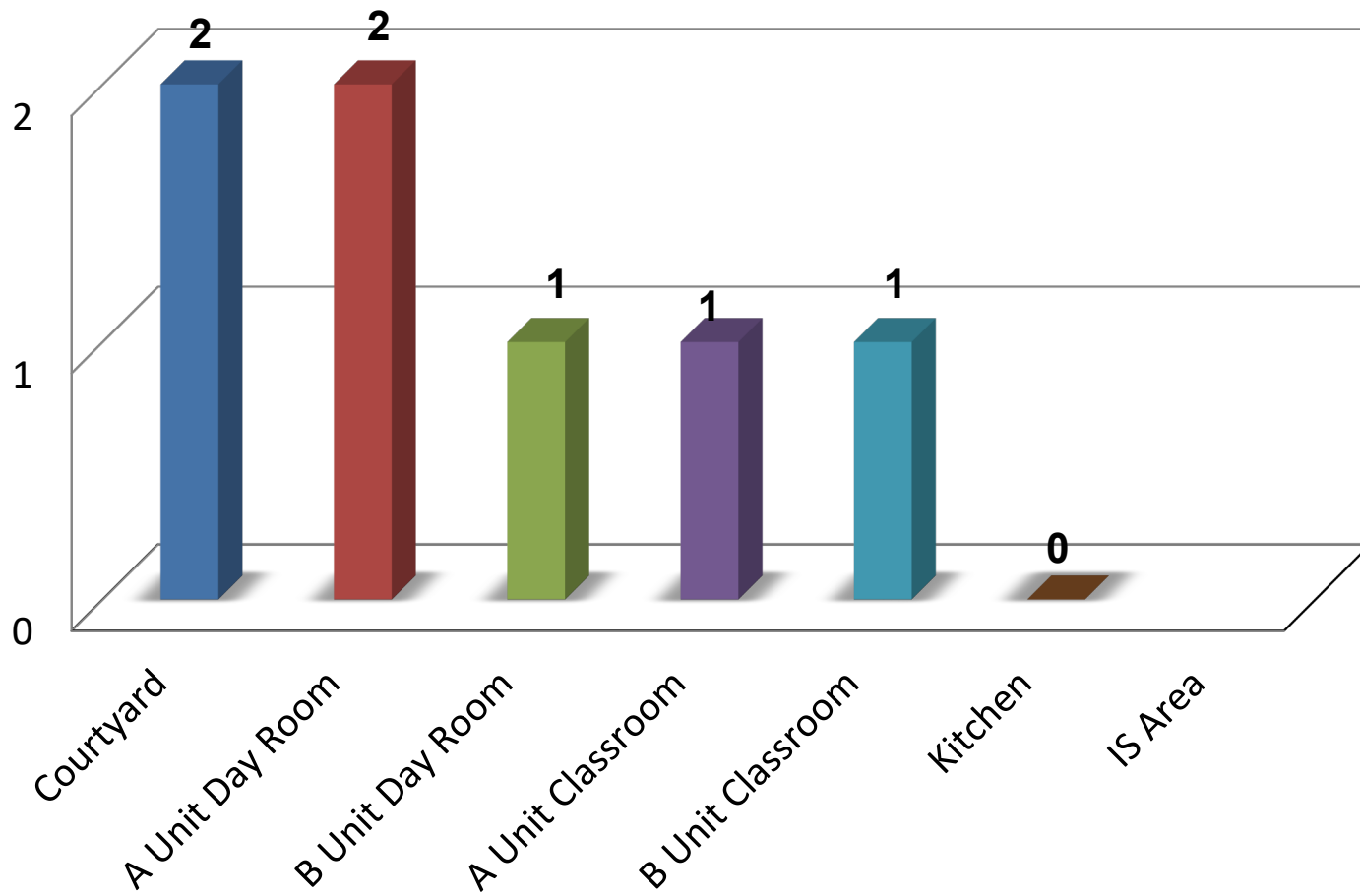
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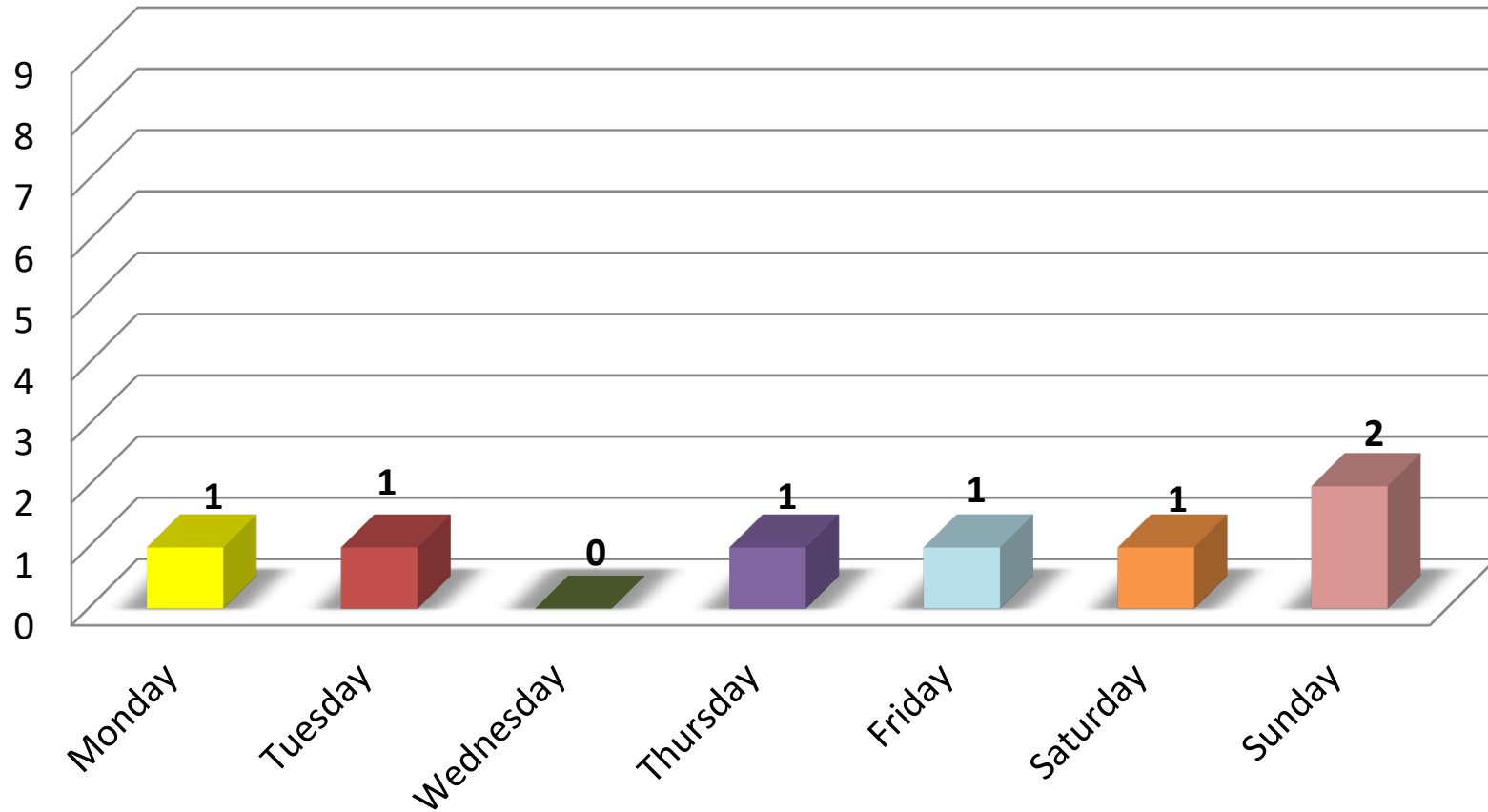
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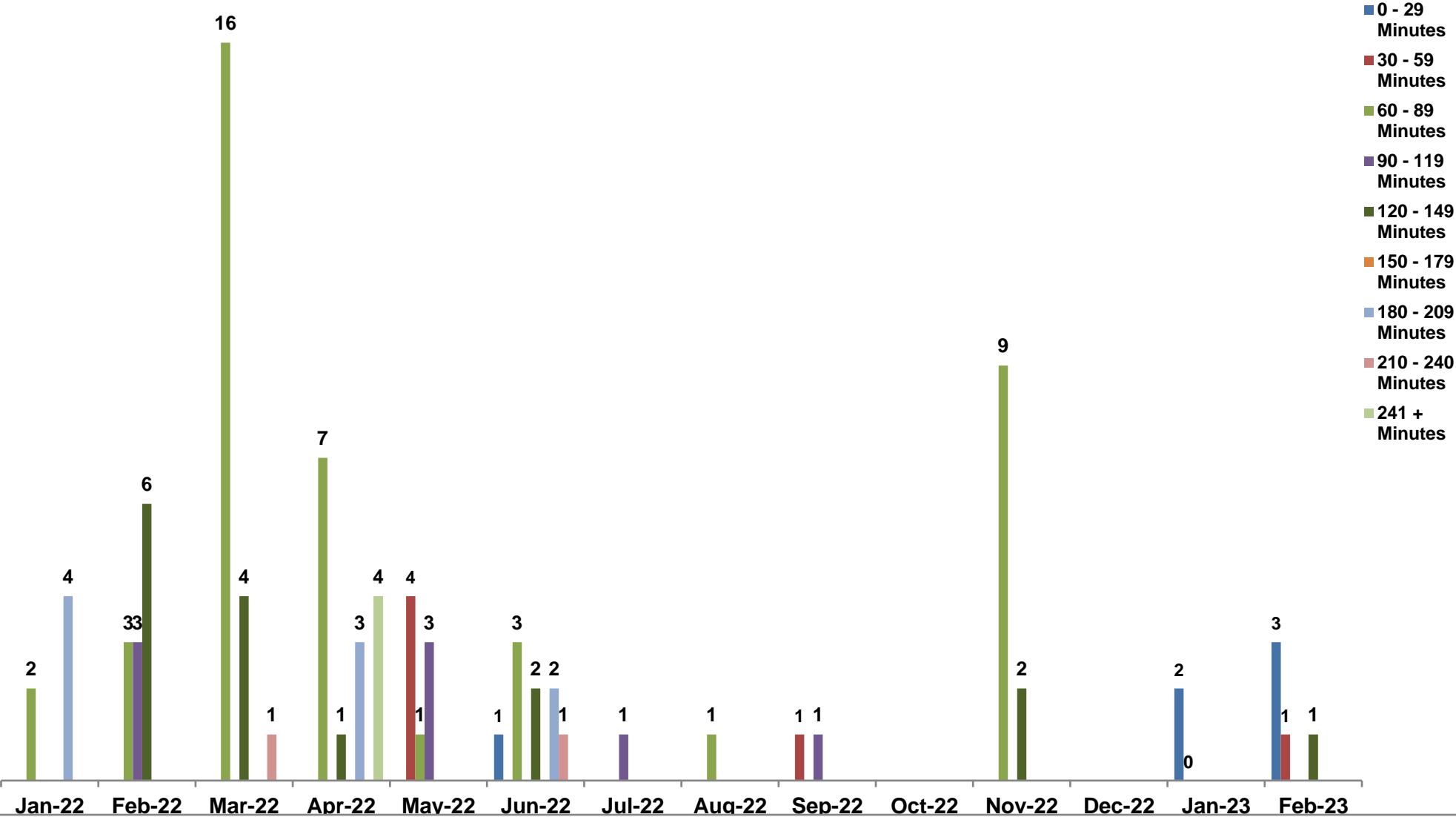
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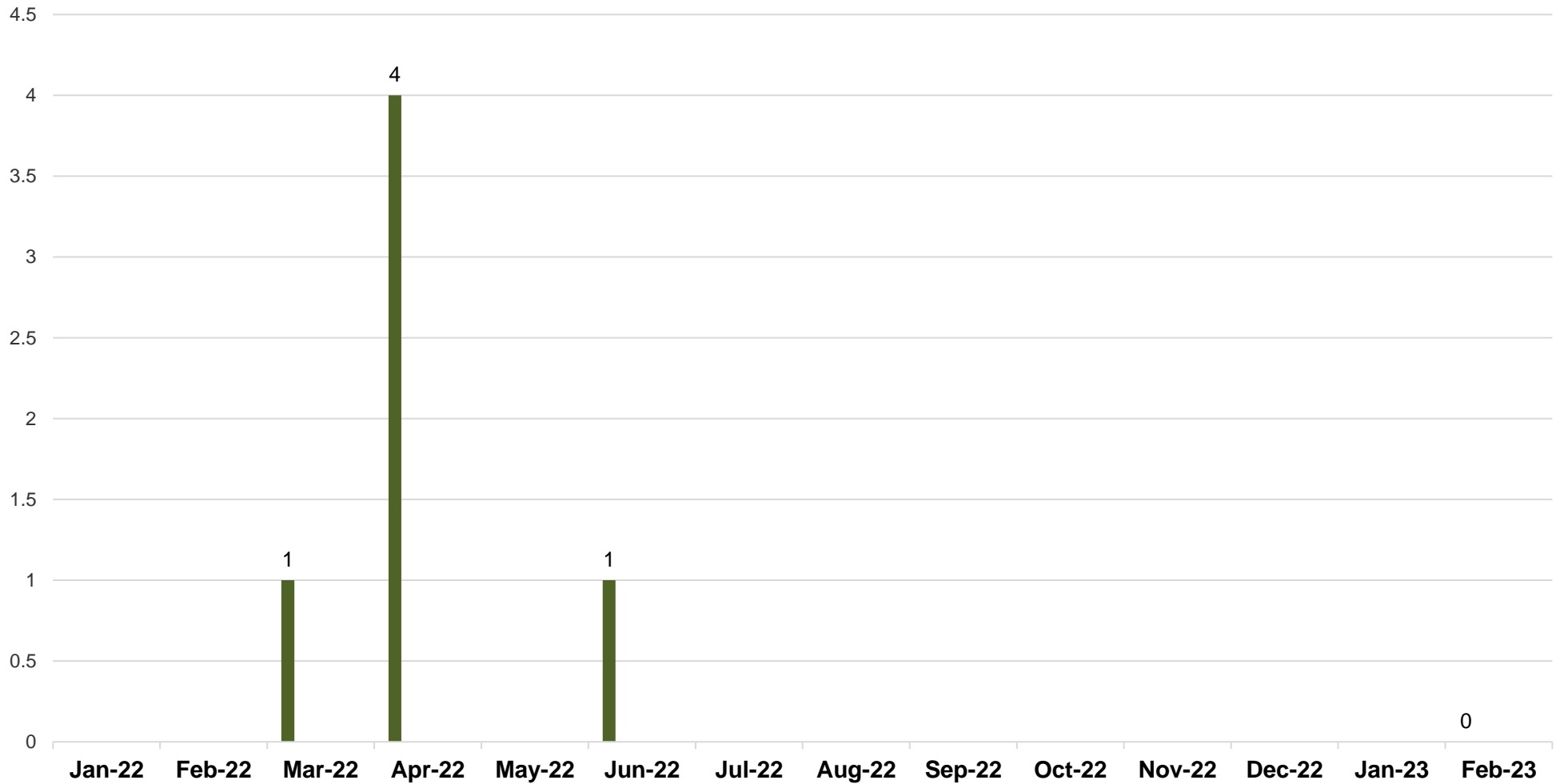


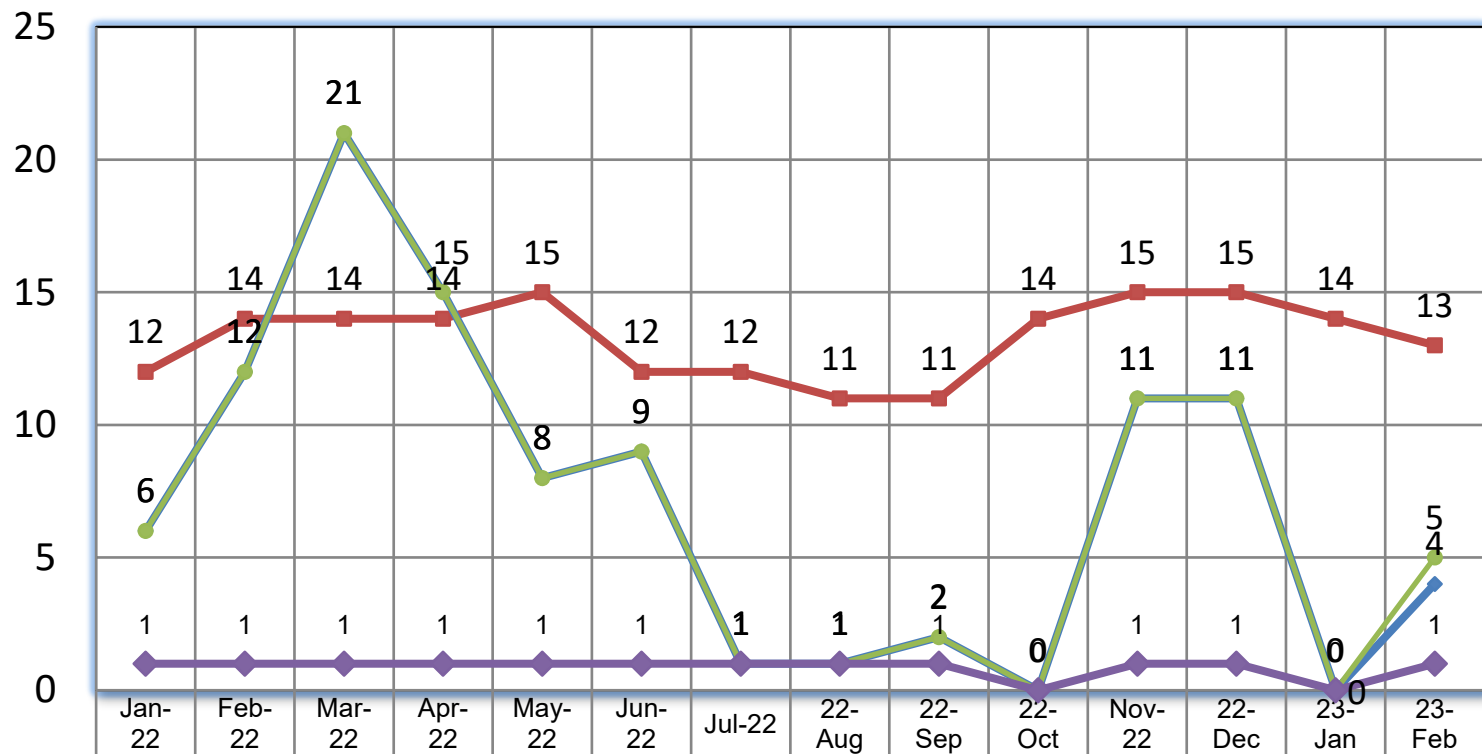
# Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Room Confinement by Minute January 2022 - February 2023



# Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Room Confinement over 4 Hours January 2 - February 2023

■ 4 - 5 Hours ■ 6 - 7 Hours ■ 8 - 9 Hours ■ 10 - 11 Hours ■ 12 Hours

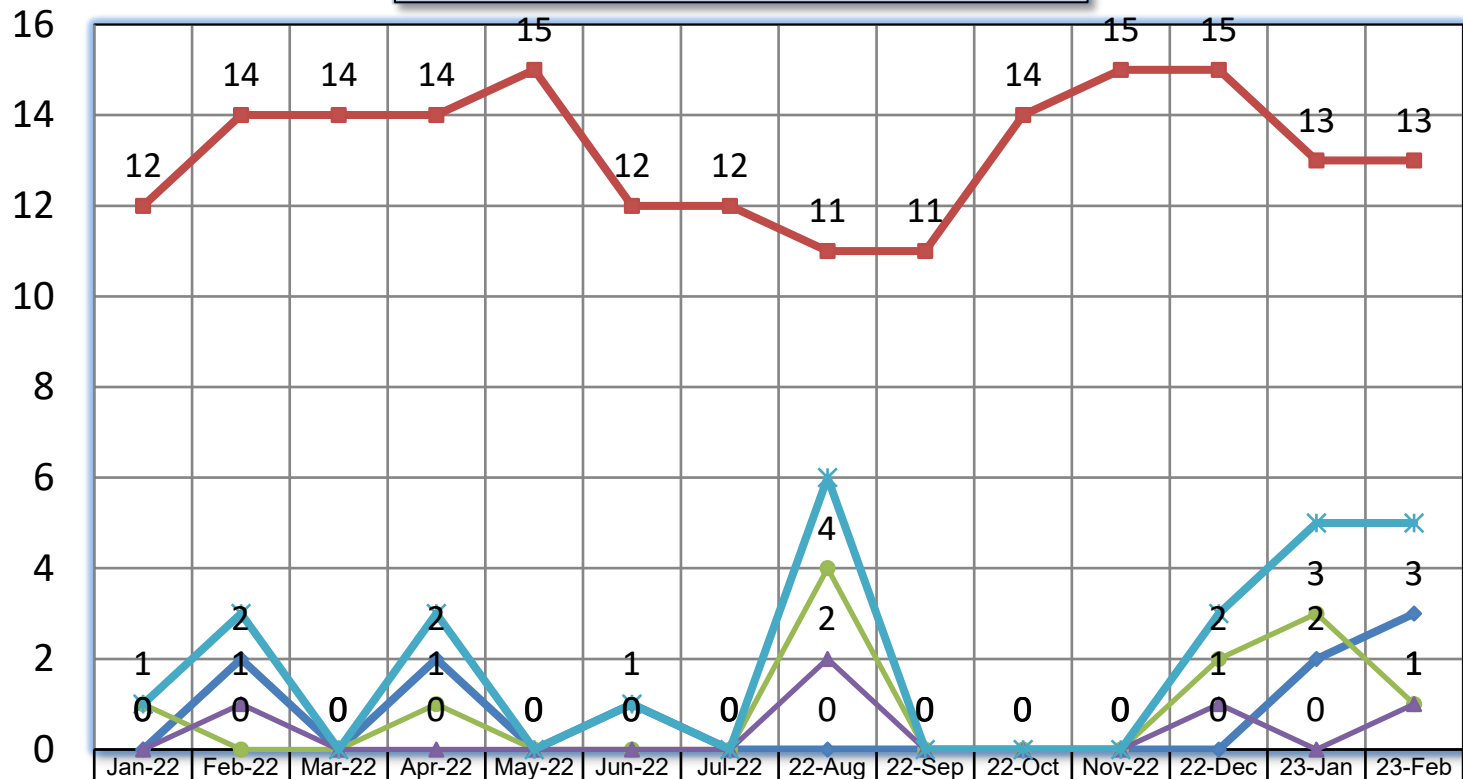




ADP	12	14	14	14	15	12	12	11	11	14	15	15	14	13
# Youth Incidents	6	12	21	15	8	9	1	1	2	0	11	11	0	4
Total # R/C Days for Month	6	12	21	15	8	9	1	1	2	0	11	11	0	5
Avg # R/C Days per Youth/Incident	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1

**Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall**  
**Room Confinement: Overview**  
**January 2022 - February 2023**

## Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Grievances: Overview



	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	22-Aug	22-Sep	22-Oct	Nov-22	22-Dec	23-Jan	23-Feb
ADP	12	14	14	14	15	12	12	11	11	14	15	15	13	13
Conditions	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
Discipline	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	3	1
Staff/Policies	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total # Grievances	1	3	0	3	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	3	5	5

January 2022 - February 2023

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**  
**JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION**  
Adopted February 9, 2023

***COMMISSIONER AGREEMENTS***

- 1) Be familiar with the JJDPC bylaws and agree to be bound by them.
- 2) Make a good faith effort to attend monthly Commission Meetings and annual Board Retreat and to notify the Chair if not able to attend a scheduled meeting.
- 3) Join a Sub-Committee and make a good faith effort to attend meetings and notify the Subcommittee Chair if not able to attend a scheduled meeting..
- 4) Communicate with the Supervisor who nominated you no less than 2 times in a year to discuss our work or answer questions they may have.
- 5) Serve for a four-year term, with possible term renewals for up to two additional terms for a maximum of 12 years.
- 6) Consider taking a leadership role in a sub-committee.
- 7) Understand and honor the absolute requirement of preserving the confidentiality of information relating to individual juveniles and Juvenile Justice Commission work.
- 8) Assist in recruiting new Commissioners.
- 9) Understand that Commissioners may not represent themselves as speaking for the Commission unless they have been authorized to do so by the Chair and/or the full Commission.

In signing below, I agree to serve on the JJDPC Commission and abide by the above agreements:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# New Options for Local Legislative Bodies to Access Public Meetings Remotely

October 11, 2022  
Number 48

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State lawmakers have given members of local legislative bodies a new option for remote participation in public agency meetings.

Assembly Bill (AB) 361 previously provided for remote attendance during declared emergencies through January 1, 2024. Now, effective January 1, 2023, AB 2449 retains existing Brown Act teleconferencing requirements for non-emergency situations, but also provides an additional opportunity for remote attendance even when there is no state of emergency. This new law includes provisions permitting individual board members to attend public meetings remotely if they are dealing with a personal emergency, or for other “just cause.” These new remote attendance options, which sunset on January 1, 2026, include conditions and requirements that must be followed in order for individual board members to utilize the additional flexibility provided under AB 2449.

**Background: Traditional Teleconferencing Requirements and AB 361 Flexibility**

Under the Brown Act, legislative bodies seeking to use teleconferencing technology (which includes both telephone and online access) for public meetings are required to give notice, including the address of any locations where members are attending via teleconference, and to post agendas at those locations. These locations are also required to be open and accessible to the public during the meeting. If these requirements are met, members can attend meetings via teleconference, so long as a quorum of the legislative body physically attends the meeting at the same location within the boundaries of the public agency.

In March 2020, Governor Newsom issued an executive order that waived these requirements during much of the pandemic. Later, AB 361, effective September 2021, provided a statutory process for governing bodies to meet remotely through the end of 2023. Under AB 361, local legislative bodies are permitted to meet remotely during a proclaimed state of emergency if state or local officials imposed or recommended social distancing or, if it is determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. Additionally, the local legislative body must make findings every 30 days in order to continue meeting remotely. To read more about AB 361, see our [2021 Client News Brief Number 26](#).

## AB 2449's New Teleconferencing Option: More Flexibility, More Requirements

Starting January 1, 2023, in addition to the traditional teleconferencing rules for non-emergency situations and the relief provided by AB 361, AB 2449 permits individual members of legislative bodies to utilize additional exemptions in case of a personal physical or family medical emergency or for "just cause," defined as a caregiving need, contagious illness, physical or mental disability, or travel while on official business of the legislative body or another local or state agency.

Members seeking to participate remotely for "just cause" must notify the legislative body as soon as possible, including at the beginning of a meeting, of their need to participate remotely. This notification must include a general description of the circumstances relating to their need to participate remotely. Members may only use this provision for up to two meetings per year.

Members seeking to participate remotely due to emergency circumstances must make a request as soon as possible, providing a separate request for each meeting they wish to attend remotely. The legislative body must also take action to approve the request. If the request is not made in time to place it on the agenda, such action may be taken at the beginning of the meeting and must include a general description of the circumstances related to the member's need to participate remotely.

Members participating remotely due to an emergency must participate both on camera and via audio. Additionally, before any action is taken, the member must disclose if anyone 18 or older is in the room at the remote location with them, and the general nature of the relationship with the person or persons. Members may not participate in meetings remotely (whether due to an emergency, or in combination with "just cause") for more than three consecutive months or 20 percent of the legislative body's meetings in one calendar year. If the body meets less than 10 times a year, members may not participate remotely for more than two meetings.

Under AB 2449, the legislative body must still adhere to the quorum, notice, and agenda requirements applicable under the Brown Act. Unlike the traditional teleconferencing option, individual members who are teleconferencing into the meeting under this new option are not required to make their remote location open and accessible to the public and their location does not have to appear in the agenda. The legislative body **must also ensure means for the public to access and participate in the meeting remotely**, either via a two-way audio-visual platform or two-way telephonic service plus live webcast, as a means by which the public may remotely hear and visually observe the meeting and remotely address the legislative body.

### Takeaways

Once again, the Legislature has extended flexibility under the Brown Act to allow legislative bodies and their members to conduct agency business remotely. However, with this flexibility comes additional limitations and requirements intended to maintain public accessibility and agency accountability. Implementing these changes will require public agencies to remain cognizant of the Brown Act requirements applicable to each type of circumstance justifying remote attendance.

A number of questions and practical concerns remain regarding implementation of this bill, and we encourage you to work with legal counsel as those questions arise. If you have any questions regarding AB 2449 and options for remote attendance, please contact the authors of this Client News Brief or an attorney



at one of our [eight offices](#) located statewide. You can also subscribe to our [podcasts](#), follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) or download our [mobile app](#).

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## County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

### Agenda Item Submittal

From: Probation Department

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**Subject:** Accept and File Annual Juvenile Hall Inspection Report

**Meeting Date:** March 14, 2023

### Recommended Action(s):

Accept and file the 2022 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission's Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Inspection Report

### Executive Summary

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJJPC) conducts an annual inspection and provides a report with any recommendations concerning the Juvenile Hall and related conditions of confinement. Existing statute requires that this report be in writing and furnished to the Juvenile Court and the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). In addition, past practice has included presenting this report to the Board. The JJJPC 2022 inspection report is attached hereto.

### Background

The JJJPC annual facility inspection uses the nation's highest standards--the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) self-inspection tool established by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. These standards are very thorough and set the bar higher than the mandates from BSCC and the Title 15 minimum standards. As a department, Probation believes we should hold the facility up to the highest standards ensuring the best level of care for young people detained in our care. As a facility, Probation voluntarily submits to this high level of national practice.

### Analysis

The 2022 JJJPC annual inspection of Juvenile Hall was performed by Commissioners Cynthia Druley, David Lucio, Athena Reis, Kayla Kumar, Kieran Kelly, and Deutron Kebebew and focused on policies, procedures, protocols, and programming. The resulting JJJPC inspection report ("Report") concluded that the Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall continues to be a model for JDAI principles and meets or exceeds the vast majority of standards established by JDAI. The Report also included recommendations for areas that were determined not to be in full compliance, and these have been addressed by Probation. Recommendations with responses are listed below.

- Classification and Intake – COVID-specific Restrictions  
*Recommendation:* Implement a less restrictive policy that reduces the number of days that the youth spend in medical isolation. [F]ollow current CDC Guidelines for Detention Centers and allow youth to join the general population immediately within 1 to 2 days after a confirmed negative antigen or PCR test.

*Response:* We have consulted with the Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency Director of Nursing and Clinical Services Division Medical Director assigned to the facility and the Public Health Officer regarding the facility's COVID practice. The

medical team agrees that the current plan is still appropriate due to our population and that it is a congregate setting. The Board of State and Community Corrections representative endorses and has been informed of the practice in place and that we are following directive of the County Health Officer.

*Recommendation:* [Quarantined youth] should be allowed a greater amount of time outside of their rooms and should be offered outside recreation time where they are able to engage in large muscle exercises, including playing basketball.

*Response:* While on the 5-day quarantine procedure, staff coordinate and supervise the youths' time outside of their room (for recreation; court; medical; visiting with family, attorney, counselor, and natural supports) separate from the group. One-on-one supervision and use of the courtyard and dayroom requires the coordination and availability of staff and the space. It will continue to be a priority for facility and medical staff to expedite the quarantine process and have youth out of their rooms as much as possible.

*Recommendation:* Re-evaluate policy that all youth in the Facility eat meals at individual tables on the unit [per COVID-specific restrictions].

*Response:* Youth resumed eating together in the dining room November 2, 2022. Youth had to temporarily return to eating at tables on the unit due to a significant roof leak in the dining room caused by recent storm damage. Youth returned to the dining room for meals on February 2, 2023.

- Access

*Recommendation:* Youth's access to attorneys, support staff, social workers, and other service providers is occasionally limited by scheduling restrictions, staffing limitations, and a lack of available confidential meeting space. The Commission recommends that these service providers be permitted to visit without restriction during all hours when the youth is awake and not engaged in court or family visits as per JDAI guidelines.

*Response:* Due to limited confidential and secure meeting rooms, visitors are strongly encouraged to call ahead and reserve a time to meet with a youth. Visits are scheduled after hours and on weekends. Due to challenges with staff coverage, if the facility is unable to have a room or supervision available at the requested time, then the visitor is provided other scheduling options. All youth have in-person and virtual visiting available with family, attorney, court, program providers, and natural supports.

*Recommendation:* Facility administration state that special visits are scheduled, but it appears that some youth and parents are either unaware of this or have not been accommodated. We recommend youth and parents be fully informed about this option.

*Response:* During the intake process, Juvenile Hall Institutional Supervisors and the Intake Supervisor will ensure youth and families are informed of available options for visiting.

*Recommendation:* Youth noted that since Covid began, the facility does not conform to JDAI guidelines to allow youth to receive reasonable numbers of books and magazines brought into the facility by family members, which may be inspected for contraband. Given data shows that Covid is not spread through surfaces, it is recommended to revisit this policy to be in conformance.

*Response:* As noted in the Report, the COVID restriction was lifted at the facility and this practice was changed on October 24, 2022, to allow families to resume bringing reading materials for youth.

- Medical Services

*Recommendation:* [Reduce the amount of time to get required consents as] youths' medical and behavioral health can be negatively impacted while they are not receiving their medication. This should be prioritized, and efforts made to get the psychotropic medications in a more reasonable timeframe for youth who need them.

*Response:* This year we initiated formal quality improvement work through a newly established Quality Assurance/ Quality Improvement (QA/QI) committee that incorporates members from Probation, Public Health, Clinics, and Specialty Behavioral Health. Initial projects are focusing on development of emergency health record workflows that will capture the data necessary to appropriately perform quality improvement reviews in the domains of psychotropic consents, medication prescribing, routine screenings, and discharge planning. The multidisciplinary team has collaborated to better understand, define processes, and update the policy related to psychotropic medication consents, elevating the awareness of this issue for all youth, particularly for those detained youth where consent requires involvement of the judicial system (such as when a young person is the ward of the court or dependent of Child Welfare).

Another major undertaking of this work group is to enhance the quality of care with the implementation of an Electronic Health Record (EHR) system. In partnership with the Clinics Division EHR site specialist, the EHR system and workflows for its use (documentation, medication administration, referrals ordering, diagnostics, etc.) is in development based on best practices from similar systems across the U.S. This has required special consideration for maintaining the youths' privacy with respect to receiving care in custody.

- Mental Health Services

*Recommendation:* We recommend that additional or dedicated space be found in the current facility and be prioritized in the site renovation to best serve the mental health needs of the youth.

*Response:* The aging facility has limited secure and confidential space available to meet with clients. Priority is given to Behavioral Health staff to use the former office which was converted to a soft counseling room with a mural, couches, and sound machine; yet attorney and family visits also prefer to use this space. We were awarded SB 823 grant funds and GSD is currently working to convert the former court room to an additional safe and secure visiting space to meet with detained young persons. This room also has capacity for virtual communication/visitation.

- Programming

*Recommendation:* We recommend that the policy for Special Program (Section 27.1) be reviewed and revised to detail: 1) the maximum amount of time youth will be in their cell each day, 2) specific times when youth are allowed out of their cell, 3) that teachers are informed when youth are put on Special Program and that youth have daily contact with their teachers to review lessons, 4) are allowed outside each day and to have 1 hour of LMA [large muscle activity], and, 5) clearly define instances under which “Special Program” is initiated. We recommend that the policy include specific guidelines for use of Special Program exceeding one day.

*Response:* BSCC Juvenile Title 15 Section 1354 regarding separation states that that the facility administrator shall develop and implement written policies and procedures that address separation of youth for reasons that include, but are not limited to, medical and mental health conditions, assaultive behavior, disciplinary consequences, and protective custody; consideration of positive youth development and trauma-informed care; separated youth shall not be denied normal privileges available at the facility, except when necessary to accomplish the objective of separation; policies and procedures shall ensure a daily review of separated youth to determine if separation remains necessary. The BSCC’s 2-year inspection report of the facility dated September 13, 2022, found the facility in compliance with this regulation.

Placing a youth on a Special Program is reserved for when a youth poses a safety or security risk to the unit. Support through Behavioral Health and mediation provided by staff along with the use of the two units and recreation space is utilized prior to youth being placed on a special program. Placement on a Special Program is only after a youth has violated a major rule of the facility. Placement on a Special Program is temporary, with the goal of having the youth return to full program. Youth placed on a Special Program receive at least the minimum Title 15 mandates, which includes LMA outside; and programs are reviewed daily.

Our County Office of Education teaching partners responded to the feedback from the inspection and immediately incorporated daily contact with students participating in school outside of the classroom.

- Restraints, Room Confinement, Grievances and Reporting Procedures

*Recommendation:* [M]ore be done to communicate [to parents and guardians] when to, why to, and how to submit a grievance.

*Response:* Juvenile Hall Institutional Supervisors and the Intake Supervisor will reinforce the sharing of information on the availability of grievance forms and the process to submit in their interactions with parents and guardians of youth.

*Recommendation:* [I]mprove communications between the multidisciplinary team ensuring that all instances where outside emergency medical services are required are shared with medical staff leadership.

*Response:* As noted earlier in the Medical Services response, communication and documentation improvements have been implemented to enhance workflow and ensure all team members are informed of any incidents.

*Recommendation:* Incident Reports [should] be reviewed by the Commission at the same time as Grievances.

*Response:* Commissioners are going to visit the facility once a month to review any grievance and significant incident reports to ensure all parties are informed.

*Recommendation:* [The use of leg shackles] be discontinued to remain in compliance with JDAI guidelines.

*Response:* Leg shackles are available to be used as a last resort option only when deemed necessary to ensure safety, and only used once as a temporary restraint during the past year.

- Environment

*Recommendation:* [T]he administration, during its upcoming renovation, explore the possibility of greater room personalization and furnishings, including a rug, a desk, and somewhere to hang or store clothes.

*Response:* Additional personal items may be approved for individual youth by management, such as a writing implement & paper, stress balls, iPod and headphones for music, Nerf basketball and hoop. For security, youth's request, or facility needs, staff may need to move a youth between cells. Security can be jeopardized when a youth has personalized and feels that the cell is their room. Additional items, such as a rug, desk or something to hang clothes on are items which could be used by a youth to induce self-harm.

- Training and Supervision of Employees

*Recommendation:* [B]est practices would dictate that the Facility should develop an annual staffing plan that accounts for staff training, foreseeable vacancies, staff vacation, family and medical leaves and other absence and should address the potential of involuntary double shifts and mandated overtime if and when they might be necessary.

*Response:* The facility has a staffing schedule and training plan, and accommodates staff coverage for training, vacations, etc. Unfortunately, numerous variables impacted staffing and coverage this past year, which resulted in occasional need for overtime for staff to participate in training.

*Recommendation:* The Facility should provide information and staff training on how to work with youth in a culturally responsive manner regarding racial and ethnic backgrounds bias of youth in custody that includes youth voices.

*Response:* The annual training plan includes courses which address race ethnicity, and gender. The department's training manager is seeking to appropriate the

availability of more courses that specifically address bias for youth in custody and includes youth voice.

The Probation Department is grateful for the time and attention the JJDPC Commissioners dedicated to performing and completing the 2022 inspection and inspection report. The Commissioners' support and flexibility with the process due to fluctuating COVID restrictions is also appreciated. Probation values feedback regarding the operations and functions of Juvenile Hall as we continually strive to bring the young people in our facility the best care possible while they are detained and to support them in preparation of and during transition back into the community.

**Strategic Plan Element(s)**

1.C (Comprehensive Health & Safety: Local Justice)

6.A (Operational Excellence: Customer Experience)

6.D (Operational Excellence: Continuous Improvement)

The JJDPC guides ongoing and continuous improvement of standards that increase public safety through practices, partnerships, and transformative opportunities that respect customers and provides equitable access to efficient, effective, and culturally responsible services. The Inspection process and support from the Commission enables our department to provide a safe and caring environment for young people while they are detained in our Juvenile Hall.

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**Attachments:**

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## Steering Committee Report

February 28, 2023

In attendance: Cynthia, Beverly, Sandra, Ben, David Brody

### Santa Clara Site Visit (Secure Track)

Beverly coordinated with Daniel Cortez who is the secure track manager in Santa Clara Juvenile Hall to do a site visit. Cynthia was able to attend the visit, others had to pass on this trip for various reasons. During their visit, Beverly and Cynthia were very impressed with the support / collaboration with Google that Daniel created and how he and his staff have created “a home like environment” as SB823 has indicated.

There are 3 units which hold 12 youth per unit. Currently there are 24 youth in placement. Each unit has a classroom, place for youth to cook their own meals as well as do exercise. There is room for a total of 36 youth.

Currently all 24 are enrolled in College, DMV support youth by issuing out California I. D's. There is family therapy and assessments implemented into the youths programming. Youth are given 3 sets of clothing (Day, Leisure and workout wear). Upon their release they will be provided a cell phone. Laptop, their clothing and a “go bag”. Santa Clara hopes a youth upon release would be able to obtain a job within 24 hours and Probation will have verified that they have housing upon their release.

Correctional Officers are in regular clothing and Beverly and Cynthia were very impressed by the staffs Trauma informed care that is practiced in these units. Overall, Beverly and Cynthia saw that the youth felt respected and were treated with dignity and there was lots of positive energy in the units

### End of term for Commissioners:

- Cynthia pointed out that terms are ending for commissioners in April and it's also time for election of officers

### Next Board Meeting:

- Athena and David will be attending next BOS meeting

### Visits to BOS:

- Ben Rice and Cynthia met with Justin and Andy Schiffrin. They were very enthusiastic about the work that commissioners are doing.
- Beverly met with Bruce McPherson, she gave him the current report that went to BOS.



For March Agenda:

- Discuss and create action item for by laws, in order to move forward with these by laws in April
- Speak about Youth Bill of Rights
- Follow up on “special programing” youth was placed in

## **823 Subcommittee Meeting February 15, 2023**

Sandra, Angel Garcia from OYCR, and myself attended on zoom. Due to a schedule conflict with the Delinquency sub-committee, Elias wasn't able to make it and Athena had to leave after a half-hour.

Ms. Garcia shared that the OYCR ombudsperson is in place and her name is Efrat Sharoni. She will be hiring regional folks to address the needs of youth and families. Her office has sent out posters but feels they need a variety of ways that youth and families can connect to the office of the Ombudsperson.

We asked Ms. Garcia about the Youth Bill of Rights. She explained that the Youth Bill of Rights expands the current youth bill of rights and applies to youth housed in all juvenile justice facilities including local ones. Additionally a copy of it must be included in orientation packets given to the youth and parents. The Youth Bill of Rights must be in place by June, 2023.

The SB823 Annual Plan is due in May, 2023. Ms Garcia shared that many 823 subcommittees of the JJCC are meeting every two weeks in order to submit their annual plan by May. I shared with her that our county's 823 sub-committee (not the JJDPC sub-committee) hasn't met since April, 2022. She was surprised to learn that we (I am on that sub-committee) doesn't meet regularly. Ms. Garcia indicated that OYCR isn't really an oversight body but that AB 823 mandates the sub-committee, which includes members of the community, be a part of the development of the annual plan.

Ms Garcia shared that OYCR will be holding a community input meeting in Santa Cruz County on Tuesday, March 21st in the afternoon. The public is encouraged to attend. She is meeting with Cynthia Druley tomorrow to look at locations where the meeting will be held. OYCR will be meeting with probation and community partners in the morning.

Ms. Garcia noted some of the issues and difficulties when youth are housed so far from their communities. She indicated that Sonoma has become a Bay Area hub for counties without a STYF.

Members of the JJDPC 823 sub-committee will be touring the Santa Clara County STYF this month and meeting with our DJJ youth in March.

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Sandra, Athena and Beverly attended the zoom 823 meeting. Kayla and Eli were unable to attend.

Cynthia and Beverly met on March 8, 2023 with the three youth currently incarcerated at DJJ. All three expressed anxiety about what they will do in Sonoma. They expressed a need to have vocational training so they will have job opportunities when they are released. One youth has a number of certificates (fork-lift, landscaping) from DJJ. All three have graduated from high school, one is enrolled in college, two are employed earning enough to pay for their commissary and saving some for their reentry.

They have personal belongings (television, radio, books) and hope they can take their belongings with them. One youth proudly shared how he created a vegetable garden at DJJ and hopes he can do the same at Sonoma. One youth expressed that he feels emotionally 15 even though he is 20. He says he doesn't know how to open a bank account or apply for a job. He is concerned about his future. He inquired about CASA. He said someone in court talked about it. Cynthia shared about CASA and the youth asked if he could get one. Cynthia will follow up with CASA.

One youth shared that the staff at DJJ talked to him about California Conservation Corps; however, he is undocumented and apparently CCC doesn't take undocumented youth.

One youth has not had any visits from his family, one has had sporadic visits and the other one has had regular visits.

SB 823 Annual Plan is due in May, 2023. The JJCC's 823 sub-committee will be meeting in person on April 10, 2023 at the probation department.

The OYCR community meeting will be held on March 21, 2023 at 1:30 at the Milpa offices in Watsonville. All are welcome. The topic is how is it going so far with secure tract and what should we be looking for in our reentry plans. Angel Garcia and other members of the OYCR will be in attendance.

Beverly has reached out to Rancho Cielo for a tour. Sandra shared that she is also planning to tour RC later in April. She is familiar with the program and shared with Beverly and Athena about what RC has to offer youth. We will coordinate our visit so that at least two commissioners can attend.

We discussed the new CASA program and the need for our youth to have advocates both through CASA and other avenues. Athena noted that she has wanted

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one of her advocates (not through CASA) to visit a youth at the hall. He has gone through the clearance process and been approved; however, there appears to be some resistance to letting him visit with the youth. Athena briefly addressed this at the commission meeting and now will ask Sara Ryan directly. In the meantime the 'advocate' has been referred to the CASA program. Perhaps this is an area we might want to address with the full commission.

The OYRC now has a full time obudsperson, Efrat Sharoni, who we might want to come and speak to the full commission in the future.

Probation advised that the van has been purchased but is in the process of being cleared by the county. This is the van that has the potential of transporting families to visit their youth in Sonoma.

Our next SB 823 meeting is on April 19th at 5:00 on zoom.