



# County of Santa Cruz

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## PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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Agenda: June 15, 1999

Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
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### **Accept and File Report on Activities of the Disproportionate Minority Confinement Task Force**

Dear Members of the Board:

On March 2, 1999, your Board requested that the Probation Department report back on the activities of the Disproportionate Minority Confinement Task Force.

As your Board will recall, the **Latino** Strategic Planning Collaborative and the Probation Department agreed to co-convene a group of Criminal Justice agency personnel and community members to address the issue of disproportionate minority confinement within the Juvenile Hall and throughout the Juvenile Justice system, and to monitor progress toward eliminating the problem.

At the time of writing of this report, the Task Force has met two times, with an additional meeting scheduled for June 23, 1999. A membership list is attached for your Board's information.

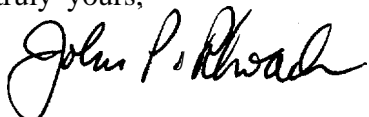
At the initial meeting, the Task Force heard a presentation by James Bell from the Youth Law Center in San Francisco. Mr. Bell described the Youth Law Center's Disproportionate Minority Confinement project which has been initiated in Seattle, Washington, and answered questions **from** the Task Force about how to get started.

The Task Force has also participated in discussions regarding process and problem-solving. It was agreed that the Task Force will begin by reviewing the detention decision-making process within Probation. Future meetings will include presentations **from** relevant Probation Intake staff. The Probation Department is also supplying the Task Force with data regarding the level of **Latino** youth throughout the Juvenile Justice system.

The work of the Task Force is now in it's **preliminary** stage, and it is recommended that a more detailed update be provided to your Board in January, 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board accept and file this report on the activities of the Disproportionate Minority Confinement Task Force and direct the Chief Probation Officer to submit a detailed update in January, 2000.

Very truly yours,



JOHN P. RHOADS  
Chief Probation Officer

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**RECOMMENDED:**



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SUSAN A. MAURIELLO  
County Administrative Officer

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Attachment

# Disproportionate Minority Confinement Task Force

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## Membership List

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing / Agency Affiliation</u>
Judge Kathleen Akao	Courts
Mary Lou Alejo	Latin0 Affairs Commission
Chris Ballin	Latin0 Strategic Planning Collaborative
Steve Belcher	Santa Cruz Police Department
Don Braunton	Capitola Police Department
April Bullock	Criminal Justice Council
John Casey	Pajaro Valley Unified School District
Dane Cervine	Health Services Agency - Children's Mental Health
Gerald Christensen	Public Defender
Judy Cox	Probation
Daniel Dodge	Latin0 Affairs Commission
Cecilia Espinola	Human Resources Agency
Mary Lou Goeke	United Way
Maria Hurtado	Latin0 Strategic Planning Collaborative
Terry Medina	Watsonville Police Department
Lynn Miller	Human Resources Agency
Roy Nelson	Santa Cruz City Schools District
Manuel Perez, Jr.	Latino Strategic Planning Collaborative
Dinah Phillips	County Administrative Office
Jii Rapoza	Juvenile Hall
John Rhoads	Probation
Ron Ruiz	District Attorney
Diane Siri	County Office of Education
Mark Tracy	Sheriff