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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES JUVENILE COURT

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE
OMBUDSPERSON DIVISION OF THE OFFICE
OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY
RESTORATION OF THE CALIFORNIA
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
TO ACCESS, INSPECT, COPY, AND
MAINTAIN JUVENILE CASE RECORDS

STANDING ORDER

The Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) is part of the California Health and Human Services Agency. The OYCR Ombudsperson Division (Ombudsperson) is authorized to investigate complaints from youth, which may include issues relating to "harmful conditions or practices [in juvenile facilities], violations of laws and regulations governing facilities, and circumstances presenting an emergency situation." (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 2200, subds. (d)(1), (d)(2).)

The Ombudsperson shall "[h]ave access to, and review copies of, any record of a local agency, and contractors with local agencies, except personnel records legally required to be kept confidential. Access to records shall be in accordance with existing law and rules of court governing juvenile confidentiality and all other applicable laws. The Ombudsperson shall be granted access to records during business hours with advance notice of minimum of 48 hours to the agency in direct control of the records of the facility." (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 2200(d)(4).)

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Accordingly, upon consideration of the Ombudsperson's Request for Access to Records, the Court finds good cause to authorize the Ombudspersons, or their designee, to access, inspect, review, copy, and maintain juvenile case file records and any record of the local juvenile facilities or contract agencies maintained by the Los Angeles County Probation Department when requested as part of an OYCR investigation. Such records include, but are not limited to, probation files, facility or operational logs, movement logs, visitation logs, video recordings, incident reports, grievances, appeals, and any reports, investigations, or other written findings from the County of Los Angeles Office of Inspector General.

The Ombudsperson shall redact the names, addresses, and any other identifying information of any victim or other co-participant minor identified in the records, along with other information protected by Welfare and Institutions Code section 827, Los Angeles County local court rule 7.2, and California Rules of Court, rule 5.552. The Ombudsperson shall safeguard the confidentiality of any records obtained and shall not disseminate the documents or information therein in any manner other than as legally necessary to carry out the OYCR's investigatory functions, as defined by Welfare & Institutions Code, section 2200.2, subdivision (e).

This Standing Order is effective immediately and expires on January 1, 2024.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: November 20, 2023

AKEMI ARAKAKI
Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court