

# Reentry Council

## City & County of San Francisco

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AGENDA

Thursday, July 22, 2021

10am- 12pm

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1. Call to Order and Introductions.
2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement
3. Public Comment on Any Item Listed Below as for “Discussion Only.” (NOTE: public comment on items listed as “possible action” will occur during that agenda’s time).
4. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2021 (discussion & possible action).
5. Staff Report on Activities of the Reentry Council and its Subcommittees (discussion & possible action).
  - a. Staff updates
    - i. Mayoral Appointments to the Reentry Council
    - ii. Legislation the Council Voted to Support
    - iii. Women’s Gender Responsive Work
    - iv. Mental Health Transitional Housing Program
    - v. 8th Annual Reentry Conference and Resource Fair – Friday, September 17, 2021
    - vi. Positive Directions TRP Academy
    - vii. Reentry Stabilization Center
    - viii. Fair Chance Hiring
  - b. Subcommittee updates
    - ix. Direct Services Subcommittee
    - x. Legislation, Policy, and Practices Subcommittee
    - xi. Women 1st Subcommitte
    - xii. Reentry Council Subcommittees Rosters
    - xiii. Updated Reentry Council Calendar
6. Regular Update on Activities of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, Sentencing Commission, Collaborative Courts, and Community Corrections Partnership, PROSPR and STARR (discussion only)
7. Racial Equity Work Updates – Criminal justice Racial Equity Workgroup Update and other Departments are welcome to provide a Racial Equity Update for their Department (discussion only)
8. Updated Direct Services, Legislation, Policy, and Practices, and Women 1st Subcommittee Rosters (discussion and possible action)
9. Annual Reentry Community Dinner Event – Ernest Kirkwood (discussion & possible action).
10. Council Members’ Comments, questions and Requests for Future Agenda Items (discussion only)
11. Public Comment on any item on today’s agenda, or on other business within the purview of the Reentry Council (discussion only)
12. Adjournment.

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DRAFT Minutes

Thursday, April 12, 2021

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

### **Zoom Information:**

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### Members Present:

James Caldwell for Mayor Breed (Chair) Assisant Sherriff Carter for Sheriff Paul Miyamoto (Chair) (SFSD), Chief Karen Fletcher (SFAPD), Valerie Ibarra and Manohar Raju (Public Defender), Tara Anderson for District Attorney Chesa Boudin (DA), Parole Agent Aspen Marshall for Gregory Sims (CDCR), Sheenia Branner (Mayoral Appointee), Angelica Almeida for Grant Colfax (DPH), Assistant Deputy Chief Amy Rizor for Anthony Castellano (US Probation), Alyson West for Mark Culkins (Superior Court), Assistant Chief Hernandez for Chief Katy Miller (Juvenile Probation), David McCahon for Trent Rohr (HSA), Karen Roye (DCSS), Tajuana Gray (OEWD), Commander Peter Walsh for Chief William Scott (SFPD), Oscar Salinas (BOS Appointee), Michael Brown (BOS Appointee), Jabari Jackson (BOS Appointee), Jasmine Dawson for Marla Su (DCYF).

### Members Absent:

Dedria Black (HSH), Malik Wade (Mayoral Appointee), Yolanda Morissette (BOS Appointee).

### 1. Call to Order and Introductions (discussion only)

James Cadwell, on behalf of San Francisco Mayor, London Breed, called to order at 10:04am. He thanked everyone for being in the virtual meeting and acknowledged the Council's five other Co-chairs: Chief Karen Fletcher (Adult Probation), Sheriff Miyamoto (Sheriff's Office), Manohar Raju (Public Defender) and our 6th Chair, representing the formerly incarcerated Council members, Jabari Jackson.

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Victoria Westbrook completed Reentry Council Roll Call, and gave a quick update on Zoom functions around the chat options for Public comments.

James Cadwell asked if anyone had a public comment:

No Public Comment.

### 2. Public Comment on Items listed as for "Discussion Only" (discussion only)

No Public Comment

### 3. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2020 (discussion & possible action)

Karen Roy made a motion to Accept Minutes.

Assistant Sheriff seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

### 4. Staff Report on Activities of the Reentry Council

Victoria Westbrook, Acting Reentry Policy Planner for the San Francisco Adult Probation Department, first provided an update about the Criminal Justice Racial Equity Working Group (CJREW). Victoria stated that the CJREW, in conjunction with the Safety and Justice Challenge Fellows, would be conducting a two-part training on the California Racial Justice Act, which prohibits the use of race, ethnicity, or national origin and sentencing and convictions, and aims to create greater equity within the justice system on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12 pm. The training will include staff from various SJC partner agencies and presents an opportunity for us to learn more about the legislation and how it may impact and enhance our work. The next CJREW meeting will occur on Thursday, 5/20/2021, 10am – 11:30am.

Tara Agnese provided an update regarding the racial equity work being done with in the Adult Probation Department. Adul Probation received a SAMHSA, the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Agency, technical assistance grant which focuses

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on diversity, equity, & inclusion within reentry services. That work is really a community of practice where we are trying to bring together a core team of individuals from the community reentry services community primarily to focus on our reentry services. So far to date, we have a core team of 19 members. Seventy-nine percent of the individuals involved are people with lived experience and people of color. We are trying to come up with an action plan that will inform our reentry services delivery work and essentially trying to determine if our reentry service delivery is equitable. We are actively seeking feedback from the community and from the providers that we fund to provide reentry services. We are not only seeking feedback from the community and partners, we are involving them in the planning and the decision making of what the action plan is going to look like, which will hopefully position our department to be able to answer questions about equitable access to services, as well as, whether or not service outcomes are equitable and other issues related to racial equity we are interested in exploring.

Additionally, just an update on one of our action items from our Racial Equity Action Plan from Phase 1. We are continuing to refine our mission, vision, and values. We are almost finished with that process. It's been great to get a lot of feedback from staff, We have tried to utilize an inclusive process, involving all staff which has allowed them to offer feedback as it relates to our mission, vision, and values.

Assistant Sheriff Carter provided a brief update regarding the Sheriff's Office racial equity work. She shared that they have been holding several meetings each month, inviting both our sworn and our professional staff, in addition to two community meetings in which they invited the community to provide feedback on their racial equity plans. She further explained that they are bringing in people that are representative of the demographics of their justice involved clients to speak with them and encourage them to get vaccinated. They are also showing videos of Black doctors to speak to them about the vaccines. Additionally, they are tackling 7 pillars dealing with hiring. Both sworn and professional staff are coming together to look at how we can be more equitable in the Sheriff's Office.

Tara Anderson from the District Attorney's Office reiterated the call that Victoria put out regarding participating in the California Racial Justice Act training. She explained that there was still room in the training for the Sheriff's Office and the Police Department and they look forward to having those seats filled. Tara also shared that the Safety and Justice Challenge has sent out a call for interest for SJC jurisdictions to participate in a deeper dive in addressing the racial and ethnic disparities within the criminal justice system. 4 jurisdictions would be selected for what appears to be additional technical assistance. The DA's office are trying to ascertain if there would also be additional funds associated with the technical assistance. Finally, Tara explained that the Innocence Commission, which was convened by District Attorney Boudin in partnership with many experts in our community around legal integrity and post-conviction, will be releasing a work in the coming month or so. Tara will make sure to share this report with everyone.

Assistant Chief Paula Hernandez from Juvenile Probation also provided an update. She stated that they have completed and submitted their racial equity plan. She further explained their department was currently focusing on internal issues related to racial equity. Their staff has already completed some training, but will be holding their second implicit bias training with Kimberly Papon, a nationally recognized expert on decision making, especially as it related to bias. They have also formed an internal committee which is creating cultural related celebrations. Assistant Chief Hernandez also said that now there will always be Racial Equity speakers at their all staff meetings so that all staff members can learn about various topics related to racial equity on a regular basis. Additionally, they are looking at hiring and onboarding, mentoring and developmental programming. Their HR department is tasked at looking at policies regarding ethnic holidays. A survey was also sent out to all staff asking about their experiences within the department related to racial equity. The data collected from this survey was then shared with all staff members and that are looking to utilize the feedback to make changes within the department.

Victoria Westbrook provided a brief update regarding the Reentry Council Subcommittees. Victoria explained that all three of the subcommittees discussed and unanimously voted to amend the Reentry Council Subcommittee Rules to include language codifying the reading of the Ramaytush Ohlone Land acknowledgment at the beginning of each subcommittee meeting. The council will be voting on the amendment to the Subcommittee Rules later in the agenda.

The Legislation, Policy, and Practices (LPP) Subcommittee focused on deciding which legislation to present to the Council today. Additionally, Christine Baron from Pretrial Diversion, presented information about how pretrial works in our City and answered questions members had. The next LPP meeting will be on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm.

In the Direct Services Subcommittee, the Housing Working Group is making great strides and hope to launch a survey to gain a better understanding of housing needs and gaps for the reentry community in the relatively near future. The next Direct Services meeting will be on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

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Finally, the Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Subcommittee is coming together. They are currently meeting every month, rather than every other month until they become more established. The next Women's 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be on Wednesday, May 5th, at 5:30pm.

The Reentry Council Subcommittee Rosters are located on pages 25 – 33 in the public packet. Victoria also directed Council members to page 21 of the public packet to review the updated Reentry Council Calendar, which now includes the Women 1<sup>st</sup> Subcommittee meeting dates and times.

There were no comments or questions related to the updates provided.

### **5. Regular Update on Activities of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, Sentencing Commission, Collaborative Courts, Community Corrections Partnership, Prop 47, and STARR (discussion only)**

Karen Roye provided an update about the Sentencing Commission. The Sentencing Commission met on March 23, 2021. The council approved an amendment to their bylaws, which added the reading of the Raymaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgment to the beginning of the Sentencing Commission meetings. Updates were provided from the Criminal Justice Racial Equity Workgroup and the Safety and Justice Challenge Workgroup. Both groups continue to meet regularly, and specific meeting information is made available on the San Francisco District Attorney's website. San Francisco was awarded additional funding from the MacArthur Foundation to continue the work of the Safety and Justice Challenge, and we're all very excited about that. The commission reviewed the annual sentencing trends in San Francisco and there were two presentations given at the meeting. First, a presentation on Digging Deeper Into Racial and Ethnic Disparities, Using Data to Make Change was provided by the Haywood Burns Institute. The second presentation on the Justice Dashboard and High User Analysis was presented by the California Policy Lab. The Sentencing Commission is now scheduling their meetings to be held on Tuesdays, and the next meeting of the Sentencing Commission will take place on Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

Angelica Almeida provided an update about PRSPR and STARR. Angelica explained that the PRSPR and STARR grants are different cohorts of Prop 47 funding. The PRSPR grant will be ending in August. DPH is working to spend down those dollars. They gained an opportunity to increase capacity at Salvation Army to be able to spend down those dollars. Some clients who successfully complete the program are being supported with funding that enables them to gain supportive permanent housing. The STARR grant will continue and will take over the beds that were originally funded through the PRSPR grant. Consequently they will have a total of 32 residential substance abuse disorder treatment beds at Salvation Army, which enable clients to remain in treatment 6 to 9 months, and 10 detox beds, which will allow for admissions until 10:00 p.m., which is an exciting enhancement in our system. The grant also includes 70 low threshold case management slots through Felton. Angelica concluded by explaining that all of the grants have been impacted by COVID.

Chief Karen Fletcher provided an update on the CCP Executive Committee (CCPEC). The CCPEC met on February 12, 2021. Chief Fletcher explained that the focus of discussion over the last couple of meetings has centered around what the format and content of the Realignment Report should be. Two options had been discussed – either doing a full evaluation or doing an updated report similar to the Three Years of Realignment in San Francisco Report from February, 2015. It was decided that at this time, doing an updated Realignment Report would be best, especially considering the challenges resulting from COVID and the time period covering the pandemic and the Shelter in Place Order. The report will cover a period of six years from 2015 through 2020. She concluded by saying that APD staff would reach out to our partners probably beginning in May.

Assistant Chief Paula Hernandez provided an update for the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council. Assistant Chief Hernandez explained that the primary discussion at the last meeting had to do with SB 823, which is the bill that effectively closes the Department of Juvenile Justice and directs counties to develop an alternative to the Department of Juvenile Justice for those youth who may have been committed to DJJ. The plan requires that the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council counsel actually create that plan, defines who those members are that should be working on the plan and that the plan will have to be submitted for approval to the Board of Supervisors. At the last JJCC meeting, the subcommittee was established. There has been one meeting of the subcommittee. There were applications out for that subcommittee to add additional community members to the planning process. That application process has currently closed. The next full meeting of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council is on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 from 3:00pm – 4:30pm.

Allison West provided an update from the Collaborative Courts. The main update from the collaborative courts is that we are continuing unabated despite Covid and that except for two courts, are understaffed in terms of case management. Consequently, we are looking at either overworking our existing case management staff or capping our courts. Much depends upon what the team decides about dealing with these shortages and staffing. The courts are hoping that the influx of the mental health money starting in July will help in terms of beds because a lot of people are waiting in jail to go into residential treatment.

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### 6. **Clipper® Means-Based Transit Fare Discount Pilot Program (discussion only)**

Diana Sanders, who represents the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, provided a presentation on the Clipper® Means-Based Transit Fare Discount Pilot Program, which offers discount fares for adults. Different than prior discounts offered, this discount is a percentage based discount. Any adults who are 19 to 64 years of age are eligible for this discount so long as they meet the financial criteria. Diane concluded by explaining that as Bay Area cities begin to open up, it becomes more and more important for people to know about this program.

### 7. **Proposed Reentry Council Subcommittee Rules Amendment (discussion & possible action)**

A proposed amendment to the Subcommittee Rules came before the Council. The proposed amendment adds a rule that the Chair of each of the Reentry Council's 3 subcommittees would read the following Raymaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement at the beginning of their meetings: "The members of this Subcommittee of the Reentry Council of the City and County of San Francisco acknowledge that we are on the unseeded ancestral homeland of the Raymaytush Ohlone, who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ohlone have never seeded, lost, nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as, for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional territory. We recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the ancestors, elders and relatives of the Raymaytush Ohlone community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples."

Council Member Tajuanna Grey commented that she is happy and believes that the acknowledgement is a step in the right direction to address the invisibility of Native Americans in our community. She feels that these steps are important to address racial inequities and to begin to acknowledge and heal past harms made to Native Americans.

Chief Karen Fletcher made a motion to accept the Subcommittee Rules as amended to include the reading of the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement at the beginning of each Reentry Council Subcommittee meeting.

Jabari Jackson seconded the motion.

Motion passed

### 8. **Women 1st Subcommittee Roster (discussion & possible action).**

The Council unanimously approved the formation of the Women 1<sup>st</sup> Subcommittee, which would focus on issues unique to cis and trans women and gender nonconforming individuals who are reentering our community after being incarcerated. Since the last Reentry Council meeting, the subcommittee has been established. The first Women 1<sup>st</sup> Subcommittee Roster was presented for review on page 29 of the public packet.

Angelica Almeida asked to include a place holder for DPH on the roster.

There were no other comments or questions from Council Members.

Assistant Sheriff Carter made a motion to adopt the Women 1<sup>st</sup> Subcommittee Roster as presented with the addition of the placeholder for DPH.

Assistant Chief Paula Hernandez seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

### 9. **Current state legislation (discussion and action)**

The Legislation, Policy, and Practices Subcommittee voted to bring 11 bills before the Reentry Council for support. These 11 bills were presented to the Council and each were subsequently voted on. The results were as follows:

#### **SB 262**

**Sen. Hertzberg, District 18, Democrat**

#### **Bail**

SB 262 would require zero-dollar bail for most misdemeanor and felony offenses; require the Judicial Council to prepare, adopt, and annually revise a statewide bail schedule for the exempt offenses; and require the return of money or property paid to obtain bail, as specified.



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Sheenia Branner made a motion to support AB 262.  
Tara Anderson seconded the motion.

| Council Member                   | Vote     |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| 1.Public Defender                | Aye      |
| 2.Mayor's Office- James Caldwell | Aye      |
| 3.Adult Probation Department     | Aye      |
| 4.District Attorney              | Aye      |
| 5.Sheriff Department             | Nay      |
| 6.DPH                            | Aye      |
| 7.US Probation                   | Aye      |
| 8.State Parole                   | Aye      |
| 9.Juvenile Probation             | Aye      |
| 10.Human Service Agency          | Aye      |
| 11.DCYF                          | Aye      |
| 12.CSS                           | Aye      |
| 13.OEWD                          | Aye      |
| 14.SF POLICE Department          | Nay      |
| 15.Malik Wade                    | Absent   |
| 16.Sheenia Branner               | Aye      |
| 17.Michael Brown                 | Aye      |
| 18.Oscar Salinas                 | Aye      |
| 19.Jabari Jackson                | Aye      |
| 20. HSH                          | Absent   |
| 21. Yolanda Morissette           | Absent   |
| 22. Superior Court               | Left Mtg |
| 23. BOS Representative           | Vacant   |
| 24. Mayoral Appointee            | Vacant   |

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| 16 Ayes, 2 Nays, 0 Abstentions<br>Motion passed. |
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**AB 990**  
**Asm. Santiago, District 53, Democrat**  
**2021 Family Unity Bill**  
**Increasing Access to Visits and Calls in California Prisons**

This bill would establish the civil rights for incarcerated people as well to visit their incarcerated loved ones. I believe that is one of the most important components of this bill required. CDC are to provide, for instance, free transportation for business by a primary contact person named by the incarcerated person. When the primary contact person lives over 100 hundred miles from the prison, nearly everyone in Pelican Bay State Prison, which is the furthest one up north, is subject to this discrimination as far as the distance between them and their loved one. That in and ununiformed social workers search all children under the age of 13 and most expressed consent is given by a parent or consent is given by the child and parent if older than 13.

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Sheenia Branner made a motion to support AB 990.  
 Jabari Jackson seconded the motion.

| <b>Council Member</b>            | <b>Vote</b> |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1.Public Defender                | Aye         |
| 2.Mayor’s Office- James Caldwell | Aye         |
| 3.Adult Probation Department     | Aye         |
| 4.District Attorney              | Aye         |
| 5.Sheriff Department             | Nay         |
| 6.DPH                            | Aye         |
| 7.US Probation                   | Abstained   |
| 8.State Parole                   | Abstained   |
| 9.Juvenile Probation             | Abstained   |
| 10.Human Service Agency          | Aye         |
| 11.DCYF                          | Aye         |
| 12.CSS                           | Aye         |
| 13.OEWD                          | Aye         |
| 14.SF POLICE Department          | Abstained   |
| 15.Malik Wade                    | Absent      |
| 16.Sheenia Branner               | Aye         |
| 17.Michael Brown                 | Aye         |
| 18.Oscar Salinas                 | Aye         |
| 19.Jabari Jackson                | Aye         |
| 20. HSH                          | Absent      |
| 21. Yolanda Morissette           | Absent      |
| 22. Superior Court               | Left Mtg    |
| 23. BOS Representative           | Vacant      |
| 24. Mayoral Appointee            | Vacant      |

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| 13 Ayes, 1 Nays, 4 Abstentions<br>Motion passed. |
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**SB 271**

**Sen. Wiener, District 11, Democrat**

**The Sheriff Democracy and Diversity Act**

SB 271 restores California’s long-standing eligibility criteria for candidates seeking the office of Sheriff. Specifically, SB 271 allows all registered voters to run for Sheriff. From our state’s founding in 1850 until 1989 — 139 years — California operated under what SB 271 proposes: anyone could run for Sheriff. In 1989, the law changed to allow only law enforcement officers to run for Sheriff. This severe restriction is unreasonable, dramatically shrinks the pool of eligible candidates, and effectively eliminates accountability for Sheriffs since so few people can challenge them for reelection. This dysfunction plays out regularly in California, with some Sheriffs refusing to enforce state law around immigration or refusing to enforce public health orders around COVID-19.

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Tara Anderson made a motion to support AB 271.  
Sheenia Branner seconded the motion.

| Council Member                   | Vote      |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 1.Public Defender                | Aye       |
| 2.Mayor's Office- James Caldwell | Aye       |
| 3.Adult Probation Department     | Nay       |
| 4.District Attorney              | Aye       |
| 5.Sheriff Department             | Nay       |
| 6.DPH                            | Aye       |
| 7.US Probation                   | Nay       |
| 8.State Parole                   | Abstained |
| 9.Juvenile Probation             | Nay       |
| 10.Human Service Agency          | Aye       |
| 11.DCYF                          | Aye       |
| 12.CSS                           | Aye       |
| 13.OEWD                          | Aye       |
| 14.SF POLICE Department          | Nay       |
| 15.Malik Wade                    | Absent    |
| 16.Sheenia Branner               | Aye       |
| 17.Michael Brown                 | Aye       |
| 18.Oscar Salinas                 | Aye       |
| 19.Jabari Jackson                | Aye       |
| 20. HSH                          | Absent    |
| 21. Yolanda Morissette           | Absent    |
| 22. Superior Court               | Left Mtg  |
| 23. BOS Representative           | Vacant    |
| 24. Mayoral Appointee            | Vacant    |

12 Ayes, 5 Nays, 1 Abstention  
Motion passed.

**SB 731**  
**Senators Durazo and Bradford**  
**Criminal Record Relief**

This bill would implement a comprehensive system to seal criminal and arrest records. SB 731 will retroactively provide the same opportunities for record relief for individuals convicted on or after January 1st, 1973.

Sheenia Branner made a motion to support AB 731.  
No Council Member seconded the motion.  
Bill failed to garner support.

# Reentry Council

## City & County of San Francisco

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**AB 328**

**Asm. Chiu, District 17, Democrat**

**Reentry Housing & Workforce Development Program**

This bill alleviates homelessness and risk of homelessness among Californians who were formerly incarcerated in prison by re-allocating cost savings at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to evidence based and innovative reentry housing.

Director Karen Roye made a motion to support AB 328.

Assistant Sheriff Carter seconded the motion.

| <b>Council Member</b>            | <b>Vote</b> |
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| 1.Public Defender                | Aye         |
| 2.Mayor’s Office- James Caldwell | Aye         |
| 3.Adult Probation Department     | Aye         |
| 4.District Attorney              | Aye         |
| 5.Sheriff Department             | Aye         |
| 6.DPH                            | Aye         |
| 7.US Probation                   | Aye         |
| 8.State Parole                   | Aye         |
| 9.Juvenile Probation             | Aye         |
| 10.Human Service Agency          | Aye         |
| 11.DCYF                          | Aye         |
| 12.CSS                           | Aye         |
| 13.OEWD                          | Aye         |
| 14.SF POLICE Department          | Aye         |
| 15.Malik Wade-                   | Absent      |
| 16.Sheenia Branner               | Aye         |
| 17.Michael Brown                 | Aye         |
| 18.Oscar Salinas                 | Aye         |
| 19.Jabari Jackson                | Aye         |
| 20. HSH                          | Absent      |
| 21. Yolanda Morissette           | Absent      |
| 22. Superior Court               | Left Mtg    |
| 23. BOS Representative           | Vacant      |
| 24. Mayoral Appointee            | Vacant      |

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| <p>18 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions<br/>Motion passed unanimously.</p> |
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# Reentry Council

## City & County of San Francisco

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**SB 106**

**Sen. Umberg, District 34, Democrat**  
**Mental Health Services Act**

This bill would amend the MHSA by authorizing counties to expend funds for their innovative programs without approval by the commission if the program is establishing or expanding a program implementing the full-service partnership model, as defined.

No Council Member made a motion to support.  
 Bill failed to garner support.

**AB 333**

**Sen. Kamlager, District 30, Democrat**  
**The Step Forward Act**

AB 333 will amend Penal Code section 186.22 to limit gang enhancements to the most serious offenses.

Sheenia Branner made a motion to support AB 333.  
 Michael Brown seconded the motion.

| <b>Council Member</b>            | <b>Vote</b> |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1.Public Defender                | Aye         |
| 2.Mayor’s Office- James Caldwell | Aye         |
| 3.Adult Probation Department     | Abstained   |
| 4.District Attorney              | Aye         |
| 5.Sheriff Department             | Aye         |
| 6.DPH                            | Aye         |
| 7.US Probation                   | Abstained   |
| 8.State Parole                   | Abstained   |
| 9.Juvenile Probation             | Abstained   |
| 10.Human Service Agency          | Aye         |
| 11.DCYF                          | Aye         |
| 12.CSS                           | Aye         |
| 13.OEWD                          | Aye         |
| 14.SF POLICE Department          | Abstained   |
| 15.Malik Wade-                   | Absent      |
| 16.Sheenia Branner               | Aye         |
| 17.Michael Brown                 | Aye         |
| 18.Oscar Salinas                 | Aye         |
| 19.Jabari Jackson                | Aye         |
| 20. HSH                          | Absent      |
| 21. Yolanda Morissette           | Absent      |
| 22. Superior Court               | Left Mtg    |
| 23. BOS Representative           | Vacant      |
| 24. Mayoral Appointee            | Vacant      |

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| 13 Ayes, 0 Nays, 5 Abstentions<br>Motion passed. |
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**AB 417**

**Asm. McCarty, District 07, Democrat**

**2021 Family Unity Bill**

**Rising Scholars Network: justice-involved students**

AB 417 authorizes the California Community Colleges (CCC) Chancellor’s Office (CCCCO) to establish a program, named the Rising Scholars Network, to enter into agreements with up to 50 community colleges to provide additional funds for services in support of postsecondary education for formerly and currently incarcerated individuals. Numerous studies have shown that higher education and vocational training dramatically reduce recidivism, decreases government spending and increases public safety. AB 417 will increase college accessibility, peer based mentoring and provide support for countless justice involved individuals. And it will allow our returning community members to have pathways towards obtaining financial self-sufficiency and sustainable living wages.

Director Karen Roye made a motion to support AB 417.  
Assistant Chief Paula Hernandez seconded the motion.

| <b>Council Member</b>            | <b>Vote</b> |
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| 1.Public Defender                | Aye         |
| 2.Mayor’s Office- James Caldwell | Aye         |
| 3.Adult Probation Department     | Aye         |
| 4.District Attorney              | Aye         |
| 5.Sheriff Department             | Aye         |
| 6.DPH                            | Left Mtg    |
| 7.US Probation                   | Aye         |
| 8.State Parole                   | Abstained   |
| 9.Juvenile Probation             | Aye         |
| 10.Human Service Agency          | Aye         |
| 11.DCYF                          | Aye         |
| 12.CSS                           | Aye         |
| 13.OEWD                          | Aye         |
| 14.SF POLICE Department          | Aye         |
| 15.Malik Wade                    | Absent      |
| 16.Sheenia Branner               | Aye         |
| 17.Michael Brown                 | Aye         |
| 18.Oscar Salinas                 | Aye         |
| 19.Jabari Jackson                | Aye         |
| 20. HSH                          | Absent      |
| 21. Yolanda Morissette           | Absent      |
| 22. Superior Court               | Left Mtg    |
| 23. BOS Representative           | Vacant      |
| 24. Mayoral Appointee            | Vacant      |

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16 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention  
Motion passed.

**AB 717**

**Asm. Stone, District 29, Democrat**

**Expanding the California Identification Program**

AB 717 will require the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to provide a California Identification card or driver’s license to every person released from state prison.

Chief Karen Fletcher made a motion to support AB 717.

Jabari Jackson seconded the motion.

| <b>Council Member</b>            | <b>Vote</b> |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1.Public Defender                | Aye         |
| 2.Mayor’s Office- James Caldwell | Aye         |
| 3.Adult Probation Department     | Aye         |
| 4.District Attorney              | Aye         |
| 5.Sheriff Department             | Aye         |
| 6.DPH                            | Aye         |
| 7.US Probation                   | Aye         |
| 8.State Parole                   | Abstained   |
| 9.Juvenile Probation             | Aye         |
| 10.Human Service Agency          | Aye         |
| 11.DCYF                          | Aye         |
| 12.CSS                           | Aye         |
| 13.OEWD                          | Aye         |
| 14.SF POLICE Department          | Aye         |
| 15.Malik Wade-                   | Absent      |
| 16.Sheenia Branner               | Aye         |
| 17.Michael Brown                 | Aye         |
| 18.Oscar Salinas                 | Aye         |
| 19.Jabari Jackson                | Aye         |
| 20. HSH                          | Absent      |
| 21. Yolanda Morissette           | Absent      |
| 22. Superior Court               | Left Mtg    |
| 23. BOS Representative           | Vacant      |
| 24. Mayoral Appointee            | Vacant      |

17 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention  
Motion passed.

# Reentry Council

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**AB 1007**

**Asm. Carrillo, District 51, Democrat**

**Forced or Involuntary Sterilization Compensation Program**

This bill will establish the forced sterilization compensation program to compensate survivors of forced sterilization under California's eugenics laws from 1999 to nineteen seventy nine and survivors of involuntary sterilizations and women's state prisons after 1979. Additionally, markers or plaques will be placed at designated sites raising awareness of the unjust sterilization of thousands of people and an outreach. A sterilization notification program will be established in consultation with community based organizations at a time when covid-19 is laying bare the deep seated racial inequities in our society. This bill provides an opportunity for redress to redress the egregious forms of health and race discrimination.

Assistant Sheriff Carter made a motion to support AB 1007.  
Tajuanna Grey seconded the motion.

| <b>Council Member</b>            | <b>Vote</b> |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1.Public Defender                | Aye         |
| 2.Mayor’s Office- James Caldwell | Aye         |
| 3.Adult Probation Department     | Aye         |
| 4.District Attorney              | Aye         |
| 5.Sheriff Department             | Aye         |
| 6.DPH                            | Left Mtg    |
| 7.US Probation                   | Aye         |
| 8.State Parole                   | Abstained   |
| 9.Juvenile Probation             | Aye         |
| 10.Human Service Agency          | Aye         |
| 11.DCYF                          | Aye         |
| 12.CSS                           | Aye         |
| 13.OEWD                          | Aye         |
| 14.SF POLICE Department          | Left Mtg    |
| 15.Malik Wade-                   | Absent      |
| 16.Sheenia Branner               | Aye         |
| 17.Michael Brown                 | Aye         |
| 18.Oscar Salinas                 | Aye         |
| 19.Jabari Jackson                | Aye         |
| 20. HSH                          | Absent      |
| 21. Yolanda Morissette           | Absent      |
| 22. Superior Court               | Left Mtg    |
| 23. BOS Representative           | Vacant      |
| 24. Mayoral Appointee            | Vacant      |

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| <p>15 Ayes, XX Nays, 1 Abstention<br/>Motion passed.</p> |
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# Reentry Council

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### AB 653

#### Assembly Member Waldron, District 75, Republican Medication-Assisted Treatment Grant Program

This bill would establish, until January 1, 2026, the Medication-Assisted Treatment Grant Program, to be administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections. The bill would require the board to award grants, on a competitive basis, to counties and would authorize counties that receive grants to use grant funds for various purposes relating to the treatment of substance use disorders and the provision of medication-assisted treatment. The bill would prohibit counties from using the grant funds to supplant existing resources for medication-assisted treatment services delivered in county jails or in the community. The bill would require counties that receive grants pursuant to these provisions to collect and maintain data relating to the effectiveness of the program and would require the board, by July 1, 2025, to submit a report to the Legislature describing the activities funded by the grant program and the success of those activities in reducing drug overdoses and recidivism by jail inmates and persons under criminal justice supervision.

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| No Council Members made a motion to support AB 653.<br>Bill failed to garner support |
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#### 10. Council Members' Comments, questions and Requests for Future Agenda Items (discussion only)

Council Member Michael Brown requested a future Agenda Item regarding the San Francisco Fair Chance Ordinance, which requires employers to follow strict rules regarding an applicant's and employee's arrest and conviction record, not applying to the City and County of San Francisco as an employer.

#### 11. Public Comment on any item on today's agenda, or on other business within the purview of the Reentry Council (discussion only)

No public Comment.

#### 12. Adjournment

The next Reentry Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 10 a.m.

Chief Karen Fletcher made a motion to Adjourn.  
Director Karen Roye seconded the motion.  
Motion Passed

**Meeting Adjourned**



## Reentry Council City and County of San Francisco

June 11, 2021

The Honorable Kevin McCarty  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 2136  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for AB 417 (McCarty) – Rising Scholars Network: justice-involved students.**

Dear Assembly Member McCarty:

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, the Reentry Council is pleased to support AB 417.

Since 2008, the Reentry Council of the City and County of San Francisco has coordinated local efforts to support people exiting from the San Francisco County Jail, the San Francisco juvenile justice out-of-home placements, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation facilities, and the United States Federal Bureau of Prison facilities. The Reentry Council identifies the needs and barriers facing the reentry population in San Francisco and coordinates information sharing, planning, and engagement among all interested private and public stakeholders to the extent permissible under federal and state law.

Establishing a statewide Rising Scholars Network for the California Community College system will create additional pathways for Californians who are currently or formerly incarcerated to pursue higher education. Additionally, this network will provide the needed guidance for colleges to increase their enrollment, retention, and success for justice-involved students within our community college system.

While studies show that a higher education plays a key role in reducing recidivism, there is a lack of support services for justice-involved students on college campuses. From enrollment to completion, justice-involved students encounter many unique challenges as they continue their education. These challenges range from entering college at below average reading and math comprehension levels to unemployment due to conviction history. When people are released from jail or prison, justice-involved students can also be denied access to housing and social services due to their conviction history. Many of these students are still under community supervision, needing to follow strict guidelines that may interfere with their schooling. These unique challenges can be ameliorated with the creation of a statewide support service program for justice-involved students.

Currently, more than 20 colleges provide transferable degree-granting courses to over 14,000 students incarcerated in California's prisons and jails, and over 50 colleges have on-campus programs and clubs serving justice-involved students. With the creation of the Rising Scholars Network, the California Community College system will be able to build upon the work and investments made in California to ensure the enrollment and retention of justice-involved students. By increasing public higher education

access and success, the Rising Scholars Network will reduce recidivism, promote equity in higher education, and build a foundation for academic and economic success for justice-involved students. For the reasons stated above, the Reentry Council of the City and County of San Francisco supports AB 417.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

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## Reentry Council City and County of San Francisco

June 11, 2021

The Honorable Mark Stone  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 3146  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **RE: Support for AB 717 (Stone) – Prisoners: identification cards.**

Dear Assembly Member Stone:

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, the Reentry Council is pleased to support AB 717.

Since 2008, the Reentry Council of the City and County of San Francisco has coordinated local efforts to support people exiting from the San Francisco County Jail, the San Francisco juvenile justice out-of-home placements, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation facilities, and the United States Federal Bureau of Prison facilities. The Reentry Council identifies the needs and barriers facing the reentry population in San Francisco and coordinates information sharing, planning, and engagement among all interested private and public stakeholders to the extent permissible under federal and state law.

People being released from prison need access to housing, employment, and social services to successfully reenter society. COVID-19 has also shown how essential it is to have health care. Typically, people only can access these basic necessities with a government-issued photo identification card. Obtaining a government-issued photo ID is a lengthy and overwhelming process for many, in part because the process for getting a government-issued photo ID card typically requires a birth certificate and social security number, while the processes for getting a birth certificate and social security card typically require a government-issued photo ID. The current pandemic led to months of DMV closures for the purpose of processing new Cal-ID cards. But people do not have weeks or months to wait for a government-issued photo ID, and this creates dire circumstances if they need a COVID-19 vaccine, a place to live, or a job to make ends meet.

In 2014, AB 2308 opened the door for people reentering society to obtain government-issued photo IDs. However, the eligibility criteria is narrow, leaving out vulnerable populations, including people who have not been home in over ten years, people who owe money to the DMV, and people who do not know their social security numbers. Most people currently leave California prisons without a government-issued photo ID in hand. In the last six months of 2019, 71% of people who left prison were released with no Cal-ID in hand. Because a photo ID is so important to reentry, we must ensure all incarcerated people can obtain a photo ID before their release.

AB 717 would expand existing legislation to position more Californians for success when exiting confinement. This bill would allow CDCR to process original, duplicate, and renewal requests for California IDs and driver's licenses, so more individuals would be released with legal identification. To address significant barriers to obtaining identification, this bill would enable CDCR to assist incarcerated individuals with obtaining documents necessary to apply for California IDs, such as birth certificates and social security cards, and would allow individuals to take the written driver's license test while incarcerated.

AB 2308 also excluded incarcerated people who were serving life- and other long-term sentences. AB 717 would ensure that CDCR screens and initiates the identification card process in a timely manner for those with both determinate and indeterminate sentences. Lastly, AB 717 would require CDCR to provide an annual report on the implementation of the government-issued photo ID program. Coming home with an ID validates that a formerly incarcerated person is now a valued community member of California and helps them reenter society with their dignity restored.

For the reasons stated above, the Reentry Council of the City and County of San Francisco supports AB 717.

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## Reentry Council City and County of San Francisco

June 11, 2021

The Honorable Miguel Santiago  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 6027  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **RE: Support for AB 990 (Santiago) – Prisons: inmate visitation.**

Dear Assembly Member Santiago:

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, the Reentry Council is pleased to support AB 990.

Since 2008, the Reentry Council of the City and County of San Francisco has coordinated local efforts to support people exiting from the San Francisco County Jail, the San Francisco juvenile justice out-of-home placements, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation facilities, and the United States Federal Bureau of Prison facilities. The Reentry Council identifies the needs and barriers facing the reentry population in San Francisco and coordinates information sharing, planning, and engagement among all interested private and public stakeholders to the extent permissible under federal and state law.

Research shows that visitation improves the mental health of the whole family – and promotes healthy child development – while reducing recidivism. Yet only a small percentage of people incarcerated in California prisons receive any visits, much less regular visits. Multiple barriers get in the way, including:

- Unreasonable exclusion of visitors for reasons unrelated to visiting security
- Infrequent and inconvenient visiting hours
- Disrespectful and harassing screening procedures and supervision of visits
- Unpredictable cancellations
- Placement of incarcerated people far from their hometowns, which burdens families with long travel times and costs.

AB 990 will remove many of these barriers and promote prison visitation for the benefit of communities across California inside and outside of our prisons. The bill will:

- Amend PC 2601 to reinstate incarcerated persons' right to receive personal visits in the Prisoners' Bill of Rights.
- Allow visits to be denied only for serious abuses of visiting access, lack of identification, and nonconsent of the incarcerated person.
- Increase visiting and video calling hours to 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily.
- Reduce disrespect and harassment during visits by having social workers screen minors and medical staff carry out unclothed body searches; allow nonsexual touching during

visits, such as letting children sit on laps; prohibit arbitrary enforcement of unpublished visiting rules; and limit the reasons visits can be cancelled or terminated early without notice.

- Provide transportation assistance to a primary support person (plus minor children) located more than 100 miles away from their incarcerated loved one.
- To make these rights enforceable, require appointment of visitor advocates during all in-person visiting and video calling, appointment of a visitor application review committee, accommodations and extended visiting times when visits are cancelled, and meaningful judicial review.
- Facilitate frequent access for family and friends through free phone and video calls and tablets for incarcerated people.

For the reasons stated above, the Reentry Council of the City and County of San Francisco supports AB 990.

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Respectfully,

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## Reentry Council City and County of San Francisco

June 11, 2021

The Honorable Wendy Carrillo  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4167  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **Re: Support for AB 1007 (Carillo) Forced or Involuntary Sterilization Compensation Program.**

Dear Assembly Member Carrillo:

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, the Reentry Council is pleased to support AB 1007.

Since 2008, the Reentry Council of the City and County of San Francisco has coordinated local efforts to support people exiting from the San Francisco County Jail, the San Francisco juvenile justice out-of-home placements, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation facilities, and the United States Federal Bureau of Prison facilities. The Reentry Council identifies the needs and barriers facing the reentry population in San Francisco and coordinates information sharing, planning, and engagement among all interested private and public stakeholders to the extent permissible under federal and state law.

It is imperative that the Legislature confront California's long history of reproductive violence against Black, Indigenous, and other people of color; people with disabilities; LGBTQI+ people; people in carceral settings; and/or people living in poverty. AB 1007 serves as a vital first step to materially acknowledge the discriminatory harms inflicted on a large number of Californians and to prevent eugenic sterilization of vulnerable populations into the future.

Between 1909 and 1979, California forcibly sterilized 20,000 people in state institutions. It was the most aggressive eugenics sterilizer in the nation, accounting for one-third of the 60,000 sterilizations that were performed nationwide. All people sterilized under eugenics laws were classified as having disabilities and deemed "unfit to reproduce." The average age of sterilization was 17 years old; some individuals were as young as 12 years old. Women and girls were 14% more likely to be sterilized than their male counterparts, and Latina patients were 59% more likely to be sterilized than non-Latinas.

Although these laws were repealed in 1979, a subsequent state audit revealed that at least an additional 144 people were sterilized during labor and delivery without required consents and authorization in California's women's prisons between 2006 and 2010. Sixty-five percent of forced sterilization survivors captured in the state audit described themselves as Black, Hispanic, Mexican, or other. Many of the people identified by the audit were never notified of the harm that



was done to them. Research also indicates that there may be an additional 100 involuntary prison sterilizations dating back to the late 1990s.

With AB 1007, California will become the third state to compensate survivors of forced sterilizations under eugenics laws, following North Carolina (2013) and Virginia (2015). It will also become the first state to compensate survivors of involuntary sterilizations performed outside of formal eugenic laws. Enactment of this bill would send a powerful message around the country that forced sterilizations will not be tolerated in carceral settings, including prisons, detention centers, and institutions.

Eugenics practices, including forced sterilizations, have never stopped in this country, nor in California. At a time when the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to the forefront deep-seeded racial, gender, disability, income-based health inequities in our communities, and as racial justice movements across the country call for an end to white supremacy, this bill provides a powerful opportunity for California to confront its shameful history and take a bold stand against the racist, sexist, and ableist practices that continue to perpetuate health inequities to this day. By providing reparations for its egregious forms of reproductive oppression — perpetrated in state institutions and prisons as recently as 2010 — California can lead the nation in eradicating vestiges of eugenics and allow our communities to start to heal.

For the reasons stated above, the Reentry Council of the City and County of San Francisco supports AB 1007.

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Respectfully,

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## Reentry Council City and County of San Francisco

June 11, 2021

The Honorable Robert M. Hertzberg  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 313  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **RE: Support for SB 262 (Hertzberg, Skinner) – Bail.**

Dear Senator Hertzberg:

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, the Reentry Council is pleased to support SB 262. This bill is a step forward for pretrial justice in the state and will help protect Californians against many of the nefarious and predatory practices carried out by the state's money bail industry.

Since 2008, the Reentry Council of the City and County of San Francisco has coordinated local efforts to support people exiting from the San Francisco County Jail, the San Francisco juvenile justice out-of-home placements, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation facilities, and the United States Federal Bureau of Prison facilities. The Reentry Council identifies the needs and barriers facing the reentry population in San Francisco and coordinates information sharing, planning, and engagement among all interested private and public stakeholders to the extent permissible under federal and state law.

In California, bail amounts are so high that 97% of people who make bail must use a bail agent and pay a non-refundable fee for their freedom. For most, this is not a simple transaction. People often have to borrow from friends and family, enter into exploitative financing schemes, or put up their property – even their homes – as collateral. Regardless of whether a case is dismissed, or charges are not ultimately filed after an arrest, the bail company keeps its premium. Despite this plain inequity, the only alternative is worse: being stuck in jail could mean losing a job, missing rent payments, losing custody of a child or ultimately pleading guilty when innocent just to get home and prevent these harms.

This alternative is a reality for too many Californians. According to the Public Policy Institute of California, on any given day, 63% or roughly 46,000 people in California jails are awaiting trial or sentencing. This presents staggering costs not only for people accused and their families, but for local governments, which pay an average of \$100 per day to hold someone pending trial. The Pretrial Justice Institute reports that the cost of supervising a person in the community while pending trial is about 10% of the cost of keeping them in jail. With data showing that the vast majority of people released pretrial do not reoffend, and that very little is needed to ensure they show up to court on time, these costs – both human and financial – are unjustifiable.

SB 262 creates a more fair pretrial justice system in California by: 1) setting bail at \$0 for most misdemeanors and low-level felonies; 2) ensuring people accused do not remain in custody simply because they cannot afford to pay bail and do not assume any costs of court-imposed release conditions; and, 3) requiring bail companies to refund the premiums they receive from defendants who aren't charged; have their case dismissed or make all of their required court appearances.

For the reasons stated above, the Reentry Council of the City and County of San Francisco supports SB 262 (Hertzberg, Skinner).

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## Reentry Council City and County of San Francisco

June 11, 2021

The Honorable Scott Wiener  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5100  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

### **RE: Support for Senate Bill 271 (Wiener): County sheriffs: eligibility requirements.**

Dear Senator Wiener:

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, the Reentry Council is pleased to support SB 271.

Since 2008, the Reentry Council of the City and County of San Francisco has coordinated local efforts to support people exiting from the San Francisco County Jail, the San Francisco juvenile justice out-of-home placements, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation facilities, and the United States Federal Bureau of Prison facilities. The Reentry Council identifies the needs and barriers facing the reentry population in San Francisco and coordinates information sharing, planning, and engagement among all interested private and public stakeholders to the extent permissible under federal and state law.

SB 271 restores California's long-standing eligibility criteria for candidates seeking the office of Sheriff. This bill will not prevent candidates with law enforcement experience from seeking or occupying the office. Instead, SB 271 will allow for a broader pool of candidates with more diverse skill sets, lead to greater gender and ethnic diversity in candidates, and provide for better management of Sheriff Departments.

Current law requires that candidates seeking the office of Sheriff possess a certificate from the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Academy and some combination of salaried law enforcement experience. In 1988, this law was enacted in response to prisoners' rights attorney Michael Hennessey's successful campaign to be Sheriff for San Francisco County. These new eligibility requirements have restricted who can be Sheriff to a very narrow pool and have led to many uncontested elections against incumbents or a lack of significant differentiation among candidates. In 2020, sitting Sheriffs included only four white females, three Latino men, and two Japanese-American men. There were no Black Sheriffs. The remaining 49 Sheriffs are white males, which does not reflect California's demographic makeup.

Today, Sheriffs are essentially managers of a large bureaucracy. In large counties, they manage thousands of employees, the vast majority of whom are unarmed, non-sworn civilians. The three primary duties of the Sheriff are to police unincorporated areas, operate the county jail, and attend to and execute orders of the courts. In 41 counties, the Sheriff is also the Coroner whose authority

includes investigating the cause of in-custody deaths. Sheriffs are often the most powerful elected official in a county, and yet only a small, narrow pool of people may seek the position.

Protests against police brutality have called for elected officials to reimagine public safety by, among other things, shifting some duties away from armed officers to unarmed civilians and social workers. The criteria imposed under existing law significantly narrows the pool of candidates for the office of the Sheriff and makes it harder to reimagine our criminal justice system. As recent COVID-19 outbreaks in jails demonstrate, the skills Sheriffs need to protect public safety include strong management and leadership skills and the ability to move quickly and make difficult decisions, rather than the ability to fire a weapon. Lawsuits throughout the state are raising awareness of the dire inadequacy of health care and mental health services provided in our county jails. Moreover, the ongoing cooperation between many Sheriffs and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) further demonstrates that many elected Sheriffs do not share the values of their constituents.

SB 271 simply reverts California law to what it was from the State's founding until 1989 to allow voters to choose from a broader pool of candidates with more diverse backgrounds, skill sets and values.

For all of the reasons above, we strongly support SB 271. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,



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# women



A Newsletter for Women Impacted by the Justice System

Dear Community,

The needs of justice-involved cis and trans women, as well as gender-nonconforming people are unique and do not receive the level of resources compared to men. **Let's change that and put Women First!** Through strong collaborations with community and City partners, infused with comprehensive and integrated programs and services, we can improve outcomes for justice-involved cis and trans women and gender-nonconforming individuals. Our quarterly newsletter is one step in an effort to strengthen the safety net. Looking forward to connecting soon!

## Victoria Westbrook

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### Victoria's Journey

After being released from prison in 2016, Victoria worked with a community-based organization advancing employment opportunities for justice-involved individuals. In 2019, Victoria was hired by the San Francisco Adult Probation Department to implement a platform of women's gender-responsive services and policies to improve outcomes for justice-involved women.

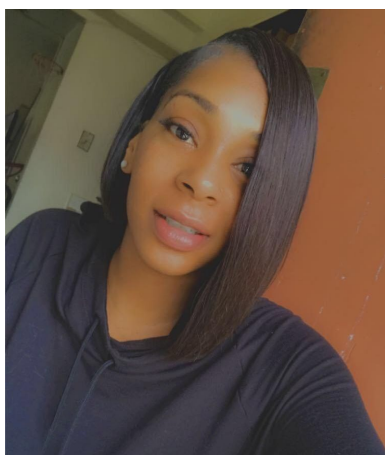
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June is PRIDE Month



June 2021 marks the 51st Anniversary of the Gay Pride Celebration in San Francisco. The annual Gay Pride event commemorates the rebellion of LGBTQ+ patrons — in particular, Black trans women — of the Stonewall Inn in New York City's Greenwich Village in response to a routine police raid on June 28, 1969. Pride Celebrations around the world symbolize the long history of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people, signify the freedom of all people to proudly express their sexual and gender identities, and celebrates the LGBTQIA+ cultures. To many LGBTQIA+ people, June is a month of hope, pride, and celebration. View full article: Click [here](#)

## Inspire



### To Excite, Encourage or Motivate

*Anika Hines's* proved that with determination and willingness, she could overcome anything. "Once you are able to take time to focus on yourself, there is no reason you can't be successful." *Anika Hines*

[Click here to view full story](#)

## Hope

### **AB 1007 would compensate survivors of forced sterilization under prior eugenics laws**

Assembly Member Wendy Carillo introduced AB 1007 or the Forced or Involuntary Sterilization Compensation Program Bill this year. AB 1007 serves as a vital first step to materially acknowledge the discriminatory harms inflicted on a large number of Californians and to prevent eugenic sterilization of vulnerable populations in the future.

[Click here to view full story](#)

# Change

## Her House



### **A program for justice-involved pregnant, parenting, and single women!**

Her House is a 12 to 18 month Women's Gender Responsive Alternative Sentencing, Transitional Housing program for justice-involved women and children. The program is a partnership between the San Francisco Adult Probation Department and Westside Community Services, Positive Directions, Sister's Circle, and Solutions for Women. The uniqueness of Her House stems from the multi-agency collaboration, all BIPOC lead, leveraging each organization's expertise in recovery and gender-responsive, trauma-informed services. This collaboration offers participants access to a broader community of support. Participants will develop the skills necessary to take on challenges, overcome barriers, and become empowered to take charge of their health and wellness. To learn more, click [here](#).

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## Upcoming Event



On July 20, 2021, Dr. Keesha Middlemass and Reuben Jonathan Miller discuss the politics, race, and policies of incarceration and reentry.

**To register:** Click [Here](#)  
**Event Description:** Click [Here](#)



# transformations



## COMMUNITY FORWARD SF

### TGNC Brunch Club

*Food will be paid for at different restaurants each week!*

**When:** Every Thursday at 2:00 pm

**Where:** A Woman's Place, 1049 Howard Street, SF 94103

**Facilitator:** Stephanie Gray, Case Manager, Gender Inclusive Reentry Program

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### TransSHEroes Spotlight

#### ***Karen Aguilar***

Karen Aguilar (she/her) is the Lead Patient Navigator for Gender Health SF. She was a part of the first Trans National Health Study conducted in San Francisco and has been a community health educator and leader in San Francisco for over a decade, particularly among the local Latinx communities. Karen's outstanding commitment to advocacy was acknowledged in 2018 with the Zuckerberg San Francisco

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Visit the new CASC Website:

[reentrysf.org](http://reentrysf.org)



Check it Out!

Getting Out & Staying Out Resource Guide:

[sf-goso.org](http://sf-goso.org)



Visit the Both Sides of the Conversation Website:

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# R Reentry Conference & Resource Fair



Archdiocese of San Francisco

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

RESPONSIBILITY

REHABILITATION

REINTEGRATION

## Healing Together to Strengthen Our Communities

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

In its 8<sup>th</sup> year, the Reentry Conference and Resource Fair brings hundreds of individuals and organizations from around the Bay Area and state wide to explore the latest concerns, opportunities and advancements of justice-involved and crime-affected individuals and families.

### OBJECTIVES:

- Influence Public Policy and Legislation
- Build Stronger Organizational Practices Connect with Coalitions and Networks
- Train with Providers and Advocates
- Research Community Organizing & Actions Strengthen Discussions, Opportunities and Steps to Support People in Reentry and Crime Survivors during and post covid-19.

For more information contact Julio Escobar at (415) 614-5572, email: [escobarj@sfarch.org](mailto:escobarj@sfarch.org)

**FREE EVENT: ADMISSION, CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH**  
**Registration is required**

Please register online at:  
[www.ReentryAction.org](http://www.ReentryAction.org)

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Justice-involved youth and adults; families with incarcerated loved ones, crime survivors, non-profit providers, advocates, volunteers working with incarcerated people; law enforcement professionals, probation and corrections staff; victim services; educational; religious and social institutions; department of justice agencies; health services; housing, education employers and legal rights organizations.

**Covid-19 guidelines will be followed and enforced**

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## 2021 Meeting Calendar

**Council Meetings:** 4th Thursday of the first month of each quarter 10am-12pm

- January 28, 2021 - Zoom Meeting
- April 22, 2021 - Zoom Meeting
- July 22, 2021 - Zoom Meeting
- October 28, 2021 - Zoom Meeting

**Subcommittee on Direct Services:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of all uneven months 5:30-7:30pm

- January 14, 2021 - Zoom Meeting
- March 11, 2021 - Zoom Meeting
- May 13, 2021 - Zoom Meeting
- July 8, 2021 - Zoom Meeting
- September 9, 2021 - Zoom Meeting
- November 11, 2021 - Zoom Meeting

**Subcommittee on Legislation, Policy and Practices:** 4th Wednesday of all uneven months 2:30-4:30pm

- January 27, 2021 - Zoom Meeting
- March 24, 2021 - Zoom Meeting
- May 26, 2021 - Zoom Meeting
- July 28, 2021 - Zoom Meeting
- September 22, 2021 - Zoom Meeting
- November 24, 2021 - Zoom Meeting

**Women 1<sup>st</sup> Subcommittee:** 1st Wednesday of all months 5:30-7:30pm

- May 5, 2021 - Zoom Meeting
- June 2, 2021 - Zoom Meeting
- July 7, 2021 - Zoom Meeting
- August 4, 2021 - Zoom Meeting
- September 1, 2021 - Zoom Meeting
- October 6, 2021 - Zoom Meeting
- November 24, 2021 - Zoom Meeting

**Slated Community Events supported and/or hosted by Reentry Council**

- 4th Annual Community Appreciation Dinner at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption Event Center located at 1111 Gough St - October 7, 2021
- 3rd Annual Recovery Summit at the Koret Auditorium in the Main Library (Date to be Announced)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Restorative Justice Reentry Conference and Resource Fair at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption Event Center located at 1111 Gough St - Friday, September 17, 2021

BAY AREA ENTERTAINMENT ASSOCIATION, NEW COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION,  
MEN IN MOTION AND S.F. ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:

# BBQ BY RECOVERY

FRIDAY,  
**AUG  
13TH**



**SPECIAL  
GUEST SPEAKERS**

**RECOGNIZING RECOVERY  
COMMUNITY LEADERS**

**CELEBRATE EVERY WIN, BIG AND SMALL**

**Noon – 4PM BOEDEKER PARK (EDDY AND JONES STREET)**



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