



**Thursday, December 1, 2016 : 9:30am - 12:30pm**  
**Hearing on Workgroup Proposals**  
**San Francisco Board of Supervisors, City Hall**

# Timeline

## No New SF Jail Coalition



### 2013-2015

Communities mobilize to fight and defeat jail proposal



#### December 2015

Board of Supervisors reject jail construction and establish city workgroup to investigate alternatives to depopulate the jail.



### 2016

City Workgroup, including coalition members, meets to research and discuss plans to close 850 Bryant and invest resources in community based alternative solutions. Coalition publishes 8 Steps to a Jail Free SF and prepares our own Community Health Initiative Plan to decrease San Francisco's reliance on imprisonment.

#### June 2016

District Attorney proposes a partially locked mental health facility run by Sheriffs as solution. Coalition opposes this proposal.

#### November 2016

Sheriff proposes construction of yet another smaller jail.

#### December 1st, 2016

Proposals from the City Workgroup for more community-based resources and policies to close the jail and invest in community will be pitted against the Sheriff and DA's plans for more jailing construction. We need you to take a stand at Board of Supervisors against jails and for the people.

### 2017

The future is uncertain. The City could apply for more state jail construction funding or they could use their springtime budget process to invest in mental health, housing, and restorative justice practices. Let's make sure they do the right thing!



## Be prepared to speak out!

Some of the key proposals that may go forward Dec 1st or in the next few months:

### Jailing Proposals:

**Create a Behavioral Health Justice Center**

### What the Coalition says:

**No!** This proposal was rejected by the City Workgroup and we can't let it continue to go forward. It would build a new partial jail where the Sheriff would have too much control. We need non-jailing mental health facilities built in neighborhoods.

**Build a new jail and replacement detention/behavioral health facility under custody of Sheriff**

**No!** This proposal was rejected by the City Workgroup. We defeated new jail construction last year! We can't let it move forward again.

**Contract with Alameda County for replacement jail beds**

**No to "Not In My Back Yard" politics!** Alameda County residents are currently fighting the expansion of Santa Rita. Don't move imprisoned people further from home or help expand other jails. Allow people in the jail back into community.

**Terminate contract with federal government to house federal prisoners.**

**Yes!** If we want to reduce our jail population, why are we leasing beds? We should not be making money off the backs of our community members in the jail.

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## Community Investment and Policy Change Proposals:

## What the Coalition says:

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**Prioritize the development of low-income housing**

**Yes.** People who are homeless or in unstable housing are targeted by the police and more susceptible to arrest. About 25% of those in jail were homeless before being imprisoned and many more may be homeless upon release. Providing more housing for SF residents will reduce arrest and jail numbers in the long run.

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**Expand in-community provision of wraparound services, particularly for homeless people and mental health users**

**Yes,** and let's make sure any street based outreach and intervention happens without the involvement of law enforcement.

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**Expand pre-trial diversion**

**Yes.** Pre-trial diversion programs are proven to work. Allow people to get services and support in community or await their trial in community, don't lock people away.

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**Develop pre-arrest diversion teams**

**Yes,** we support pre-arrest diversion. We should do all we can to ensure this diversion is not put exclusively in the hands of police.

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**Support reentry services through expanding resources to community based organizations**

**Yes.** There are already many organizations doing this valuable work. The city should support them to help provide services, support, jobs, and housing specific to reentry communities.

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**Expand wrap around services for behavioral health court defendants, including housing and employment**

**Yes.** Services and support such as housing and employment will help to reduce rates of recidivism.

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**Reinvest in community-based organizations that hold local knowledge but face limited resources**

**Yes.** Contracts for the construction and operation of any programs or facilities should contribute to the reinvestment of resources to San Francisco's neighborhoods, communities, and workers. The City has divested from many community-based services and programs — alternative projects should work to reverse this trend.

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**Reduce bail amounts and support bail reform**

**Yes!** Over 85% of the county's jail population is pre-trial. With simple bail reform and expansion of diversion programs, that number will continue to drop, making a new jail even more unnecessary than it already is.