

8 Steps

to a jail-free San Francisco:

We beat a jail plan in San Francisco... now what?

No New SF Jail Coalition recognizes that the work of stopping racist jail and police policies and practices in San Francisco is ongoing. Our Coalition must continue as part of an ongoing struggle to undo policies of racist policing and jailing and replace such oppressive measures with community policies and services that provide all residents access to what they need to thrive. Our coalition continues to advocate for the permanent closure of the jail at 850 Bryant and real investment in the health of communities most impacted by imprisonment.

No New SF Jail Coalition will work to ensure that any new programs, policies, services, and facilities that are established meet or work toward the below criteria:

1.

Open facilities where people are free to leave and are treated with dignity – not criminalized, surveilled or isolated. People are treated with dignity and respect as patients or residents. Any facilities built should not be locked facilities.

2.

User-led and self-determined services that meet people where they're at. Services should be trauma-informed and emphasize harm reduction and determining accountability through joint processes.

3.

Reinvesting in the community by working with local grassroots organizations that have proven experience in community service, advocacy, and organizing. 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.

4.

Separate services from law enforcement by

not operating programs and facilities under the Sheriff's Department or their supervision. Police should not be positioned as gate-keepers to services. Instead, programs and facilities should be operated by community-based or public agencies that provide care in other contexts. People who receive care should have access without fearing criminalization. Staff should not be able to charge people with in-custody crimes.

5.

Provide equitable access to care so people can get

the services they want regardless of classification. Any new programs or facilities created should be accessible to all and provide treatment on demand, regardless of whether or not the person has been referred by law enforcement, arrested, or diverted. These programs and facilities should also work to be readily accessible to all people who have been arrested, regardless of type of charge or other classifications.

6.

Bail and bond reform that supports the people who are

most targeted by policing and jails. This includes people of color, poor people, un-housed people, trans people, people with physical and invisible disabilities, substance users, and people with mental health needs. Bail and bond reform must be implemented in a way that counters this structural oppression.

7.

Pathways to permanent housing and meeting other

basic needs that can be sustained into the future. Programs should recognize that secure housing, jobs, education, food, and health care are essential to individual and community health. All residents, especially those seeking services or returning from jail or prison, must be supported and empowered to contribute to their communities.

8.

Close 850 Bryant immediately and permanently. Constructing new facilities or implementing

new programs should be independent from the immediate and permanent closure of the jail at 850 Bryant. Proposals for new programs and facilities should coordinate with bail/bond reform and other efforts to close the jail at 850 Bryant as soon as possible.