

**CARE
NOT
CAGES**

THE LA NO MORE JAILS COALITION

is a community organizing body made up of a diverse group of organizations and community members working to stop jail expansion in L.A. County. We have been successfully fighting jail expansion in LA County for over 10 years.

We believe a safer and stronger Los Angeles is possible when resources wasted on caging people are freed up to build the things that help communities thrive: education, supportive housing, mental and health care services, youth centers and more.

We demand that Los Angeles County invest in community-based programs that help keep people out of prisons and jails and that minimize barriers to employment, education, and basic services that individuals need when they come home.

#NOMOREJAILS Ongoing Demands:

No jail construction in LA County

Reduce the number of people
locked up in jails

Redirect funding to community solutions

THE \$3.7 BILLION JAIL PROPOSAL

Los Angeles County cages more people than any other county in California (which cages more people than anywhere in the world). Now, the LA County Board of Supervisors and the LA County Sheriff's Department are proposing to expand what is already one of the largest systems of cages and criminalization in the world by spending \$3.7 billion on new jail construction.

This 3.7 billion \$\$ jail plan includes \$200 million to construct a jail at the former Mira Loma Detention Center in the Antelope Valley with over 1,600 beds for people designated as women. The same Mira Loma site was already a women's jail in the 1980s and later an ICE detention center - both times the facility was shut down due to its poor living standards and financial infeasibility.

Now the facility is being branded as "gender responsive", masking it's purpose: a jail to cage people. The truth is that "kinder, gentler" imprisonment is not gender justice. Supporting women, gender non-conforming folks, and trans women would look much more like childcare centers, drug-rehabilitation, holistic healthcare, food security, an end to housing discrimination and gendered violence.

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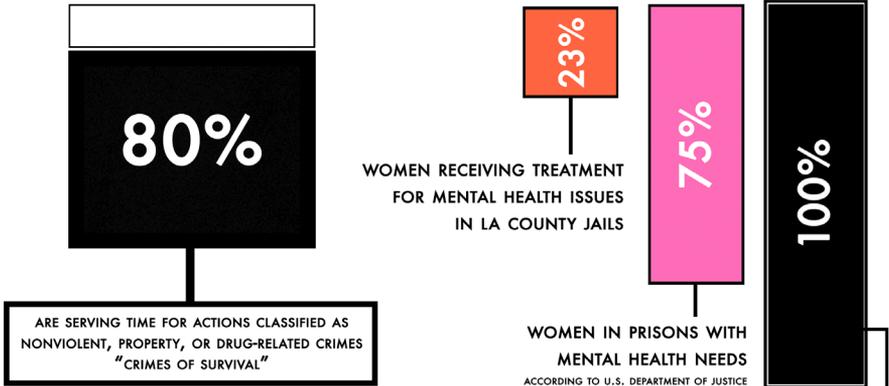
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THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY **2615** PEOPLE CLASSIFIED AS WOMEN IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM

72% OF THE POPULATION IS BLACK AND LATINO (32% BLACK, 40% LATINO, 28% WHITE/OTHER)

BLACK PEOPLE MAKE UP NEARLY 30% OF PEOPLE IN CALIFORNIA'S WOMEN'S PRISONS, BUT COMPRISE ONLY ABOUT 7% OF WOMEN IN THE STATE



WOMEN IN JAILS/PRISONS WE BELIEVE SHOULD BE RECEIVING TREATMENT IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND NOT IN CAGES

HOW MUCH SENSE DOES IT MAKE TO BUILD A **0%** NEW WOMEN'S JAIL IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY?

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS PROPOSED SPENDING APPROXIMATELY **\$200 MILLION** TO CONSTRUCT COSTS A NEW WOMEN'S JAIL IN LANCASTER FOR PEOPLE IT HAS IDENTIFIED AS "NONSERIOUS, NONVIOLENT", AND NOT IN NEED OF "HIGH SECURITY MEASURES." THIS FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE OPERATIONAL, FACILITY USE, AND MEDICAL COSTS.

ALTERNATIVELY, THE COUNTY COULD DISCHARGE THE IDENTIFIED "NONSERIOUS, NONVIOLENT" ALONG WITH THE MAJORITY OF THOSE WHO ARE PRE-TRIAL AND PROVIDE A "KINSHIP SUBSIDY" AT **\$500** PER MONTH FOR SIX MONTHS HOUSING UPON DISCHARGE. TAXPAYERS WOULD SAVE OVER **\$2,500** PER PERSON PER MONTH.

The second part of the jail plan calls for a new mental health jail in Downtown LA that would replace Men's Central Jail called the Consolidated Correctional Treatment Facility (CCTF). With around 3,900-4,900-beds, the jail is planned mostly for people with a mental health needs to be caged under the so called mental health care of the LA County Sheriffs. This type of care cannot be provided by Sheriffs acting as care providers to patients living in cages. People in mental health crisis or needing mental health care must receive a continuum of care in community, with stable housing and resource provision, access to loved ones, and structured support.

The Sheriffs want to implement a mental health treatment plan that relies on the doling out of medication and sedatives. It requires that one be imprisoned in order to access the only public mental health care in the county. If the county were serious about using \$3.7 billion to help LA's imprisoned population, it would be investing in alternatives to this racist, unjust system and working on ways to minimize the size and scope of the Los Angeles prison industrial complex. There are many people who stand to benefit from this plan, perhaps none more than the LA County

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So what exactly will our \$3.7 billion buy us in mental health services?

“While views of ‘real’ nature are considered best ...



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PUBLICLY FUNDED JOB TRAINING FOR CISCO

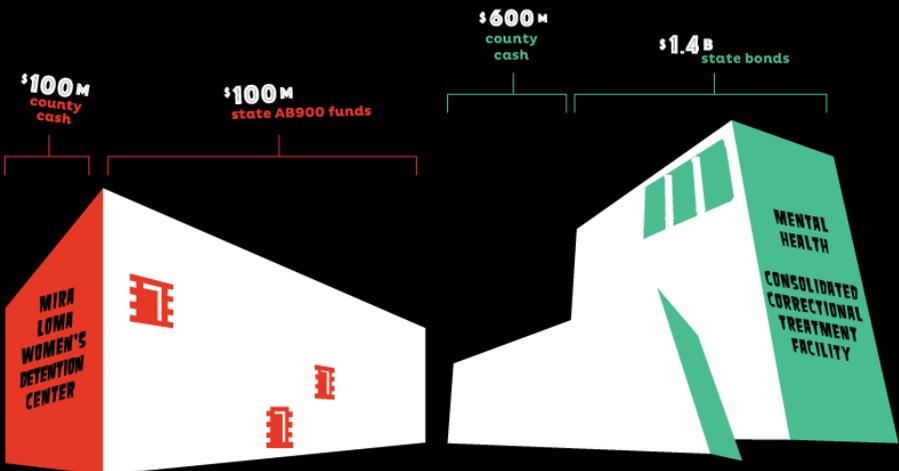
- Cisco Networking Academy
- Modeled after Denver Colorado's Women's Correctional facility, LASD will create a
- Cisco Networking Academy focusing on the following three core certifications: IT
- Essentials, CCNA® (Cisco Certified Networking Associate) Discovery, CCNA
- Exploration, and CCNA Security. According to the US Department of Labor Statistics,
- the need for computer IT related skills will increase by 13% during the next four years.
- Students will be able to take industry certified exams through the LASD Pearson Vue
- testing center. The average beginning salary for this certification is \$34.88 per hour.
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murals of nature also have a very positive impact on reducing stress."

47 MENTAL HEALTH HIRES VS. 44 SHERIFF HIRES

	CURRENT COSTS				FUTURE COSTS								
	Bed(s)	Staff	Program	Facility (Per/HR)	CCTF - Downstream			MIRA LOGMA (1,604 beds)			TOTAL OPERATIONAL COST		
					Beds	Staff	Program	Beds	Staff*	Program	Beds	Staff	Program
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT													
Custody Staff for Entire Facility (See: High-Risk Housing/Intensive Control Requirement)	2,642	832	\$ 132,342,000	MCJ	600	1,083	\$ 173,288,000	1,304	393	\$ 61,343,000	604	1,476	\$ 234,831
Medical Outpatient Specialty Housing	342	130	\$ 43,940,000	MCJ	430	360	\$ 30,597,000	0	195	\$ 31,820,000	430	255	\$ 82,417
Mental Health Intensive Care	0	0	\$ -		200	30	\$ 2,284,000	0	0	\$ -	200	30	\$ 2,284
Food Services Bureau	0	33	\$ 1,963,000	MCJ	0	31	\$ 2,383,000	0	29	\$ 2,303,000	0	60	\$ 4,606
Facilities Services Bureau	0	119	\$ 11,810,000	MCJ	0	119	\$ 14,081,000	0	22	\$ 2,476,000	0	141	\$ 16,577
Education Based Incarceration	0	14	\$ 1,777,000	MCJ	0	21	\$ 3,314,000	0	42	\$ 5,376,000	0	63	\$ 8,690
Court Services Transportation Bureau	0	0	\$ -		0	0	\$ -	0	6	\$ 1,110,000	0	6	\$ 1,110
Delta Systems Bureau	0	0	\$ -		0	9	\$ 1,203,000	0	3	\$ 423,000	0	12	\$ 1,626
Substance Abuse Custody	0	0	\$ -		0	59	\$ 10,139,000	0	0	\$ -	0	39	\$ 10,139
Subtotal	3,159	1,318	\$ 191,850,000		1,250	1,732	\$ 260,299,000	1,304	690	\$ 105,051,000	2,554	2,423	\$ 365,950
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH													
Intensive Crisis	222	32	\$ 10,769,000	TTCF	60	67	\$ 13,375,000				60	67	\$ 13,375
Intensive Crisis Consultation (Supervise Inmate)	0	0	\$ -		0	4	\$ 1,045,000				0	4	\$ 1,045
Intensive Crisis Consultation (Co-Occurring Inmate)	0	0	\$ -		0	6	\$ 1,441,000				0	6	\$ 1,441
Outpatient High Observation	62	60	\$ 10,805,000	TTCF	840	115	\$ 20,252,000				60	115	\$ 20,252
Outpatient Step-down	1,400	103	\$ 19,743,000	TTCF	2,230	189	\$ 34,379,000				135	189	\$ 34,379
Substance Abuse Program Consultation	0	0	\$ -		0	4	\$ 1,045,000				0	4	\$ 1,045
Medical Outpatient Consultation	0	0	\$ -		0	4	\$ 1,045,000				0	4	\$ 1,045
Jail Mental Evaluation Team	0	30	\$ 6,113,000	MCJ	0	30	\$ 6,113,000	0	6	\$ 1,260,000	0	36	\$ 7,374
JMG Administration	0	18	\$ 3,761,000	MCJ	0	19	\$ 3,977,000				0	19	\$ 3,977
Subtotal	2,274	263	\$ 51,212,000		3,135	438	\$ 82,675,000	0	6	\$ 1,260,000	3,135	444	\$ 83,935
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH													
SAPC Administration	0	0	\$ -		0	14	\$ 1,282,000	0	10	\$ 978,000	0	24	\$ 2,261
SAPC Intensive Treatment Program	0	0	\$ -		300	46	\$ 3,181,000	300	28	\$ 1,942,000	800	74	\$ 5,124
Subtotal	0	0	\$ -		500	60	\$ 4,464,000	300	38	\$ 2,921,000	800	98	\$ 7,385



WHERE ARE THEY GETTING THE MONEY TO FUND TWO NEW JAILS IN LA COUNTY ?

NO MORE JAILS !

A HISTORY OF JAIL EXPANSION EFFORTS

This plan is not being proposed in a bubble. There is a long history of expansion plans just like this passing in LA county, all of which only served to worsen the lives of imprisoned folks and make the LASD the most powerful agency in LA county. Each time, these efforts have effectively expanded the power of the Prison Industrial Complex in Los Angeles by giving more money and tools to LASD and prison guard unions. The Twin Towers Jail (aka the Twin Towers Correctional Facility - TTCF) was completed 1997 and was originally designed to be an upgrade to the horrible conditions in the county's jails, a jail proposed to address mental health issues and accommodate people with mental health needs...

It now operates adjacent to Men's Central Jail in Downtown LA, with the same issues of overcrowding, sheriff violence against prisoners and a runaway budget that plague the rest of the LA County jail system. In the same year that Twin Towers was constructed, \$100 million was approved to refurbish the Sybil Brand Institute – a women's jail that had been closed due to the traumatizing conditions in which the imprisoned women had to live in.

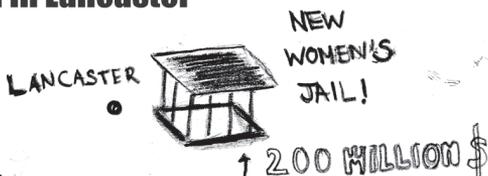
This time around, the powers that be are co-opting reformist demands for 'humane' treatment in these facilities, expecting us to believe that the same LASD that was indicted for the FBI for routinely abusing inmates and, in one case, so brutally beating a man that they left him permanently disabled, is now the only logical choice for the largest investment of mental health funding in LA history.



**All of the Jails, Prisons, Detention
Centers, and Youth Detention
Facilities in LA County**

Step 1.

People currently at the Lynwood Jail Facility would be moved to the New Women's Jail in Lancaster



Step 4.

A New Mental Health Jail with 3800 beds will be built by 2024.

DISTRICT 5

Step 2.

People at Men's Central in Downtown Los Angeles will be moved to the Lynwood Jail Facility (CCTF).

DISTRICT 3

LYNWOOD JAIL

NEW MENTAL HEALTH JAIL

DISTRICT 1

Step 3.

Men's Central will be demolished

DISTRICT 2

MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL

LOS ANGELES

DISTRICT 4

Proposed Plan for Jail Expansion

WE CAN STOP THIS JAIL PLAN!

The LA County Sheriff's Department continues their push towards building jails because it means more money for their budget. In 2015 alone, there was \$99.2 million dollars added to the Sheriff's Budget to address mental health needs, curb excessive force, create more in-custody treatment programs, and address accessibility compliance in its jails.

We need to ensure quality of life improvements for the survival of people in jail until there are no more jails, but these reforms were not implemented as originally described. In fact, most of the money is going towards additional Sheriff deputy positions, hundreds of new positions to swell their total of 19,507 deputies to be funded by the County General Fund. This is in the midst of an LA County without a living wage, without accessible health caregivers, continued police violence, and a homeless population that grows every day.

LA COUNTY'S JAIL

**LA No More
Jails Coalition
organizes a 45
day halt to the
jail plan**

AUGUST 2015

**Consulting company,
Bonterra Psomas,
drafting final
Environmental Impact
Report**

SEPTEMBER 20

JUNE 2015

AUGUST 2016

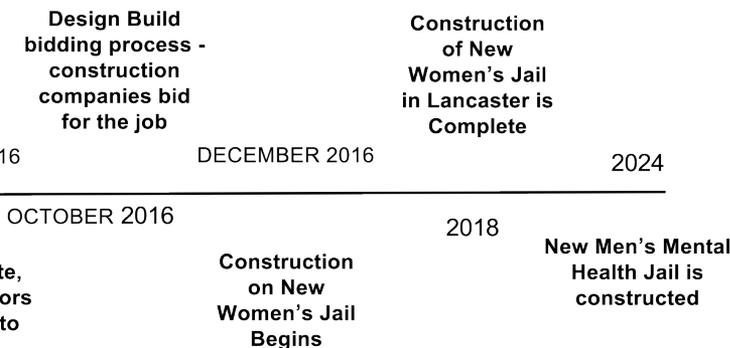
**Office of Diversion
& Re-entry is
created to reduce
mental health
population
inside jails**

**Final EIR complete
Board of Supervisors
will need to vote
approve**

*LA County Organizers have been fighting the jail plan for the last

There is still time to stop the jail plan and the wasteful spending on more jails. The jail plan has to cross more hurdles at the state level to receive its funding. The women’s jail in Antelope Valley has not gone through its full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Process, and with the high amounts of valley fever in the Antelope Valley, it seems the impact of this disease on people who would be imprisoned in the area might not be able to be mitigated. Further, LA has not received state funding for the CCTF. So either they will be looking for more state jail construction funding this coming budget cycle or they expect LA County residents to pay for this in the county budget.

PLAN TIMELINE



at least 10 years, and not a single bed has been built!

It's not all bad. The Board of Supervisors has also committed to the creation of an Office of Diversion and Reentry to divert about 1,000 people from incarceration and create about the same number of housing units for people coming out of jail in the next few years. This is on top of the three new mental health clinics being built. There are significant ways to gear up steady jail population reduction.

Proposition 47, a ballot initiative that passed in 2014, changes some low level convictions like drug possession and petty-theft related offenses from potential felonies to misdemeanors. State prison cost savings from the changes are to be invested in grants for drug treatment and mental health services. This law if expedited can propel the number of people being released.

Split sentencing, dividing the term of imprisonment in half between carceral facilities, and reentry services.

Bail Reform, over 50% of people inside of jail facilities have not been charged. This means that people can be released on their own recognizance, and await trial outside of facilities.

The county jails are overflowing with people with needs that can only truly be addressed outside of a cage. It is clear that the LA County Board of Supervisors have it within their power to push for alternatives to imprisonment and find creative solutions to build resources that help our communities rather than cage those most vulnerable.

We know that the Sheriff's Department will continue to push for the \$3.7 billion jail plan. And we also know that with continued community pressure we can stop these jails. It is time to tell our friends, our loved ones, and the county political leaders to move further towards investing money to expand community-based mental health services, re-entry support, adult education, drug rehab programs, and more community alternatives to imprisonment instead of new jails.



ACTION

**Tell your people about the jail plan -
our communities need to know.**

**Pressure the Supervisors to make the decisions
to narrow the scope of the LA County Sheriff Department
and its county jails.**

**Shift the balance of power on the
Board of Supervisors and end Antonovich's reign of terror
by voting in District 5 Candidate Darrell Park**

**Map the community alternatives we do have and
those we need more of**

Help us plan disruptions until this jail plan is nixed.

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