2024 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

The 2024 Public Protection Committee (PPC) was composed by Supervisor John Gioia, who served as Chair, and Supervisor Federal Glover, who served as Vice Chair. During 2024, the Committee met six times, worked on ten reports pertaining to six of its referrals, and interviewed and made appointment recommendations to the Board for 7 Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council candidates.

At its March 4, 2024 meeting, the 2024 Committee took action to:

TERMINATE the following referrals:

8. "Welfare Fraud Investigation and Prosecution"
9. "Multi-Language Capability of the Telephone Emergency Notification System (TENS)"
10. "Inmate Welfare Fund/Telecommunications/Visitations Issues"
11. "Adult Criminal Justice Fees"

REFER the following referrals to other Board Committees:

12. "Community Warning System (CWS) contracts" to the Industrial Safety Ordinance/Community Warning System Ad Hoc Committee
13. "Racial Justice Oversight Body" to the Equity Committee
14. "Racial Equity Action Plan" to the Equity Committee

CONTINUE the following referrals:

1. "Opportunities to Improve Coordination of Response to Disasters and Other Public Emergencies".
2. "County Support and coordination of non-profit organization resources to provide re-entry services, implementation of AB 109 Public Safety Realignment, and appointment recommendations to the Community Corrections Partnership".
3. "County Law Enforcement Participation and Interaction with Federal Immigration Authorities".
4. "Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council".
5. "Anyone Anywhere Anytime (A3)" (formerly entitled, Stepping Up Initiative)
6. "Holistic Intervention Partnership" from the Public Defender's Office
7. "Animal Services Department Operations".

In addition to the actions taken by the Committee on its standing referrals, the Committee also asked the Sheriff's Office to present a report to the Committee on the Police County Services Areas (P-6 Zone).

The following lists the reports received by the 2024 Committee and its recommended actions, if any,:

1. “Opportunities to Improve Coordination of Response to Disasters and Other Public Emergencies”

   Since there were no updates to the Countywide Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), a report on this referral was not presented to the 2024 Committee. However, at its August 5, 2024 meeting, the Committee received a report from the Sheriff’s Office of Emergency Services (OES) on the County’s Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, which the Board of Supervisors later approved at its November 5, 2024 meeting. Link to the Board item: https://contra-costa.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7005903&GUID=CDA6E7F1-84F8-4E5A-85F3-3DCB51B22CC2

2. “County Support and coordination of non-profit organization resources to provide re-entry services, implementation of AB 109 Public Safety Realignment, and appointment recommendations to the Community Corrections Partnership”

   At its February 5, 2024 meeting, the Public Protection Committee approved the FY 2024-25 AB 109 Public Safety Realignment Community Corrections Partnership budget, as approved by the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee. Link to this agenda item: https://contra-costa.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6503206&GUID=B29C814E-00F6-4D6A-BF80-2771543F7E37

   At its June 3, 2024 meeting, the Committee received a report outlining the CCP - CCP Executive Committee’s initial approved AB 109 Public Safety Realignment Community Corrections reserve funding of $10,179,602 to fund one-time projects dedicated to supporting and providing reentry populations with housing and behavioral health, The District Attorney’s 3-year facility use costs for the multi public safety and justice agency Major Crimes Task Force, and other one-time projects submitted by County departments and community-based organizations including trainings and project support. The CAB and CCP-EC would return to the PPC with further funding recommendations for the remaining reserve allocation of $4,820,398 (to total the $15 million reserve project funding), once their proposal for employment opportunity services and pre-release engagement services was finalized. The Committee approved the reserve funding recommendations for the one-time projects as approved by the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee and directed staff to forward the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors with the understanding that the CAB would continue to further develop their proposals for the remaining allocations, including working with the Employment and Human Services Department to further develop the Guaranteed Income proposal for reentry populations and return to the Committee with those updates. Link to this agenda item: https://contra-costa.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6709385&GUID=0A10C09B-8B92-4CFC-A0BD-FDE9EB8B3D0C&FullText=1

At its October 7, 2024 meeting, the Committee received a report from the CCP CAB and CCP-EC chairs, including an addendum to their original $15 million reserve priority funding allocation recommendations. The addendum included funding recommendations for up to $5.15 million in AB 109 Public Safety Realignment Community Corrections Partnership reserve for the final one-time projects to support reentry employment opportunities, pre/post-release engagement services, and a $1 million set-aside allocation pending further consideration for a reentry guaranteed income pilot program. The Committee approved the recommendations and directed staff to forward the funding recommendations and reserve funding allocation to the Board of Supervisors for further consideration and approval.

The link to the agenda item: https://contra-costa.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6883094&GUID=55653BE0-FD7F-438D-8C2B-7C15B064CBE8

3. "County Law Enforcement Participation and Interaction with Federal Immigration Authorities"

   At its June 3, 2024 meeting, the Committee received a report from the Office of the Sheriff on County law enforcement participation and interaction with federal immigration authorities for the calendar year 2023. The Sheriff's Office reported that since 2019 there have been zero requests from ICE to enter the County's detention facilities, the Sheriff's Office solely vets the legal applicability of requests pursuant to SB 54 (The California Values Act), and there has been no physical ICE presence at any County detention facility.

   The Sheriff's Office requested that this referral to the Committee be terminated due to the Sheriff's annual reporting on its law enforcement participation and interaction with immigration authorities directly to the Board of Supervisors, during their TRUTH Act Community Forum. The Committee approved terminating this referral, with the understanding that any specific follow up items from the Board of Supervisors TRUTH Act Community Forum would be referred back to this Committee for further discussion.

   During its July 23, 2023 TRUTH Act Community Forum, the Board agreed with the termination of the referral as mentioned by the Sheriff and with the understanding that any follow up items from future Board TRUTH Act Community Forums would be referred back to the PPC for further discussion.

4. "Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council"

   At its March 4, 2024 meeting, the Committee conducted interviews and approved recommending to the Board of Supervisors the reappointment of Julius Van Hook to a

community-based organization seat and the appointments of Daniel Theodore and Denise Coleman for At-large seats on the Council. The appointments were approved by the Board of Supervisors at their March 19, 2024 meeting.

At its May 6, 2024 meeting, the Committee received a report from the Probation Department on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, including its Annual Consolidated Plan, planning processes, funded services, and the JJCPA community investment and prevention investment summaries. Link to this agenda item: https://contra-costa.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6655622&GUID=D449A42A-3D20-4D3A-9EBD-18E261DCF498&FullText=1

At its August 5, 2024 meeting, the Committee interviewed Owen Spishock and approved recommending to the Board of Supervisors the appointment to the Community-Based Organization Representative seat on the JJC. The appointment was approved by the Board at their August 13, 2024 meeting.

At its October 7, 2024 meeting, the Committee interviewed candidates and unanimously approved recommending to the Board of Supervisors the appointments of Rojan Mikael Habon and Maxwell Prost to At-large 1 and 2 seats, and Maren Shahade to the At-large Community Representative 4 seat, all with terms ending October 22, 2026.

5. “Anyone Anywhere Anytime (A3)”

   The Committee was scheduled to receive a report in November and when that meeting was canceled, in December. Since the December meeting was also canceled due to scheduling conflicts, the Committee did not receive a report on this referral. Committee staff discussions with Behavioral Health staff during those months informed staff that Committee clarification of the reporting expectations would help staff prepare relevant reports on justice specific topics.

6. “Holistic Intervention Partnership from the Public Defender's Office”

   At its October 7, 2024 meeting, the Committee received a report from the Public Defender’s Office of the Holistic Intervention Program (HIP), its goals, program design, and research supporting the program. The Committee recommended that the Public Defender provide this update to the Board of Supervisors. The Committee also approved changing the referral reporting frequency from an annual update to on a as needed basis. Link to the agenda item: https://contra-costa.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6884294&GUID=2E39C877-B669-4973-A6C7-4A3E1A2A2791

7. “Animal Services Department Operations”

At its March 4, 2024 meeting, the Committee received a report from the Animal Services Department on its Measure X allocation and program planning. The Committee requested that the department return with a report for its next meeting with information on backyard breeding. Link to the report: https://contra-costa.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6560305&GUID=18488C31-CCDA-43C1-890F-C3E7C490852F

At its June 3, 2024 meeting, the Committee received a report from the Animal Services Department on the topic of backyard breeding. The Committee discussed spay and neuter, fees for unaltered dogs and cats, and the benefits of accessibility and affordability of spay and neuter services. Challenges with enforcing mandatory spay and neuter ordinances and overall backyard breeding limitations were also discussed. The Committee requested that the department research whether all 18 cities in the County have formally adopted County Ordinance Code section 416 and return to the Committee for further discussion. The Committee also requested that County Ordinance Code section 416-6.216(b) be amended to replace two antiquated terms with “female”.

At its October 7, 2024 meeting, the Committee received a report from the Animal Services Department on spay and neuter policy approaches, including mandatory spay and neuter considerations. The Committee requested that the Department return to the next Committee meeting and include County Counsel for discussion on legal implications of various spay and neuter approaches. The link to the agenda item: https://contra-costa.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6882986&GUID=3E2F09EF-D98E-4BCC-A4AD-66D5C6CB9835&FullText=1

Since the November and December meetings were canceled due to scheduling conflicts the Committee did not receive the report as previously requested and the Animal Services Department agreed to prepare a report for the first PPC meeting in 2025.