

MEMORANDUM

FY 2025-2026 Policy & Budget Recommendations-

Community Advisory Board to the Contra Costa County Community Corrections Partnership

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) would like to submit the following memorandum to the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) for consideration and request public discussion of CAB's proposed policy and budget recommendations for fiscal year 2025-2026. CAB recognizes CCP for its ongoing support and attention to CAB's recommendations over the years and will continue to work in partnership with CCP members and members of the Board of Supervisors to refine, enhance, and improve our local criminal justice system.

CAB also commends the CCP, the Public Protection Committee, and CAO staff for their thoughtful and serious review of CAB's recommendations to allocate \$15M in excess funds. We look forward to continuing to work to strengthen the outcomes of interventions in the County through research and advocacy.

Building from CAB's policy platform, which states:

As County residents and representatives of the community, we want a fair and effective justice system in Contra Costa County. Our approach to policy rests on four pillars:

- *We want to invest in what works.*
- *We believe that true justice requires social justice.*
- *We believe that incarceration should serve as a last resort.*
- *We believe that safety for all depends on justice for all.*

Due to the comprehensive report submitted in May and September CAB would like to reiterate our recommendations for continual and increased investment in the four priority areas:

1. Expanding housing services for justice-involved individuals
2. Expanding behavioral health support for justice-involved individuals
3. Increasing employment opportunities for reentry population
4. Enhancing pre-release engagement services

CAB understands that the current budget projections anticipate a reduction in funding from the state and would like to maintain the current level of investment in community programs with a standard cost of living adjustment comparable to the county department's increases.

CAB is committed to ensuring the voices of the AB 109 population are amplified through our work and their needs are being met through County investments. As CAB continues to increase opportunities for more public involvement, we encourage the CCP, PPC, and CAO staff to share ideas and areas of focus to ensure we are in alignment.

Thank you for your consideration,
CAB Members 2024