



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

# PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT PLAN

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

FY 2026-2028 REALIGNMENT PLAN

FY 2026-2027 REALIGNMENT BUDGET

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# Community Corrections Partnership

- Fifteen years of collaborative realignment work
- Ongoing commitment to delivering effective, data-informed services that address the needs of justice-involved individuals, reduce recidivism, and promote positive outcomes for individuals, families, and the community.

## Introduction

Welcome to the County of Santa Barbara Public Safety Realignment Plan. Since 2011, the Santa Barbara County Probation Department has coordinated the development and distribution of the County's comprehensive Realignment Plan following extensive collaboration with the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) members, stakeholders, and the community. The Plan is reviewed and approved by both the CCP Executive Committee and General Membership prior to submission to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors. As required by the Public Safety Realignment Act (Assembly Bill 109), the following Plan and recommended programs are aligned with local needs and available resources to effectively serve the Realigned population.

The Realignment Act was designed and implemented in October of 2011, to address overcrowding in California's state prison system and help mitigate the State's fiscal challenges. Every year, the County of Santa Barbara receives a designated fiscal allocation to serve the population of clients who prior to the Act went to a California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Facility. Additionally, this Act expanded the role of the CCP, originally established under the California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2009 (Senate Bill 678), and created a seven-member Executive Committee. This shift increased local responsibility and underscored the need for clear goals, coordinated strategies, and effective oversight to serve the Realigned population.

The five CCP goals outlined in this Realignment Plan serve as a guide for the CCP, ensuring efforts and funding allocations are targeted to make a direct impact on

## Local Planning & Oversight

Each year, the CCP develops a plan for the Public Safety Realignment Act (Assembly Bill 109) and the Executive Committee of the Community Corrections Partnership (ECCCP) votes to approve the annual spending plan submission to the Board of Supervisors. As required by statute, the annual plan and recommended programs are to be consistent with local needs and resources as applied to the Realigned population.

### Executive Committee of the Community Corrections Partnership

- **Holly Benton (Chair)**, Chief Probation Officer  
*Probation Department*
- **Angela Braun**, Court Executive Officer  
*Superior Court (incoming)*
- **Bill Brown**, Sheriff/Coroner  
*Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office*
- **Kelly Gordon**, Santa Barbara Police Chief  
*Santa Barbara Police Department*
- **Tracy Macuga**, Public Defender  
*Office of the Public Defender*
- **Toni Navarro**, Director  
*Department of Behavioral Wellness*
- **Darrel Parker**, Court Executive Officer  
*Superior Court (outgoing)*
- **John Savmoch**, District Attorney  
*Office of the District Attorney*

### Community Corrections Partnership at large members

- **Sylvia Barnard**, Executive Director  
*Good Samaritan Shelter*
- **Laura Capps**, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Supervisor  
*County Board of Supervisors*
- **Michael Heck**, Chief Executive Officer & President  
*Hamic-Recampus*
- **Daniel Nielson**, Director  
*Department of Social Services*
- **Susan Salcido**, Ed.D., Superintendent  
*County Education Office*
- **Luis Servin**, Executive Director  
*Workforce Development Board*

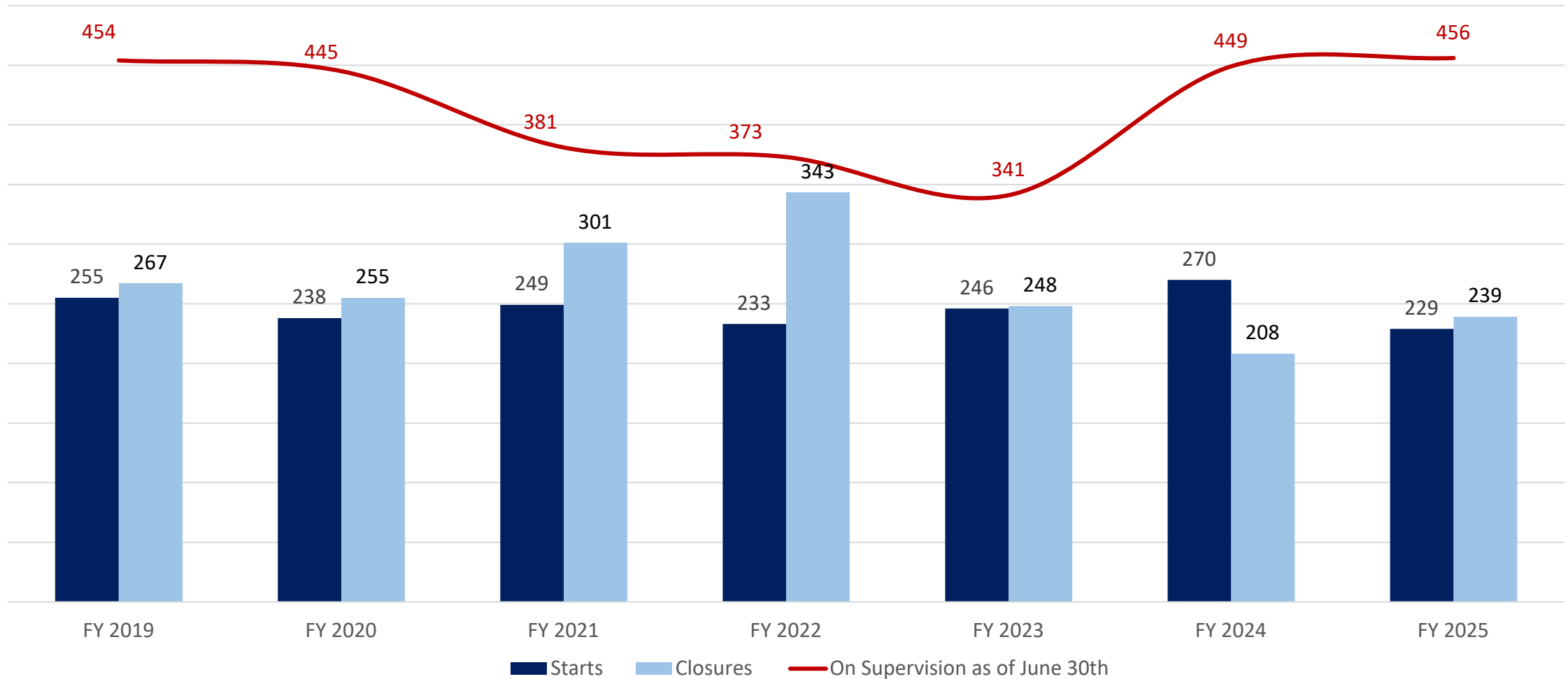
### Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) workgroup

- **Angela Braun**, Court Executive Officer  
*Superior Court (incoming)*
- **Michael Cash**, Guadalupe Police Chief  
*Guadalupe Police Department*
- **Spencer Cross (Chair)**, Deputy Chief  
*Probation Department*
- **Eleanor Gartner**, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Representative  
*County Board of Supervisors*
- **Tanja Heitman**, Asst. County Executive Officer  
*County Executive Office*
- **Jennifer Karapetian**, Assistant District Attorney  
*Office of District Attorney*
- **Tracy Macuga**, Public Defender  
*Office of the Public Defender*
- **Toni Navarro**, Director  
*Department of Behavioral Wellness*
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- **Luis Servin**, Executive Director  
*Workforce Development Board*
- **Ryan Sullivan**, Chief Custody Deputy  
*Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office*

disparities within the criminal justice system, and implementing evidence-based practices, and staffing that are balanced to meet the goals and objectives in the plan. The CCP is required to demonstrate success through annual presentations, providing an opportunity for collaboration with the Board of Supervisors, and other stakeholders. The



# Realignment Population Supervision by Fiscal Year

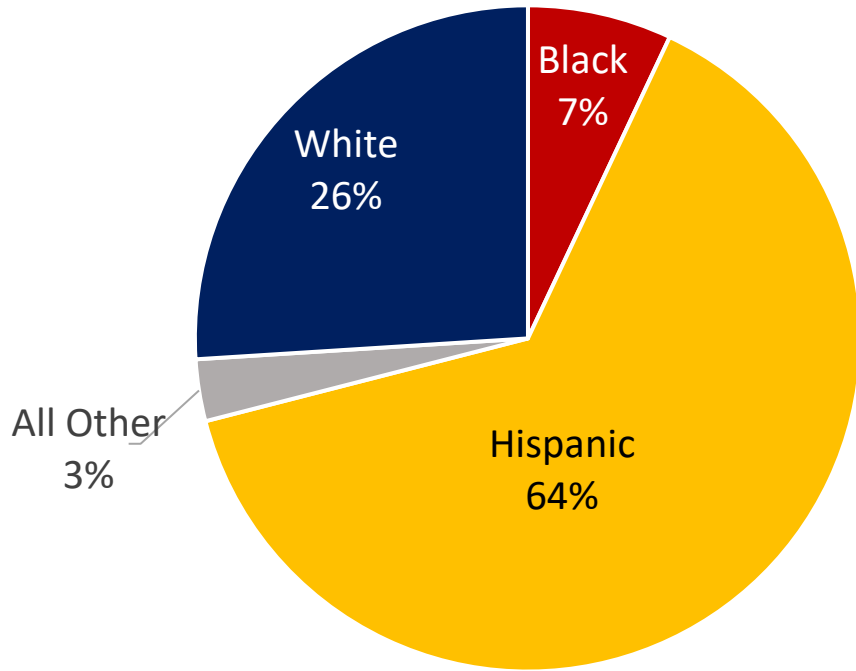


# Demographics of Realigned Population

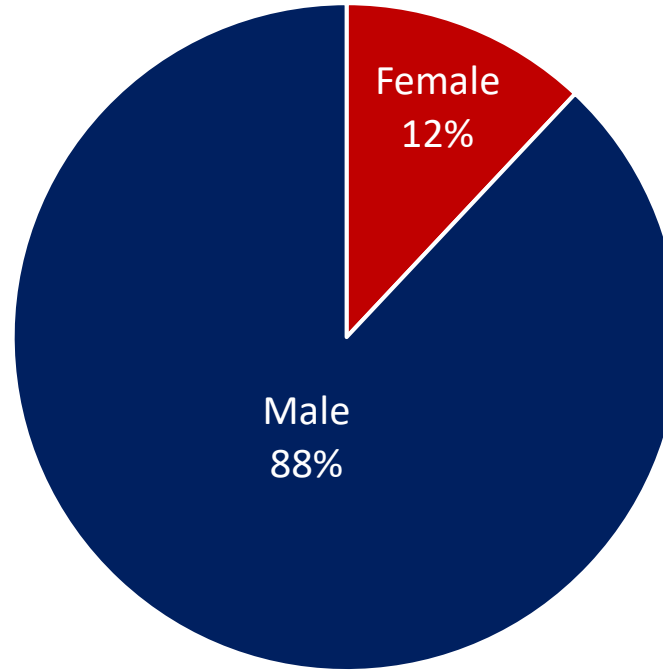
*During FY 24/25, a total of 524 unique individuals were supervised on either PRCS or PSS supervision.*

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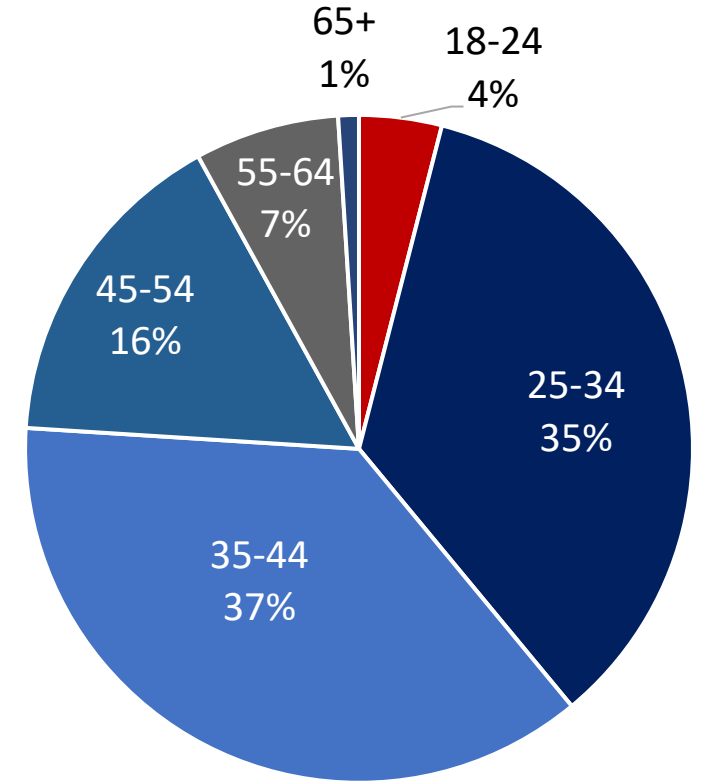
**Race/Ethnicity**  
(n=524 unique individuals)



**Gender**  
(n=524 unique individuals)



**Age**  
(n=524 unique individuals)



# Goals, Objectives & Outcomes



- Enhance public safety by **reducing recidivism**
- Enhance the use of **alternative detentions** (pre and post sentence) for appropriate justice-involved individuals
- Provide for successful and **equitable reentry** of justice-involved individuals back into the community
- **Coordinate efforts** to eliminate duplication, enhance efficiencies, and promote best practices
- Support a systemic approach to studying and addressing **racial and ethnic disparities** in the justice system

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GOAL 4 Coordinate efforts to eliminate duplication, enhance efficiencies, and promote best practices.

GOAL 5 Support a systemic approach to studying and addressing racial and ethnic disparities in the justice system.

The CCP is committed to understanding the extent to which racial and ethnic disparities exist within the criminal justice system. The partnership maintains its commitment to ensuring all justice-involved individuals are treated with dignity, respect, and humanity. In FY 2023-2024, the partnership will focus on expanding its understanding and impact of racial and ethnic disparities in the justice system and addressing and implementing processes to assist in reducing disproportionality.

OBJECTIVES	FY 2025-2026 PROPOSED OUTCOME	FY 2025-2026 PROJECTED OUTCOME	FY 2026-2027 PROPOSED OUTCOME
Partner with local justice partners to educate staff and stakeholders and strategize approaches to address any racial and ethnic disparities in the local justice system.	Complete a new relative rate index decision point analysis by June 30, 2025, and compare findings to the 2021 analysis to strategize approaches to address racial and ethnic disparity in the local justice system.	As of December 31, 2025, data for the updated Relative Rate Index analysis had been completed, and analytic work was in progress, with a final report anticipated by June 30, 2026.	The Probation Department will explore partnerships with an indigenous-serving organization to educate stakeholders about the Mixteco population, including effective engagement strategies, and to provide the Mixteco community with information on available County services.
Use county-specific findings on racial and ethnic disparities to inform decision-making.			

# Program Enhancements & Expansions

## One-Time Funding

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- Re-Entry, Early Access, and Diversion for You (READY)
- Victim-Witness Program Assistant for North County Domestic Violence Cases
- Freedom to Choose
- Proposition 36 Deputy Probation Officers

# Program Enhancements & Expansions

## Ongoing Funding

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- Public Defender: Diversion Paralegals (2.0 FTE)
- Public Defender: Holistic Defense Program Manager (1.0 FTE)
- Behavioral Wellness: Champion Center Beds

# FY 2026-27 Budget

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Total Ongoing Budget = **\$21,860,102**

## Financed from:

- \$19,805,693 from the estimated *FY 26-27 Realignment Allocation*
- \$128,800 from *FY 24-25 Growth funds*
- \$1,925,609 use of *Restricted Fund Balance to balance budget*

Total One-time Budget = **\$2,169,300**

- The CCP has authorized the allocation of an additional \$2,169,300 from the RPRFB to address specific one-time program-related expenditures

# Closing

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Justice system partners remain committed to:

- Advancing collaborative strategies
- Data Collection
- Improving outcomes and maximize resources.
- Process Improvements
- Reduce jail population, improve re-entry and programming

HOLLY L. BENTON  
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

"EACH NEW DAY BRINGS THE OPPORTUNITY TO RISE TO OUR CHALLENGES, CULTIVATE ACCOUNTABILITY, SUPPORT GROWTH AND HELP INDIVIDUALS TAKE ROOT IN A SAFER, STRONGER COMMUNITY ON A PATH TO LASTING SUCCESS."



# Today's Recommended Actions

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- A. Receive a presentation on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2028 Public Safety Realignment Plan; and
- B. Accept the Santa Barbara County FY 2026-2028 Public Safety Realignment Plan developed by the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) and approved by the Executive Committee of the CCP; and
- C. Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a “Project” within the meaning of the CEQA Guidelines pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5), in that they are government administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect changes to the environment; and
- D. Determine that the acceptance of the FY 2025-2026 Public Safety Realignment Plan is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that the activities are covered by the common sense exception that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA.



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