



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Probation  
**Department No.:** 022  
**For Agenda Of:** December 14, 2021  
**Placement:** Departmental  
**Estimated Time:** 30 minutes  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** 2022 Juvenile Justice Realignment Plan

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Receive a presentation on the 2022 Juvenile Justice Realignment Plan (JJRP); and
- B. Accept the Santa Barbara County 2022 JJRP developed and approved by the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) and the Juvenile Justice Realignment Subcommittee (JJRS); and
- C. Determine that the above recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that the activities are covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing significant effects 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.

**Summary Text:**

Senate Bill (SB) 823 was the trailer bill to implement the decision by the Governor and the legislature to close the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and shift funding and responsibility for the highest need youth to the counties. Counties must establish a subcommittee of their Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) to develop a plan to meet the needs of the realigned population. Commencing with the 2021-22 fiscal year, and annually thereafter, each County will receive an allocation to provide appropriate rehabilitative housing and supervision services for this population. Santa Barbara County's FY 2022-23 estimated allocation is \$1.1 million.

**Background:**

As of July 1, 2021, SB 823 realigned the responsibility for the care, custody and supervision of local youth who previously would have been committed to DJJ to counties. Santa Barbara County's initial Juvenile Justice Realignment Plan was approved by the JJCC and the Juvenile Justice Realignment Subcommittee (JJRS) on April 2, 2021, and then submitted to the Board of Supervisors on May 18, 2021. An allocation of funding was also made available for county-based care. Eligibility for SB 823 funding requires the annual development of a plan describing the facilities, programs, placements, services, supervision and reentry strategies needed to provide appropriate rehabilitative services for realigned youth (Attachment B).

To inform design and implementation, the input from youth, family and community were sought through a variety of approaches. Surveys were provided to youth and family that are currently or have previously been involved in the juvenile justice system. Additionally, various presentations and individual interviews were conducted with the JJRS members soliciting ideas and feedback. Further, a Virtual Community Listening Forum was held on September 24, 2021, and a presentation to Kids Network on September 1, 2021, resulted in additional, diverse input.

The Santa Barbara County Probation Department has developed PEAK (Perseverance, Equity, Accountability, and Knowledge) Restoration Program, located within the Susan J. Gionfriddo Juvenile Justice Center for realigned youth. PEAK provides focused individualized interventions that promote behavior change through programs delivered in a safe and secure environment. Based on analysis of youth previously committed to DJJ over the last five years, it is anticipated two to five youth will be committed to the program annually. The program was developed in alignment with a Positive Youth Development model to build the continuum of interventions outlined in the JJRP. An Individual Rehabilitative Plan will be developed by a multi-disciplinary team to meet the unique needs and risk factors of each youth and to provide for successful reentry. The Probation Department continues to implement best practices in its approaches to working with youth, and to transform its youth-serving systems while adapting to legislative change. The 2022 JJRP was approved by the JJCC and the JJRS on November 12, 2021.

**Performance Measure:**

The JJRP includes performance measures to assess the programs and interventions provided to youth across multiple dimensions, including psychological and social functioning and treatment engagement. Contract-based services have incorporated performance-based measures and are evaluated by Probation for successful outcomes for youth on a regular basis. As youth progress through PEAK, data will be

collected and outcomes measured to assess the effectiveness of the services and programs they are receiving.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Receiving and filing the 2022 JJRP has no financial impacts.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: PowerPoint Presentation of the 2022 Juvenile Justice Realignment Plan

Attachment B: 2022 Juvenile Justice Realignment Plan

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