



# County of Santa Barbara

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Minute Order

December 1, 2020

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**Present:** 4 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, and Supervisor Lavagnino  
Absent 1 - Supervisor Adam

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

File Reference No. 20-00924

**RE:** HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding an update on Criminal Justice System changes and advancing Racial Equity and Inclusion in Santa Barbara County, as follows: (EST. TIME: 3 HR.)

- a) Receive and file a status report on efforts to reduce the jail inmate population and responses to Board direction of July 16, 2020;
- b) Direct staff to return at budget workshops with options for funding diversion efforts, improving data analysis and systems, and speeding discovery processes;
- c) Direct staff to provide data for an evaluation of racial disparities of the adult incarcerated population;
- d) Adopt a statement of commitment by the County to advance equity and inclusion;
- e) Receive and file a report by the Human Resources Director on an equity and inclusion framework (J.O.I.N.) and approve funding for the initiative;
- f) Receive and file a report by the Community Services Department (CSD) on actions to support community voices and engagement in partnership with other departments and organizations, and approve funding for the initiatives;
- g) Direct staff to return with a process for distribution of the remainder of the equity funds;
- h) Provide other direction as appropriate; and
- i) Determine that the action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b) (5) because the hearing is an administrative activity that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change to the environment.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

HEARING TIME: 2:23 PM - 6:51 PM (4 HR. 28 MIN.)



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Received and filed staff presentation and conducted public hearing.

A motion was made by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

- a) Received and filed;
- b) and c) Directed;
- d) Directed staff to return to the Board with a revised Statement of Commitment by the County to advance equity and inclusion;
- e) and f) Received and filed;
- g) Directed staff to ensure members of the community have the authority regarding the distribution of the remainder of the equity funds;
- h) Directed staff to return to the Board in April 2021 with an update;

Further directed staff to look at economies of scale and collaboration between the Probation Department and the Sheriff's Office for the Alternative Sentencing Bureau (ASB); as well as directed staff to create an Equity Advisory and Outreach Committee with Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, UCSB and Dr. Melissa Smith; as well as directed staff to choose the maximum amount of stipend per person for the Equity Advisory and Outreach Committee; and lastly granted staff flexibility in the maximum amount of honoraria for the Uplift Cultural Expression and Diversity Program; and

i) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

- Ayes:** 4 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, and Supervisor Lavagnino
- Absent:** 1 - Supervisor Adam