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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
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22.		Favor	Elise Johnson	
			Mary Veral	<p>My name is Mary Veral. I am a licensed clinical social worker in Los Angeles. I am writing in support of item #22.</p> <p>I am very familiar with the conditions in the Los Angeles County Jails. I have been working in the jail system since at least 2006, when I worked for the ACLU. Now, I do direct work with clients housed in the jails as a mitigation specialist, where I interview individuals housed in the jails. Also, since 2021, I have been appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve as a Commissioner for the Sybil Brand Commission where I conduct inspections of the jail facilities.</p> <p>In all these roles, I have routinely heard about and witnessed the atrocious conditions in the jails. Every time I go into MCJ I am disgusted that we as a community continue to allow the conditions there to exist. They are truly appalling, and we need to do everything to depopulate the jails so that we can close it now. That is why I am supporting this motion.</p> <p>The LA Jails – all of them, but in particular MCJ – are at a humanitarian crisis. The conditions have been decrepit, violent, and horrible for years, if not decades. As recently as last month, I saw a man without clothes lying on a gurney waiting for a bed because the jail was so crowded, and the sheriff's department didn't have anywhere to put him.</p> <p>As the Board has already agreed to do, MCJ needs to be closed, and we must take steps to achieve that end. I am supporting this motion because we need an all-hands on deck approach to getting people out of these conditions as soon as possible. Most people in the LA jails are fighting their cases and are presumed innocent. They have families, they have jobs, and many of them need supportive care and resources. They are not getting any of this in the jails.</p> <p>I am supportive of anything and everything the County can do to get people out of the inhumane jails and back to their community. This includes electronic monitoring, if the time on electronic monitoring counts towards custody credits for both pretrial and convicted individuals. Other counties in California do this, and LA should follow suit. The facilities are a mockery of justice, and everything must be done to end this County's dependency on them.</p>
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22.		Favor	Shana Smith	There has been to many issues that are causing abhorrent conditions violating one's human rights in the Los Angeles county jail system the overcrowded jails and it's failure to help rehabilitate rather than incarcerate the courts along with the district attorney office is keeping bails at a all time high it isn't helping helping public safety it's making things worse at the tax payers expense shut down mens central jail it inhabitable conditions for any human being
			Stacy Dagleish	
			Stephen Grace	
		Vaune Kirby	This agenda item should be at the top of the list for discussion. Certainly before many of the earlier items, ie. Proclaiming April as any special month. Taking care of the Men's Central Jail, Inmate Reception Center, and other jails is a priority. And has been for years. I don't see how if the board and the county has not been able to handle this crisis, how you will ever be able to handle homelessness. And you have gotten funding for homelessness and blown it. Am I unaware of ballot measures asking the public for money for the jail and prison crisis? Am I unaware of the county budget increasing funding to handle this problem. And for at least 45 years???? If so, it needs to be presented to the public loud and clear. Also, you need to get money to build or acquire buildings for mental health facilities. This is also a problem that has been languishing for years. It is part of both the jail and homelessness crises. I expect this board of 5 women to get things done. Thank you for listening.	
		Oppose	Aaron Drew	This is an abomination. Please stop depopulating our jails with dangerous criminals so you can virtue signal. Make LA safer, NOT LESS SAFE!
			Alaleh Konoudi	If you want to fight crime, you must be more tough on criminals.
			Alejandra E Rodriguez	
			Alexis Upton-Knittle	Please vote no on the release of prisoners. The crime in LA has caused many native Californians to leave. Now we are considering moving from rural North LA County because crime has increased dramatically. Your constituents are questioning your background, training or knowledge about an issue that should be voted by voters or at least involve the judiciary and law enforcement. This seems fairly dictatorial. Vote NO
			Alisha B Wolf	
		Alison Raitt	Awful. Crime is at epic levels and this would make the city even more dangerous. Not the solution.	



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22.		Oppose	Allegra Clegg	How can you possibly be in favor of releasing criminals? It's not okay to be soft on crime.
			Alyssa Ganezer	
			Amelia J Uraine	Putting inmates/criminals back on the street is not a safe or smart action for anyone involved. It's not safe for law abiding citizens. It's not safe for the inmates themselves, they need help and rehabilitation and putting them back without doing so is wrong. Most importantly this is not safe for the children, to put dangerous and unstable people back into the community.
			Amy Guttman	This is a disastrous concept potentially making our already crime ridden city much worse. Much crime is done by repeat offenders let out of prison too early.
			Ana Martinez	This isn't the solution. We are already flooded in the streets with homeless, drug addicted people and criminals. We don't need more to be released.
			Angela S Haskins	As a resident of DTLA for more than 30 years I see this is yet another step in the WRONG direction. Steps toward limiting the numbers of people incarcerated should be made in funding mental health care and education. We've seen the devastating and deadly results of minimizing the punishment for crimes ... repeat offenders and more crime.
			Angry Senior	OPPOSE the releasing of convicted criminals from Los Angeles County jails. This is putting taxpayers/residents at great risk of harm or worse. Since 1961, our family has been victimized of crimes a total of 14 times. Attempted robbery, residential burglaries, car break-ins, car vandalism. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. Protect the people who pay your salary.
			Anita S Hunnicutt	
			Anne Kent	The county is already wildly dangerous. Not enough police, homelessness out of control. Metro unusable due to crime and mentally ill vagrants. This is absolutely absurd that you would even consider it. 90,000 people have left the county due to mismanagement. This will do nothing but accelerate that problem. Your policies are chasing taxpayers out.
			Anne White	Your responsibility is to ensure the safety of the public in LA. This depopulation of the jails is ensuring that crime will rise further and the citizens which you purportedly support, will be put in further danger. This action endangers children, families, the elderly, businesses and our communities. Also, you have the gaul to proclaim a "victims crime week", after making sure that the people of LA will become victims of crime when you let dangerous people out? Is this a sick joke? Jails are necessary for people who choose to ignore our laws and they keep a civil society orderly and safe. Will you do the same for the people of Los Angeles?



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			Anthony Luca	
			Anthony D Warfield	
			Ario Arian	The board of supervisors is being extremely careless with the safety of the citizens that put them there. The board should strongly reconsider setting loose criminals on the streets of Los Angeles. It's clear how out of touch the members of this board are and that is dangerous for the people of this city.
			Armida Mucino	
			Armida Mucino-Pineda	
			Armida Pineda	Concerned about the priorities of LA County leadership who seem to constantly prioritize activist demands over public safety. Unfortunately, law-abiding citizens have to pay the consequences. I hope the public is paying attention and votes accordingly.
			Arthur K Pia	This is complete insanity! What are we turning this city /state into? You are forcing people to move out because the crime rate is out of control
			Aviva Williams	Releasing criminals from jail means that the residents of L.A. County will be subjected to more crime. Why would you do that?! Keep the criminals locked up and do your job to protect the people you serve.
			Barbara Wolfe	Please do not unleash these criminals into our community. Law abiding citizens. Please do not release these criminals into our communities before their entire sentence is served. Law abiding citizens do not deserve this.
Barbara J MacDonald				



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22.		Oppose	Bill Murphy	Bad idea with dire consequences. Rewarding those who do harm will only cause an increase in robberies, stealing etc. As leaders in the community do right by the people who obey the laws and want a stronger society with less crime and less homelessness. The policy that basically says the law is not really the law will embolden those that want to do harm. Have some backbone and enforce the law. Quit letting the bad guys win and serve the people.
			Brad Hartman	The current crisis is an increase of crime including violent crime in Los Angeles County due to a lack of prosecution of violent criminals, not a crisis of prison population. Reducing the prison population and not detaining criminals will only exacerbate the current crisis. We don't pay some of the highest taxes in the nation to have Law & Order destroyed by the proposed policies. Vote NO. Thank you.
			Brandon Lev	More Orwellian nonsense from the board. Nothing is this proposal is "reasonable". We are tired of totalitarian LA officials who treat violent criminals as a protected class after they punished law abiding citizens with unscientific lockdowns and mandates for years. You can't push lockdowns and ban cigarettes for our "health", while our streets resemble third world slums full of garbage and human waste. Yet Horvath and the other LA leftist supervisors now want to unleash anarcho-tyranny on us by releasing more violent criminals onto the streets while they infringe on regular citizens Second Amendment rights. It is clear that the board of supervisors has nothing but contempt for the people of Los Angeles. At least the feeling is mutual.
			Brenda Ping	Please do not release these criminals back into the county! Our crime rate is already soaring - we do NOT want to have a crime rate as high as San Francisco who is now begging for help. I am also sorry this is occurring with a first time all-woman board. It is a shameful representation for women!!
			Britt-Marie Potter	
			Bryan Cramer	Strongly oppose! Stop decriminalizing these crimes and releasing people. Crime is on the rise and there is nothing compelling criminals from offending again and again and again. There needs to be accountability for criminal actions. The innocent citizens are tired of being victims at the hands of our elected officials.
			C Chico	I am against this proposal. Our cities are not safe and this proposal will further exasperate the decline of our resident's safety.



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22.		Oppose	Carla Davidson	
			Carolyn P	This proposal is irresponsible and it is astounding that Solis and Horvath care more about criminals than law abiding citizens. This is precisely why people are fleeing California - elected officials in CA are completely disconnected from reality. Your responsibility and priority needs to be the safety of people who live and work in LA County. It should NOT be protecting criminals. If there are overcrowding issues you need to start actually doing your job and addressing the root cause. Is it the terrible schools in LAUSD that are controlled by the unions and do not educate our youth, leading to hopelessness? Check. Is it the permissive attitude towards drug use? Check. Is it the inability to accept accountability and blame everyone else for someone's own decisions? Check. When someone is not held accountable for criminal behavior, they are incentivized to engage in even worse behavior. Your agenda item is astounding in its breadth of how far you are willing to go to let criminals loose on the general population. I worry for people who live here – your recklessness is to be feared as much as the criminals because you do not care about your constituents. You clearly care nothing about victims and are intending to sacrifice their safety – for what? This will lead to a two tier system in the county - people who can afford their private security – as I'm sure all Supervisors have private, taxpayer funded security detail - and everyone else who will have to worry about how to protect their family and community from the criminals who are protected by the elected officials such as Solis and Horvath.
			Cassandra Riera	Please protect the victims of crime.
			Catherine Wachtfogel	
			Cathy Hobart	Crime is already skyrocketing. Just in the past 4 days, the 405 freeway & 10 freeway were shut down due to shootings. Communities that don't normally see much crime are now having carjackings, shootings, stabbings, machete attacks, armed robberies, etc. Releasing more criminals from jail & "cite & release" will not help. Residents in the communities of LA County DO NOT FEEL SAFE!!! VOTE NO!!!
			Cecile Gutierrez	
			Charlee Rico	Oppose
			Charlie Hobart	
			Chausa Nguyen	Your job is to ensure the safety of the citizens from criminals.
			Chryste R Fisher	



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			Claudia Herrera	The LA COUNTY BOS's motion to gut part of the criminal justice system without any input from the community is RECKLESS & DANGEROUS! LA County's crime is rising. You motion - puts us all in danger. You protect criminals. Here you are quietly introducing 'decarceration' effort to swap jail time with slap on wrist! Under your proposal, law enforcement officers would be directed to cite and release suspects accused of illegally carrying a firearm, and those arrested on charges such as domestic violence, possession of child pornography, residential burglary, robbery or assault with a firearm. How does this make us safer? When do law abiding residents of this county come first? catch-and-release program comes without any plan or infrastructure to protect the community from violent criminals apprehended by law enforcement. Further, it creates no lockdown facilities for the mentally ill. This program benefits no one, except for career criminals. We need to make sure the most dangerous offenders don't get out, that first-time offenders don't come back and that those with serious mental illnesses get appropriate care and help. This does none of that
			Clinton Sanchez	
			Colleen Quinn	Strongly oppose.
			Concerned Citizen	Why are you putting public safety at risk? Unacceptable.
			Concerned Mother	STOP THIS!!! Crime continues to increase, stop releasing criminals back into our communities! These are failed policies. Knock it off!
			Coral Deffan	
			Corinne Hartmann	Our County should not be subject to increased crime & criminals who are not held accountable for their crimes. We strongly oppose this agenda.
			Courtney Macker	
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			Courtney Wyman	
			Cynthia J Stanley	The Board of Supervisors should support the LASD to do it's job. Letting people out of jail who break significant laws and are a danger to the community is wrong. An acceptable way for the Board to keep people out of jail is have and be involved programs that teach people how to follow the law and not hurt or injure others, offer employment training, etc.Or maybe offer reinstate work release programs for the sentenced.



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			Danny Seo	We do NOT need more criminals let loose on our streets that ALREADY are saturated with crime.
			Darnell Higgs	
			David Mills	Criminality does exist. If you remove impediments to criminality, crime will absolutely increase. What interest do Government Officials have in releasing en masse a population of unrehabilitated criminals? Currently, theft of merchandise under \$900 is not prosecuted. I have a family and business here in LA County. I was born here. Your actions regarding crime are incentivizing us to leave.
			David A Denenholz	I am adamantly opposed to this measure. Similar actions by other cities and counties have lead to a marked increase in crime.
			Deanna Wills	
			Debbie Durbin	LA County is incredibly UNSafe because of haphazard, virtue signaling policies. This is abhorrent to be under consideration at this time! Make our county and city safer - not the opposite! Stop letting criminals out while crime skyrockets!
			Debbie Sannes	These people committed crimes and need to stay in jail! We do not need more crime on the streets by this early release - they did the crime and need to serve the time - if they are from another state or county they should be sent back to their state or country - we can not continue to let criminals on the street - they will just go back to what they did before - breaking the law!
			Denise S Lite	This is an outrage! This is dangerous to every citizen in LA County and will create MORE crime, not less! Every Supervisor who votes for this needs to have their head examined!
			Diane Bleak	Please do NoT do this!!!!!! This is crazy !!!!!
			Donna Khalife	What steps are we taking to protect domestic and child abuse victims? These are our most vulnerable citizens and we have a responsibility to ensure their safety. Please, please, please reconsider. Lives are at stake.



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			Elizabeth Jouvenat	OPPOSE
			Erica Zuniga	I strongly oppose this motion and urge Supervisor Hahn to vote in opposition of this motion. Directing LASD to "cite and release" anyone with a bail amount of \$50,000 or less means that you will be releasing domestic violence abusers and child abusers. This will only harm the community. The board needs to remove this motion.
			Erick Breneman	
			Erin Willis	Releasing thousands of criminals back into society with poor social safety nets and no predetermined supports in place is not only careless but dangerous. With thousands of homeless already on the streets and crime becoming a standard part of every LA resident's day, it's unfathomable that anyone would think this is a smart or well thought out suggestion. I can hardly go a day without hearing of a car theft, car part theft, armed robbery, assault, etc. in my high income neighborhood... how could releasing people already guilty of committing these same crimes be a valid solution?
			Esther Cordill	
			Esther Lee	
			Eugene Harris	
			Ever S Alvarado	This is a dangerous. Victims of domestic violence will suffer from this no cash bail cite and release non sense.
			Gabriel Briones	
			GAIL FORTIS	
			Gary Hobart	Blanket waivers in the name of social justice is not justice. It simply elevates criminals above victims. Protecting victims, enforcing laws, and demanding accountability for criminal acts should be the priority.
			gary wolf	We need more jail time not less. You need rehab programs inside the jail. Letting criminals it is bad for victims and the community



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			Hector Gomez	
			Helen H OBrien	This is dangerous! What are you thinking? This helps no one!
			Houman Hemmati	This would be a criminal gesture that would result in absolute anarchy and chaos. This will do nothing to help anyone. All it would do is help the criminals and cause greater harm to law-abiding people who just want to live in peace. You are going to see people taking the law into their own hands, and beginning to take action against criminals themselves. We are about to enter a wild west. Here, where every person will just have to enforce the law on their own. This will result in needless bloodshed, and harm. I urge you to stop thinking of these things, and begin to encourage the enforcement of our laws to the maximum extent of the law.
			HOVHANNES SAPONGHIAN	
			Jacquelyn Luca	Consider the vast majority of the people you represent when you encourage criminals to continue robbing and stealing because they know there is no penalty to them for doing so. Find more creative ways to educate those convicts who show some interest in changing their lives. Don't give blanket 'get out of jail free' cards. The majority of your constituents are the ones who suffer the consequences of your decisions.
			James Edwards	You are making our communities less safe. The current crisis is an increase of crime including violent crime in Los Angeles County due to a lack of prosecution of violent criminals, not a crisis of prison population. Reducing the prison population and not detaining criminals will only exacerbate the current crisis. We don't pay some of the highest taxes in the nation to have Law & Order destroyed by the proposed policies.
			Jane Smythson	Reckless, dangerous, ideologically driven "policy". You will all have even more innocent blood in your hands should you implement. Shame on you for representing your funders and not your constituents! Clearly you have not learned from MRT's fate.



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			Jared E Krikac	
			Jason Gibbs	please see attached file
			Jason Hurd	Stop making our communities less safe!
			Jeanette R Rosenberg	
			Jeffrey Rosenberg	
			Jennifer Bergstrom	NO MORE CRIMINALS ON OUR STREETS!!!
			Jennifer Croft	
			Jennifer Everhart	When did the LA board of supervisors stop caring about the citizens of Los Angeles.
			Jennifer Solum	
			Jennifer N Owens-Orellas	This is a terrible idea. Criminals already have nearly free rein in the city and County. We need more jails, more prosecutions. More criminals on the streets = more crimes and more crime victims.
			Jeremy DeFranco	<p>As an individual who has provided psychiatric care to inmates within California, and has worked on the ground within California correctional institutions, I whole-heartedly oppose this action. While perhaps well-intentioned, it's respectfully ill-informed, and incredibly dangerous.</p> <p>The idea that such criminals, when released rather than detained, will not re-offend while awaiting the outcome of their legal case, defies the experience and wisdom of individuals who dedicate their lives making communities safer. It's not supported by any evidence. It brings so many examples to my mind of individuals who quickly escalated the seriousness of their crimes within a short period of time. I met an individual recently where a domestic violence charge was quickly followed by charges of kidnapping, rape, torture, and attempted murder, which he was ultimately convicted of. I've noticed in my experience that this sort of phenomenon is actually fairly common within the criminal justice system. It also brings to mind the current meth epidemic in LA County, and the various individuals I have met who are serving life sentences for violent crimes they committed while under the influence of methamphetamine. It brings to mind how common gangs are in Los Angeles,</p>



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			<p>and the fact that individuals caught up in gangs so frequently end up committing crimes they never would have committed had they chose a different path in life. While some of these individuals go on to change after many years or even decades in prison, none of them stop committing crimes while still living the gang life, out in the community awaiting trial.</p> <p>As someone who has had the pleasure and privilege of working with convicted felons who ended up truly transforming and rehabilitating their lives, I would also like to point out that these proposed actions serve to rehabilitate no one. In fact, I can foresee many instances in which the proposed actions will actually be counterproductive to the goal of rehabilitation. Many troubled individuals who foresee no escape or no alternatives from committing crimes will inevitably catch additional cases while free to return to the the community. Also, there are a limited number of individuals in the criminal Justice system who's crimes are the direct result of their mental illness, and treating these individual's mental health issues on an outpatient basis, in the absence of other substantive rehabilitative and community integration programs is unlikely to prevent recidivism in the long term. I've actually treated individuals in the community who were in a court-ordered diversion program, and for individuals without a supportive family, it's extremely challenging to produce long-term success stories, esp.- when the individual has a drug addiction (which is very common), and/or there's issues with their County-funded housing (e.g.- drug use, high turnover of residents (often due to drug use), bullying by other residents, housing being located in an area that isn't safe). The idea that treating the "mental health" of every other criminal without substantial mental health issues will rehabilitate them is preposterous, and the equivalent of having no rehabilitative plan at all.</p> <p>Notably, there is no mention of providing any resources to combat drug addiction or alcoholism. Arguably, addressing these problems alone in a comprehensive, complex, and effective manner would have a profound effect on lowering incarceration rates all across California.</p> <p>The reality is the proposal to depopulate and decarcerate the LA County jails is exactly that. It is a proposal to depopulate the jails with a lot of wishy-washy language of what to do with all the criminals who will be released back into the community. There are no concrete or realistic plans to rehabilitate anyone but potentially the most seriously mentally ill offenders, however, the realistic likelihood of preventing recidivism in these individuals in the long term is low. Most concerning, it will endanger Angelinos. Innocent Angelinos will be victims of crimes as a direct result of this proposal. It begs the question whether this proposal will not just cost human lives, but also cost the County more money in lawsuits than a more down-to-Earth solution that includes the input of those who dedicate their lives to fighting and preventing crime and those who will ultimately have to deal with the fallout of faulty policies.</p>
			Jerry Robles
			Jessica Benavidez
			I vehemently oppose item 22. It's bad enough that our DA isn't prosecuting crimes and is releasing offenders with no bail but now we'll have this to



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	contend with!! The Antelope Valley has already had some of the worst domestic and child abuse cases on record in history, DO NOT go down as the BOS that allowed it to become the pit of the nation in the name of Social Justice! We've become a society of fools in this pursuit. Please stop this.
Jessica G	How is this even a proposal? Crime has escalated to an unseen level in years. This cannot be considered, we have to find a different solution.
Jessica Hughes	As a County Supervisor, your job is to represent the people of your district. This reckless proposal should be put on a ballot for LA County residents to decide, not by merely 5 people within a County of 10 million people! If this proposal were put on a ballot for the people to decide, the vote on this would be OVERWHELMINGLY NO. Allowing violent criminals to be released back into the County is NOT the answer to depopulating County jails! Immediately releasing convicted violent criminals back into our neighborhoods makes them dangerous, unsafe places to live. Crime is already out of control and without the punishment of jail time, these people will continue committing crimes and terrorizing the lives of LA County residents! We The People of LA County DO NOT WANT DANGEROUS CRIMINALS RELEASED INTO OUR NEIGHBORHOODS!
Jessica Moffett	I cannot believe this is even being considered. Crime in Los Angeles is at an all time high and you want to release prisoners. Law abiding citizens don't feel safe and many are planning to leave the CA. I am also seriously considering to move out of CA. You cannot approve this.
JoAnn Ralphs	The police are already over worked and under supported. To simply release the criminals the police have risked their lives to stop is unjust. I do not want to see criminals released without bail.
John Crocetti	Can you five geniuses make life any worse in LA County? Well you five sure are trying hard. This agenda item can be described in one word, retarded.
John Schumacher	Los Angeles crime is at an all time high. Oppose!
Jolene Garrido	
Jonathan Gomez	This proposal victimizes all the law abiding citizens of Los Angeles County, as well as makes the citizens of surrounding counties more unsafe. The board of supervisors has no other idea than to catch criminals and then to release them onto the streets. There are no "programs" or any other systems in place, the board of supervisors are in a rush to release criminals to placate their financial supporters. Reusing failed ideas from the 1960's and the 1970's is not the course for ensuring public safety. The sad fact is, the people most disproportionately effected will be those in lower income areas. But the board knows this, they must want to keep those citizens in a constant state of terror. I oppose this asinine proposal and demand this proposal fail.



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Jose Bibian	I cannot believe you slipped in this agenda item without any comprehension of reality. Have you seen what our streets, public transportation, parks.. county looks like and feels like. We are a national embarrassment because of policies like this. My cousin was killed by a policy like this because you seem to not understand some people need to not be part of everyday society because they are so dangerous. This is a garbage item. Stop ruining our county!
Joseph Suceveanu	This proposal is putting in jeopardy residents lives !
Josiah J Mohoff	
Jovonna Ramirez	
Julia Bach	I oppose the blanket early release of incarcerated people.
Julie Cramer	Just above this article you have "National Crime Victim Rights Week." Can you smell your own hypocrisy Hilda Solis? You will all have blood on your hands by supporting the catch and release of dangerous gang members and other criminals illegally carrying guns, those committing domestic violence, possession of child pornography, residential burglary, robbery and assault with a firearm. Basically everyone who belongs in jail and is a danger to our society. This is Prop 47 on steroids. You women are making our cities and state a more dangerous place to live by the second. BLOOD IS ON YOUR HANDS! Oppose this beyond crazy and idiotic idea.
Justina Gomez	My nephew was murdered by these jaded police's. Quit it! This makes our communities even more unsafe and puts our police officers in even more risk. There are bad people in the world. Jails are needed sometimes. Stop cookie cutter solutions because you fail to have a grasp on reality!
k wong	Great, Another way to ADD to the crime in L.A. This is NON sensical. Wake up and keep the criminals OFF the street. Fully OPPOSE this STUPID proposal.
Katherine Maynard	
Kathryn Waltzer	I am opposed to depopulation. Thank you.
Kelly Moonan	This favors criminals over the general public putting innocent citizens lives at risk. Please stop doing things to make our already unacceptably high crime rate even higher!
Kelly Sultemeier	I DO NOT support this proposal.
kelly J estes	Just say NO! Seriously? Where will they go? Increase your homeless counts and blame landlords? You have not done anything to improve much since pre-covid and this is absurd! NO
Ken Sheer	Insanity with our crime problem to put more criminals out on the streets to make things even LESS safe. The legislature will be responsible for any and all acts of criminal activities from anyone just allowed to get back out on the street!!!!!!
Kenneth A Hartley	As bad as crime is and you want to release more people on to our streets?



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Krishna Thangavelu	And create more homeless... release dangerous predators back into the community. Absolutely NO!
Kristin Appleton	<p>The current crisis is an increase of crime including violent crime in Los Angeles County due to a lack of prosecution of violent criminals, especially gun related crimes. You say we need more gun laws to prevent crime, but you don't want to enforce the laws we already have by releasing prisoners and not detaining those who commit gun crimes.</p> <p>Reducing the prison population and not detaining criminals will only exacerbate the current crisis. We pay some of the highest taxes in the nation to have Law & Order not to let criminals walk free due to these type of policies.</p>
Kristin Traynor	As a retired police officer, I am totally opposed to this motion. This constant support for law breakers over law abiding constituents is a shame. I am happy to see that Supervisor's Barger and Hahn are opposed. Its a shame that Supervisors Solis and Horvath have an agenda that is not conducive with protecting and supporting LA County residents.
Kristine Schumacher	Crime is at an all time high! I am completely against this. Los Angeles does not need more criminals on the streets.
L S	Adamantly oppose. LAC needs to focus on public safety. The County is descending into a dystopian state of criminal lawlessness. Just in my recent personal experience in LAC: in 2021, I was a victim of violent assault and in 2022, theft - both incidents involved would-be felonies perpetrated by strangers in public places. The police did not investigate, consequently no suspects were apprehended or charged with these crimes.
L Williams A	If you have not solved the reason these individuals are in there what make you think letting them will help they will just continue what they were doing because there's no punishment to deter them you are jeopardizing public safety
Laura Simmons	I have lived my whole life in Los Angeles, I was born and raised here. My heart hurts at the state of our city. I am disgusted by how many laws are trying to be passed to give criminals more rights. I am sick of having to constantly experience and hear about more shootings in my neighborhood, more theft, and more victims losing their rights. I am angry our parks are filled with druggies and homeless people, while our children have to suffer. Screw them right?! Let's make it so criminals have more rights, not them. This new plan to decarcerate la jails is depressing. Let's just keep letting out more people so LA residents have to deal with the consequences. It is so easy to just make up these agendas with no idea how our city works. I feel politicians have lost the plot. As a teacher who is constantly fighting for education of our youth, why don't we ever focus on la's children instead of its criminals. I am angry that I don't feel safe in my city because of people like you.
Laurie Garcia	This will be quick, but Los Angeles is already a HOT MESS, our police officers already don't stand a chance. Why don't you try making there job easier, if not then you all should suit up and go defend our streets.



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	Things are definitely not getting better. This ship is sinking fast and there doesn't seem to be any way out.
Leonard I Frincu	
Leza Bonelli	This ia treat to public safety especially women and children. I oppose
Liliana Alvarado	Muy peligroso para las víctimas de crimen en Los Angeles
Linda Lai	
Lisa Gaines	This defies logic. More criminals on the streets means more crime and people less safe. This must not pass. If there is overcrowding, then make new jails to accommodate the criminals. Do not put these criminals out on the streets!!! Shame on all of you. Decisions like this should be voted on at the least.
Lisa Handelman	
Lisa Howard	I fear for my children's safety if this passes. Please, please, keep gun crimes and domestic violence and other dangerous criminals behind bars. I'm begging you to keep us safe.
Lloyd J Cook	I have lived in L.A. County all my life. LA County is incredibly unsafe to live in. Many of my friends and neighbors have moved out of LA into other states where respect for the law is the norm. I understand that the jails are overcrowded and many other issues exist. However, this catch-and-release program comes without any plan or infrastructure to protect the community. Perhaps there should be several less aggressive better thought out motions to solve the overcrowded issue. Do not pass this.
Lori Mills	This is crazy! Vote no! Put the people above the criminal. This would put families and people at risk. It will be a revolving door of crime.
Lory Connolly	Build more jails and prisons. Do not jeopardize the safety of citizens letting criminals out. No catch and release. No slap on wrist. Prosecute to fullest extent of the law. They're stealing dogs and parrots from homes. What's next? Women and children. Stop being soft on crime. LOCK THEM UP AND THROW AWAY THE KEY!
Lucia La Rosa Ames	
Lucy Demirjian	
Lydia Law	I strongly oppose depopulating our LA County jails.
Lynn M Miller	This Action serves the needs of criminals OVER the needs of hard-working citizens in Los Angeles. What are the rates of recidivism when a criminal is released without serving jail time? If you want to increase mental health services then do that FIRST, BEFORE you let out convicted criminals who have not served any time for their crimes. I would like to know what Citizen groups you have spoken with about this proposal? WE are the ones who will suffer from this policy. WE are the ones who voted for you. YOU need to listen to your constituents. Why hide this after all of the special Day and Month proclamations in your Agenda? Doesn't this deserve upfront discussion? This is terrible and I cannot believe that the Board of



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	Supervisors would even consider these changes in favor of making criminals lives better, at the expense of everyone else.
Lynnette Robb	I oppose this measure because the incarceration of addicts is the only thing that is keeping them alive. I know from experience that it is the one thing that stops you from using. It is unconstitutional to try to force addicts into treatment and mental health facilities against their will and is already under fire from the ACLU and will not stand. Don't let these people out to die on the streets. Incarceration saved my life and many people I know. Save lives. Incarcerate and implement in -jail drug programs like at CRC. With voluntary aftercare programs. Please jail saves lives.
M S	This is the wrong way. By depopulating jails you will continue to depopulate your schools. Community security needs to be a priority. Stop pushing families and businesses out with policies like this.
Manjit Bhandal	Accelerated decarceration without any support systems in place will just impact already impacted psych ERs/inpatient units and seems poorly thought out. Also who makes the determination which persons are deemed "safe" to go into the community? There isn't enough transparency or structure to this proposal.
Marc Cobb	The release of criminals under the guise of helping the mental health issue in jails is ludicrous. Early release and citing out criminals only gives incentive to commit more crimes. If this were in the form of a first offender program I could understand it, however as written without clear instruction as to what behaviors and prior crimes constitutes a danger to the public this should be voted down. A clear guideline needs to be established that disallows both early release and cite out for those with recidivist behavior even on property crimes.
Marcie Cullen	
Maria Escobar	This is reckless and not based on any real studies. Do better!
Marian E McDonell	No no no
Mark Freark	Has anyone notice their surroundings lately in what once was a beautiful city. Homelessness (and not because they are down on their luck), rampant drugs, crime, businesses closing, Companies moving to another state. People are afraid to walk the streets and are sick of your ridiculous policies. Why do you think it would be a good idea to let more (convicted) criminals free? Do you feel like they will stop robbing, assaulting, raping, killing just because you want to lower the jail population? To deter crime, you punish and sometimes that involves jail. If you do not, it will only continue. I am begging you to please wake up stop with these ridiculous proposals.
Mark Wilson	
Mark S Gandlin	We have enough of an issue with increasing crime in our neighborhood. Home burglaries are happening daily in our once quiet neighborhood. These criminals don't fear California's justice system and you want to let more out to pillage!!? Absolutely not.



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Mark W Baker	This cannot be the best solution to the problem. Absolutely a bad idea.
Martin Luther King	Supervisors Lindsey Horvath and Hilda Solis are pro-crime, mental ill trash. They should be prosecuted and imprisoned for misconduct and aiding criminals. Stop normalizing crime and violence by people of color. Black men are the biggest killers and criminals in America. We need to build the world's largest prison and lock up all dumb, dangerous violent criminals. Let's start with Supervisors Lindsey Horvath and Hilda Solis.
Mary Beth Solorzano	PLease do not move forward with this. We already feel unsafe in this county. Hope you will accept the responsibility when somebody is killed because of this foolish idea.
Matt Andrews	
Maureen Hunt	What are you thinking? This is a terrible thing to even suggest we have so much crime in Los Angeles right now. We need to build more jails and hire more police officers.
Melanie Ransford	
Melissa Eaves	Ridiculous. We already allow people to freely steal from stores. This is a roadway to utter anarchy.
Melissa Leary	How would letting violent criminals out help anyone. This is sick and twisted and completely lacks any compassion for law abiding victims
Melissa Stevens	Firmly oppose. We've had a violent armed robbery right across the street from us. This city is not safe.
Micah T Uraine	This is not a good decision for any of the parties involved. It's not safe for the law abiding citizens, it's not safe for the inmates/criminals to be released before receiving their help and rehabilitation. It's not safe for the children to have dangerous and unstable people released into their lives.
Michael Jensen	I vote in every single election and have a long memory. Please do not pass a resolution to empty jails. It is hard enough to have criminals locked up under our current DA's policies. Now you'd have violent criminals turned loose on our streets.
Michael S Snider	
Michelle L Parris	Please see attached public comment and associated set of recommendations.
Mike Michalski	Unbelievably terrible idea. In the middle of a crime wave, you want to let more criminals out on the street, including violent ones. Absolutely unfathomable. What can you be thinking?
Mike OBrien	This is the opposite of doing what's best for the citizens of LA County. It will only make the county more dangerous. I strongly oppose agenda item 22.
Mikelyn M Dooley	
MikeTest MikayelTest Delete	Test 2
Milo Lace	We have enough criminals on our streets and too few officers. Under no



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	circumstance should this ridiculous measure be made law. Build more jails if need be. People must do their time for crimes they've committed and been found guilty of. The Board of Supervisors is overstepping its bounds to put forth this measure. Let the voters decide. This is not right. NO ON 22!
Minh Nguyen	Release criminals back to the public? What retard supports this? Build more jail! Make criminals FEAR THE LAW! Stupid Democrats!
MJ S	Strongly against any motion about un-incarcerating/"decarcerating" the jail population until an actual solution can be agreed upon, funded and implemented to keep those who have committed crimes out of public harm's way regardless of mental state. This also has been placed on the agenda with very little prior notice, so strongly opposed to the sneak-in of this onto the agenda. Crime in the county has already been on the rise, morale for the sheriff and other law enforcement doing their jobs has dropped due to lenient rules, which then furthers the problem of crime as there is less enforcement when actions such as this are put in motion.
Monica Chavez	
Monique Lacey	No more criminals should be released. Lawlessness destroys the fabric of our society. Uphold and enforce the laws. Hire more police. Do just the opposite of what you are proposing. Have you all lost your minds?? HARD NO ON 22. Voters need to Reengage in politics. On all levels.
Nancy Sanchez	
Nancy L Zuppan	You are going to unleash criminals, not just in your county, but they will bleed out to other counties in the state. Crime is already sky high. We do NOT need more of it. What is wrong with you!
Nathalie Locas	Please reconsider this. People need to understand there are consequences for breaking laws. Los Angeles is heading in a terrible direction.
Nora N Comelli	
Olga M Hernandez	This is insane. This will make the streets more dangerous, for not detaining people that have been arrested for a crime stop this madness oppose item 22
Patricia Martin	No
Patti Obermiller	Please protect the public and oppose this! Truly makes no sense. Don't expect to be voted into public office again if u support this. Some citizens are actually paying attention. Our officials must be held accountable
Paul DeMartini	In light of current public safety issues, this does not seem like a responsible change.
Paul Hill	
Paul Meyers	I am strongly opposed to this measure. This will only make our homeless and crime problem even worse. It's not compassionate, it's the opposite of compassion. It's cruel and will inflict harm on our communities.
paul c burt	While it might be understandable that a new Board member - Horvath - would remain heedless as to the violent crime data available to her via an entity the



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	<p>BOS themselves created - the Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) - for Ms. Solis' to unequivocally decide to go along with this "bad idea" borders on inexcusable.</p> <p>I'll remind this board - all too frequently preoccupied with furthering the enterprise of sensationalizing "gun" violence - that the long-known fact of the matter is "all forms of violence" - as the OVP articulates - pose a serious, potentially lethal threat to society-at-large. The data available via the OVP and countless other sources, substantiates the fact that this "bad idea" is just that, and that if implemented, would needlessly and avoidably increase the risk of "all types of violence" being perpetrated upon the law abiding taxpayer - Remember them?</p> <p>If this Board were to - as Ms. Barger suggests - take the time to scrutinize the available violent crime information and vicimization data, one hopes that its members might come to understand the absurdity inherent in this "bad idea" of a Motion.</p> <p>To so blithely wade into going along with "depopulating jails" based upon an ideology, as opposed to available hard data, while perhaps dismissing the opinions of seasoned law enforcement and detention professionals with years of hands-on experience in interacting with violent, too-often repeat violent offenders, is very nearly, beyond comprehension</p> <p>On a near-weekly basis, in less than veiled fashion both individually and or collectively, the LA County BOS laments on and on about "gun violence" when - again - the truth of the matter is that many acts of violence - murder, rape, assault, AWD, intimidation, vandalism, strong armed robbery and more - are perpetrated by violent, often repeat-violent offenders who utilize nothing more than their hands! These perpetrators - too often released early onto the streets for a variety of unconscionable reasons - do NOT play by any "rules" much less go along to the letter of the law, and I'm here to inform you that taxpayers are sick of the "catch-and-release" dynamic.</p> <p>This board might be surprised to learn that according to U.S. Department of Justice Statistics, while remaining strikingly disturbing, just 26 percent of the average annual 8.9 million violent victimizations were committed by offenders armed with a weapon. This obviously means that victims are murdered, raped, violated, assaulted and more by perpetrators using no more than their hands.. What this Board will certainly find even MORE surprising is the fact that but 10 percent of those violent victimizations involved a firearm.</p> <p>This Motion personifies the proverbial "bad idea" that sounded good to relatively few....</p>
Peggy Fisher	
Penny St John	<p>This is a terrible idea that will put the community at risk of harm. Your mission is to ensure the safety of the community. Consider that the violent person released through this policy will go back to finish the job that was interrupted by their arrest. Consider that they will know who are the witnesses to attack or intimidate before their trial. Consider that our police force will have already risked their lives and used resources to find and arrest this person. Your policy will be requiring them to repeat this risk when the person does not show up for the hearing. The concept of incarceration and</p>



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	the cost of bail is to avoid this needless risk.
Penny L Rangel	
R Kae	"This catch-and-release program comes without any plan or infrastructure to protect the community from violent criminals apprehended by law enforcement. Further, it creates no lockdown facilities for the mentally ill. This program benefits no one, except for career criminals. We need to make sure the most dangerous offenders don't get out, that first-time offenders don't come back, and that those with serious mental illnesses get appropriate care and help. This does none of that." -Vice President of the Los Angeles Association of Deputy District Attorneys, Eric Siddall. I couldn't have said this better myself. It is dangerous to put the cart before the horse. Just because some of you may not want people incarcerated doesn't mean that they are going to stop committing crimes! How about this, figure out how to get people not to commit crimes and then there will be fewer criminals to populate the jails! The average citizen in this county is at much more risk of being the victim of a crime than ever before due to reduced/no bail and declining to file charges in too many situations. We are a nation of laws; in a civil society, laws must be followed or there will be a complete breakdown of society. I oppose any steps taken by the Board.
Rachel Krikac	Do not release any violent criminals
Raluca Suceveanu	Is this proposal planned depopulation?
Ray Kirk	
Richard Ralph	I strongly oppose this action. You will be putting abusers back on the streets. LA is already experiencing an increase in crime and this action is not a solution. It's potentially making a problem worse/.
Rob Bouknight	How many of your constituents do you believe are in favor of increasing the number of criminals on the streets? Isn't your job to make the streets SAFER? How can a bill like this even be under consideration? Strongly oppose!
Robert Kraml	Please no. Our neighborhood has seen so much crime these past few years. Please stop and think about us: those who live by the law and can't afford to keep replacing stolen property.
Robert Maynez	This proposal threatens public safety. No!
Robert Thompson	This is a misguided attempt to rewrite the criminal law policy of the State of California here at the county level. The District Attorney's union is against it. This is failing to effectively punish Malum in Se crimes. No society works when they go unpunished. Jail and cash bail are strong deterrents. If this passes it's time to move out of Los Angeles County for good or only go out while armed for reasonable self defense of property or self as recognized by common law.
Rocio Medina	This is unacceptable and you are putting the community at risk!!! We already have an increased crime rate. Also, domestic violence has increased and is more deadly than ever before. What makes you think that once these criminals are released, on the same date, won't go back and murder the



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	victim! You need to put the victims interest first before criminals!!!!
Ronen Bay	This is incredibly short-sighted and dangerous. You would be leaving survivors of domestic and child abuse to the mercy of their abusers.
Russell Tao	This is an injustice to law abiding tax payers of this county and the surrounding areas. We pay taxes to keep us safe and incarcerate these criminals and keep them off of our streets. Find another solution to these problems. Do not release criminals back onto our streets and into our neighborhoods.
S C	I find it appalling that this agenda item would put criminals above the innocent citizens in LA county, and would lead to more victimization of innocent law abiding citizens.
sally maslon	The current crisis is an increase of crime including violent crime in Los Angeles County due to a lack of prosecution of violent criminals, not a crisis of prison population. Reducing the prison population and not detaining criminals will only exacerbate the current crisis. We don't pay some of the highest taxes in the nation to have Law & Order destroyed by the proposed policies. The proposal would also ask the Sheriff to cite & release anyone with a bail of \$50,000 or lower, which could include possession of child porn, domestic violence, illegally carrying a firearm, and violent offenses like residential burglary, robbery, and assault with a firearm. Vote NO.
Sandra Schneider	I strongly oppose! Those who break the laws or cause harm to others should have consequences. Those with mental illness should be treated but not at the cost of the possibility that they could continue to bring harm to others or themselves.
Sandy Quigley	Wow terrible idea
Sara Kay	We ran this experiment during covid, it was a disaster for our local businesses and communities. We have seen what happens when you effectively get rid of institutions with no alternative. We "depopulated" mental health facilities & made it harder to require help, and now our streets are open air mental institutions and drug dens. Why? Because there was no plan beyond slogans, just like now. But guess what? The problems don't disappear, you just force them onto communities and give them no recourse while you pat yourself on the back.
SC Singh	I AM very concerned - My friends neighborhood in Norwalk - police caught a man red handed with packages and items from friends front and back yards, yet he was out of jain before the officer had finished his reports. In another case - a meth head, broke into another friends home, was robbing them, then she started a fire, that destroyed their home. She was not prosecuted as well. Right now - the criminals have more rights and protection then the public. It has gone too far! The Cop's hands are tied & rampant crime is common & out of control! We don't need more laws to protect the criminals, but to the rest of us hard working, honest people that want to live safely in LA County! I believe the 3 strike law should come back! Protect the innocent, not the criminals! Don't get rid of the LA COunty Jails!



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Scott Chambers	I strongly oppose this. Crime is on the rise in my neighborhood.
shan belcher	
Sharon H McAleese	
Sheri Odere	We need safety not letting more criminals on the street!
Sherri Agganis	LA is already unsafe! Stop making it worse by allowing more criminals to roam our streets. As a woman i already fear going out alone at night, this trend needs to stop not get worse.
Sherri Murphy	You seriously can't believe that anyone who's a tax paying law abiding citizen will be okay with this. You let a bunch of criminals out early during COVID and they rioted and looted all over LA. All my friends have moved out of CA. Do you want the rest of us to leave? LA is on its way to becoming the next Portland. Talk to Austin TX. They turned their city around!
Shonda Jackson	We aren't safe! What are you doing?? We need MORE people in jail, not less!
Stephanie Dahlberg	I OPPOSE.
Stephanie Garrido	This is extremely dangerous for LA county residents. Oppose!
Stephanie V Thompson	Are you people insane? This is the worst idea ever. Absolute anarchy. Rule of law no longer exists in Los Angeles. You are trying to get us all killed.
Steven Olson	Board of Supervisors, thank you for withdrawing this proposal. Listen to your district attorneys and police departments. This proposal will only make the county less safe. El Monte and Riverside police/sheriff departments paid the ultimate price when members of their communities were recently killed by released criminals. Please put the safety and welfare of law abiding citizens above those of criminals. Thank you.
Steven M Holgate	Deport or build bigger prisons like in El Salvador
Stewart White	It is troubling that the BOS has more concern for those who commit crimes than their victims. If these criminals are released then there will be more crime and bloodshed. That bloodshed will now be on the hands of any of the BOS that support this effort.
Sue Carr	This is more than reckless . Crime is rampant and this will add to the problem. We need more protection, not less.
Susan M Starr	I am extremely upset by this. Do not let this happen!!!! Why should tax paying, God Fearing people who have worked their entire lives to live a decent life, who will and are the subject of these prisoners who prey on people like me, who have nice things that I earned to buy, only to have someone break into my home, cars and damage and steal my personal belongings. Make them serve their time! Put tents in their yards to alleviate overcrowding. Do Not Let This Pass! Thank you
Tamar Karadolian	
Tania Garcia	I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed effort to



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Thomas Reyes	This is not healthy for our communities, please vote no
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Tim Bowman	Please do not let more criminals out of jail. It's scary out there.
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		Vartan Hovsepyan	
		violet wallach	
		Virginia Briones	
		Wendi Dietrich	Since when is crime okay and a criminal can just go home.
		Whitney Sargent	
		William Argueta	We don't want more criminals in our street. It's bad as it is already... don't make it worse... Please act responsibly when dealing with public safety.
		Y Whalen	Absolutely ridiculous!!!!!!
		Yoko P Okada	LA Supervisors were pressured by protesters to close down the LA Men's Jail but they couldn't come up with a plan so they came up with this Woke agenda.
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Supervisor Solis
Supervisor Horvath
Supervisor Hahn
Supervisor Barger
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Via email: executiveoffice@bos.lacounty.gov

Re: Board Agenda Item 22: Motion, Entitled, ‘Los Angeles County to Take Actionable Next Steps to Depopulate and Decarcerate the Los Angeles County Jails: Granting Local Authority, Advocating for Court and State Support, and Legislative Changes’

Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Michelle Parris. I am the director of Vera California, a program of the Vera Institute of Justice (Vera) launched in 2019 to advance policies and practices that will make California a model for ending mass incarceration, centering community health, and advancing racial justice. Vera is a national organization working to end mass incarceration, protect immigrants’ rights, ensure dignity for people behind bars, and build safe, thriving communities. I am a resident of District 1 and an appointed alternate to the county’s Gender Responsive Advisory Committee (GRAC).

Vera California has been involved in numerous county workgroups developing plans to depopulate and decarcerate Los Angeles County’s jails, including the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Workgroup, the Men’s Central Jail (MCJ) Closure Workgroup, and the Jail Population Review Council. We are deeply invested in seeing the county actualize its “care first” vision and finally close the inhumane MCJ.

While we applaud the spirit of this motion and share the Board of Supervisors’ goal to decrease jail overcrowding, we do not believe the Board should pass this motion. Instead of shoehorning disjointed deliverables into one document, the Board should redraft individual motions according to issue areas in consultation with key stakeholders and prioritize pretrial decarceration as a strategy to depopulate the jails.

The Board rightfully acknowledges that decreasing the jail population requires a multi-pronged approach, and we support some of the solutions listed in this motion.

First, we agree that the county should expand cite and release, which [studies have linked](#) to improved public safety, higher court appearance rates, and cost savings, all while maximizing pretrial releases. Second, the Emergency Bail Schedule (EBS) should be reinstated permanently. When first implemented, there was [a 30 percent decline](#) in the county's jail population, a step forward that [never should have been reversed](#). There are [thousands of people](#) booked into Los Angeles County jails for low-level offenses who pose no safety risk; these people should be released. In fact, jailing these people is detrimental to public safety: [robust research](#) shows that incarcerating anyone—even for a day—is so destabilizing that it makes them more likely to be arrested again. And, with the current jail overcrowding, being incarcerated in Los Angeles County is truly an issue of [life or death](#).

Relatedly, we support driving funding to the “care first” resources that will help people to show up to court—like engagement with public defenders or transportation support. For many people, these simple [supports](#) are sufficient to enable safe releases and ensure people attend court dates. If the county can continue to show effectiveness of these resources, judges will have greater trust in pretrial releases and put fewer people in jail.

Finally, we agree that state legislative changes can bolster the county's “care first” goals and make decarceration more systematic. Pushing the state to fund pretrial services and adopt a zero-bail schedule similar to the one established during the pandemic is a necessary strategy to create lasting change. By ensuring people who pose no safety risk avoid languishing in jail and by resourcing community-based services in this way, we can expedite the pathway to closing MCJ without a replacement.

However, this motion is the wrong way to address the core issues contributing to jail overcrowding.

The motion includes too vast a range of deliverables, some of which are unlikely to be effective at decreasing the jail population; would conflict with the “care first” approach; and/or direct funds to the wrong efforts that will not achieve better safety or justice outcomes (e.g., pretrial electronic monitoring or a pilot to arraign as many people as possible via video). Though the motion is too long to dissect in detail here, its approach to people incarcerated pretrial makes a perfect example of where the motion's laudable intentions are misguided in practice.

Addressing pretrial detention should be the heart of the county's decarceration approach. The county has [more than 6,700](#) people in jail pretrial, comprising nearly half its jail population. Many are there because they are too poor to afford the county's [astronomical bail amounts](#) and because judges have no alternative pathways to supported release, like a functioning pretrial services system based in care.

To reduce pretrial detention, this motion relies heavily on implementing a pretrial electronic monitoring (EM) program via the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

[Extensive research shows that](#) pretrial EM is not effective at maintaining public safety nor does it support a “care first” approach of safety over punishment. Moreover, it is not an effective decarceration strategy. The CA Committee on Revision of the Penal Code noted in its 2022 Annual Report that the use of pretrial EM has exploded in recent years—including in [Los Angeles County](#)—“despite a lack of evidence that it is any more effective than less invasive means of pretrial supervision.” The county’s astronomical growth in use of pretrial EM has not coincided with a decrease in pretrial incarceration. There is little reason to believe using even more EM would be an effective solution now.

Instead, effectively reducing pretrial incarceration in a “care first” manner requires a different approach, rooted in a care-based pretrial services system. For example, rather than relying on electronic monitoring when unaffordable bail is set, the county should focus on developing a corps of people who can create release plans to present to judges for bail reconsideration. With Medicaid funding now allowed for incarcerated people to get reentry planning and pre-release connections to community-based services, the county can even leverage entities like Care Transitions to do this work with federal funding.

We encourage the county to reconsider all the measures in this motion using this approach, prioritizing “care first,” cost-effective, and evidence-backed measures for decarceration. **To do so, we recommend that the Board:**

- Divide the issue areas of this motion into separate motions with justifications and explanations about decarceration goals and budget implications.
- Ensure that stakeholders—including community members that have contributed to planning and implementing the “care first” model—have sufficient time to engage with and shape the action steps, ensuring potential effectiveness and alignment with the county’s “care first” vision.
- Focus on pretrial decarceration with an emphasis on community-based, supportive services. See our [attached](#) set of recommendations.

Sincerely,



Michelle Parris
Program Director
Vera California



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April 3, 2023

Jason Gibbs
Mayor

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Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Chair Hahn and Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

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As it stands, this motion includes several directives that aim for the immediate release of individuals who are convicted of a misdemeanor or felony without investing in any resources to address the rehabilitative programming, including mental health and substance abuse services, needed to combat recidivism and maintain public safety. Early release with the sole intent of depopulating jails without any consideration or incorporation of input from subject matter experts, including probation and law enforcement professionals, jeopardizes public safety and creates significant risk of increased crime that cities and residents have already experienced with Assembly Bill 109 (2011), Proposition 47 (2014), and Proposition 57 (2016).

The City of Santa Clarita has dedicated substantial resources in combatting and preventing crime while tackling complex quality of life issues, such as homelessness. While public safety is a key priority for many cities, including the City of Santa Clarita, preemptive countywide policies that require the immediate cite and release of those who commit a crime will undoubtedly undermine local public safety efforts.

It especially concerns a contract city, like the City of Santa Clarita, when a city must consider liability with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and when considering additional calls for service for regular patrol or a mental evaluation team.



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Furthermore, the County has commissioned numerous reports detailing the need to replace aging jail infrastructure in order to best serve those incarcerated. Instead of dedicating resources into a new facility or enhancing an existing facility through investments in rehabilitative resources and mental health programming, as recommended by the U.S. Department of Justice, this motion relinquishes the County from its responsibilities to rehabilitate the incarcerated, ensure victims' rights, and maintain public safety. As such, this motion lacks any prudence and consideration of the local implications and consequences to public safety.

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Thank you for your consideration on this critically important matter. Should you require any additional information regarding my comments included in this letter, please contact Masis Hagobian, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, at (661) 286-4057 or mhagobian@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,



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CRIME VICTIMS UNITED
The Voice for Victims and Public Safety

Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

As the state's leading crime victims' advocacy organization, Crime Victims United is writing to express our strong opposition to the current mass de-incarceration efforts being considered by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

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Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, April 4, 2023 (Item 22)

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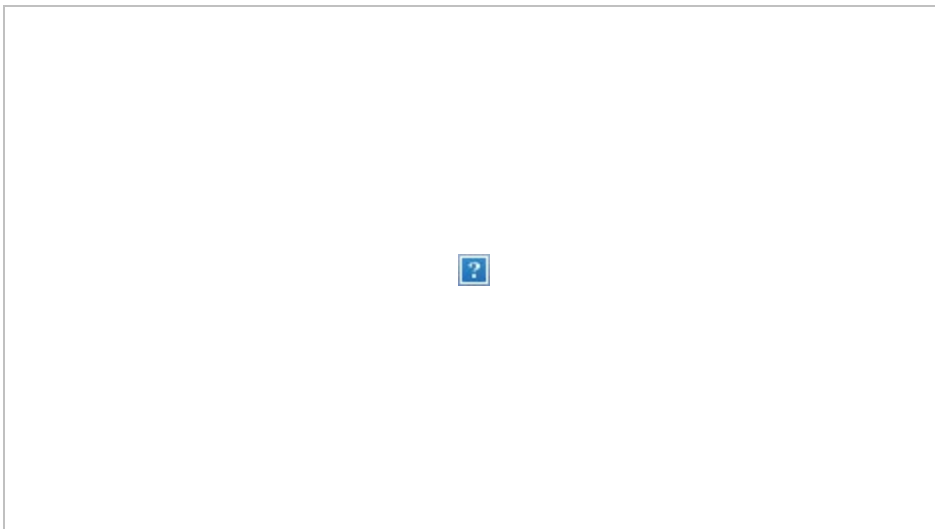
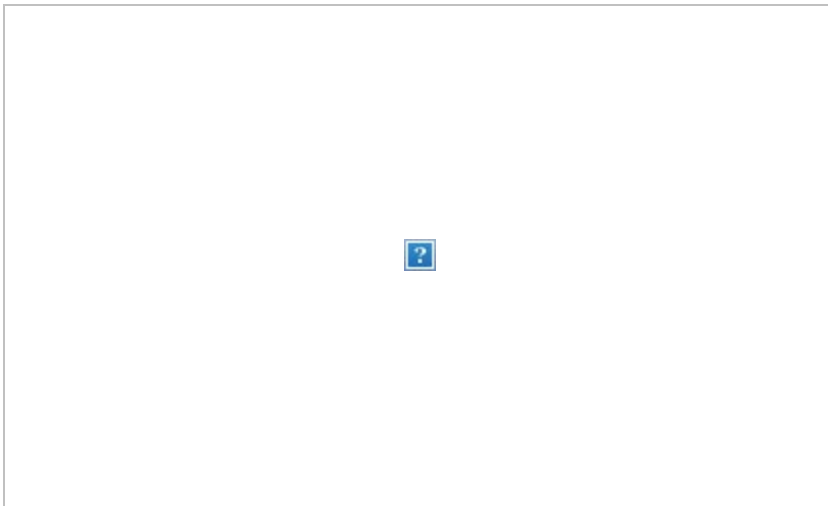

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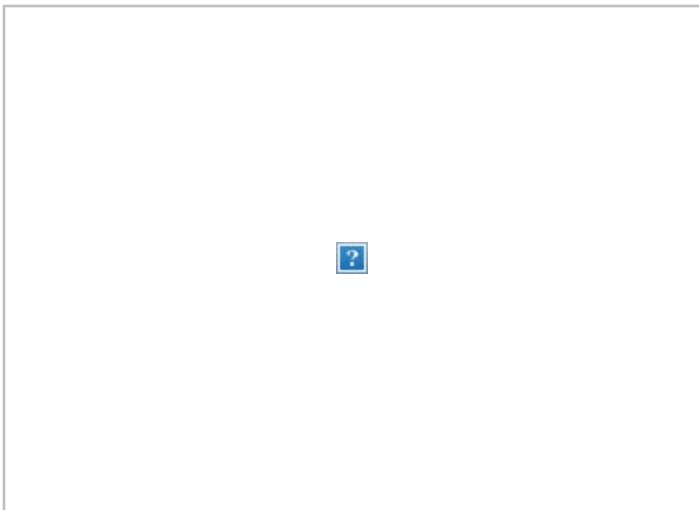
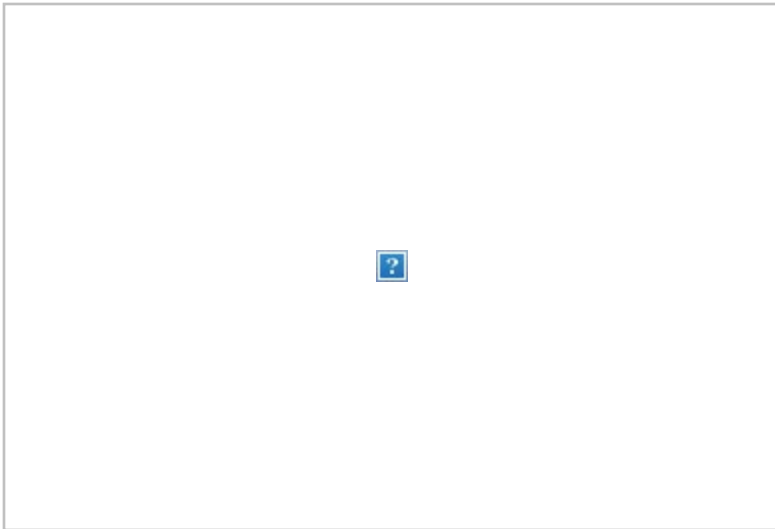
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