



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
20.		Favor	Byron Jose	Community care first. Keep a pre-trial agency in JCOD and not Probation or Sheriff. Support TGI youth and adults be free and out of carceral system.
			Charles L Hilliard	I am reaching out to support Motion 20 on behalf of the LA Regional Reentry Partnership and the entire reentry and carceral population of LA County. Now more than ever, we must continue to invest in and hold accountable the programs and projects looking to expand pretrial and reentry services. JCOD is a vision for what care in LA County can be, a department who can connect folks to critical services and programs to help with reentry, keep folks from entering the justice system in the first place, and work alongside the community in providing data and consultation on how best to handle this vulnerable population. JCOD can and must work with the dedicated and hardworking community organizations and volunteers to support a non-carceral vision for the future, and to get there by expanding on the transparency and accountability so key to work with the formerly and currently incarcerated. This motion is a strong step in the right direction to reaffirm the ideals and goals of those in this space who have given so much to this work. I support this motion and ask the Board to support their ongoing commitment to this work by passing Motion 20.
			Diane Lefer	
			eba laye	"I am reaching out to support Motion 20 on behalf of the LA Regional Reentry Partnership (and/or your org) and the entire reentry and carceral population of LA County. Now more than ever, we must continue to invest in and hold accountable the programs and projects looking to expand pretrial and reentry services. JCOD is a vision for what care in LA County can be, a department who can connect folks to critical services and programs to help with reentry, keep folks from entering the justice system in the first place, and work alongside the community in providing data and consultation on how best to handle this vulnerable population. JCOD can and must work with the dedicated and hardworking community organizations and volunteers to support a non-carceral vision for the future, and to get there by expanding on the transparency and accountability so key to work with the formerly and currently incarcerated. This motion is a strong step in the right direction to reaffirm the ideals and goals of those in this space who have given so much to this work. I support this motion and ask the Board to support their ongoing commitment to this work by passing Motion 20."
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20.		Favor	Sara Reyes	<p>I am encouraged by this motion that re-centers Care as the foundation of LA County's pretrial services system. In the last 16 months, 60 people have lost their lives while in LASD custody. That is almost one person every week dying in LA's jails. We know this number is likely higher. Over half of LA's jail population is there pretrial and many are awaiting mental health diversion. Their lives are at risk everyday they are in jail.</p> <p>Coordinated and supportive pretrial services help people get out and stay out of jail for good. And reducing the pretrial jail population will get the County closer to closing Men's Central Jail. This motion outlines a care first model, one that is data-driven and prioritizes community engagement and transparency. Data transparency is a win-win since it benefits the community as well as the justice and care focused county departments who can use data to assess programs' effectiveness.</p> <p>The people most impacted by policies are the ones who know best what can work and what falls short of their needs. A pretrial steering committee that prioritizes those who are served by LA's pretrial services can make recommendations for what services are needed and how to make them more accessible. This motion gets us one step closer to more concrete community and county collaboration.</p> <p>Please vote Yes on this Care First motion!</p>
			Stanley Thermidor	<p>Dear Honorable Members,</p> <p>A New Way of Life Reentry Project writes in support of the motion to be introduced by Supervisor Holly Mitchell on May 21, 2024, Item 20: Establishing a Care First Pretrial Agency: Maximizing the Impact of the Justice, Care, and Opportunities Department.</p> <p>This motion is an important step in supporting JCOD as the department builds out a pretrial services system. Reducing the pretrial population is an essential piece of decarceration. In the last 16 months, 60 people have lost their lives while in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department custody. That is almost one person every week dying in Los Angeles jails. We know this number is likely higher. Over half of LA's jail population is there pretrial and many are awaiting mental health diversion. Their lives are at risk every day they are in jail.</p> <p>Coordinated and supportive pretrial services help people get out and stay out of jail for good.</p> <p>Currently, JCOD lacks a cohesive and transparent structure for pretrial service delivery that compromises effectiveness and runs the risk of deprioritizing care while emphasizing</p>



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surveillance. This motion will help set JCOD on the right path and recommit the County to a Care First pretrial structure. Reducing the pretrial jail population will get the County closer to closing Men's Central Jail.

A New Way of Life Reentry Project is a nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles that provides housing, case management, pro bono legal services, family reunification services, advocacy, and leadership development for people rebuilding their lives after incarceration. We have seen firsthand the hardships brought upon families simply because they lack the resources to post bail for a loved one. Black, brown, and poor communities are those affected the most in these situations.

This motion outlines a care-first model that is data-driven and prioritizes community engagement and transparency. Data transparency is a win-win since it benefits the community as well as the justice and care-focused county departments that can use data to assess the program's effectiveness.

Community members have consistently advocated for more engagement and inclusion in the creation and implementation of pretrial services. A pretrial steering committee that includes a large cross-section of formerly incarcerated individuals, service providers, impacted family members, and relevant county departments is necessary to ensure that pretrial service delivery is serving the needs of the community.

The people most impacted by policies are the ones who know best what can work and what falls short of their needs. A pretrial steering committee that prioritizes those who are served by LA's pretrial services can make recommendations for what services are needed and how to make them more accessible. It cannot be overemphasized the importance of reducing probation oversight of community members in favor of offering services. This is a more effective and sustainable use of county resources.

This motion moves us one step closer to more concrete community and county collaboration. Please vote "Yes" on this Care First motion!

Sincerely,

Stanley Thermidor
Policy & Advocacy Strategist

		Item Total	8	
Grand Total			8	