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ESTABLISHING AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CCJCC

Los Angeles County’s criminal justice system – serving the largest county in the nation – is as vast and complex as typical statewide structures. Recognizing this complexity, the Board of Supervisors (Board) established the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC) via motion in 1981 to strengthen interagency communication, cooperation, and coordination and to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the justice system.

Ensuring CCJCC transcends traditional agency lines and addresses issues from a systemwide perspective, members include representatives from county, city, state, and federal agencies working in public safety, government, health, and education fields. Reflecting the Board’s leadership, the committee has been chaired by the Chair of the Board. In addition, a full-time executive director and professional staff are administratively assigned to the Board’s Executive Office.

Throughout its history, CCJCC has led County efforts on a wide range of issues through its work and the work of its subcommittees. Launching the County’s drug court system, developing systems for the automated transfer of case data among justice agencies, and guiding the County’s implementation of significant changes in state law – Proposition 36 (2000), AB 109, and Proposition 47 – are just a few examples. In just this current year, CCJCC’s work has included a best practice report for expanding alternative crisis response in the County, the launch of a psychiatric social worker program in the offices of the Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender, and the establishment of a subcommittee to enhance services for justice-involved veterans.

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An established part of the County's justice system, CCJCC has also expanded in its 43 years of existence and now has 52 members. This expansion – a testament to its reach and inclusivity – presents a unique forum for information sharing and collaborative opportunities. However, the CCJCC's size also presents challenges. Achieving quorum has been difficult in recent years. In addition, the executive policy/coordination among key justice partners has been limited.

While the current general membership approach is valuable and should be preserved, the formation of an Executive Committee of CCJCC would enhance CCJCC's structure. An Executive Committee comprised of key justice agency leaders – the hallmark of CCJCC – would be able to guide the CCJCC's overall work, priorities, and agenda. A CCJCC Executive Committee would help address quorum challenges, enhance the ability to advise the Board, enable it to more swiftly respond to the needs of member agencies, and, ultimately, better serve the people in our county.

I, THEREFORE MOVE, that the Board of Supervisors direct CCJCC in consultation with County Counsel to:

1. Maintain the current CCJCC General Membership to preserve and advance the broad-based, inclusive nature of CCJCC that is central to its collaborative work; and add the Director of the Justice, Care, and Opportunities Department to the general membership.
2. Establish an Executive Committee of CCJCC within 30 days, with the following structure:
 - a. Executive Committee members shall include the:
 - i. Chair of the Board of Supervisors, who shall serve as Chair of the Executive Committee
 - ii. Alternate Public Defender
 - iii. Chief Executive Officer
 - iv. Chief Probation Officer
 - v. Director of the Department of Mental Health
 - vi. Director of the Department of Public Health
 - vii. Director of the Justice, Care, and Opportunities Department
 - viii. District Attorney
 - ix. Los Angeles City Attorney
 - x. Los Angeles Police Chief
 - xi. Mayor of the City of Los Angeles
 - xii. President of the County Prosecutors Association
 - xiii. President of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association
 - xiv. Presiding Judge of the Superior Court or his or her appointed judicial representative

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- xv. Public Defender
 - xvi. Sheriff
 - b. Members shall not be permitted to designate proxies/alternates for the Executive Committee.
 - c. The Executive Committee should meet, at minimum, every other month until and unless the Executive Committee establishes an alternative schedule of meetings.
 - d. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to act on behalf of the full CCJCC general membership, including addressing membership issues; establishing and organizing subcommittees; amending the committee's bylaws and organizational rules; and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors or any other agency as appropriate.
 - e. CCJCC's Executive Director and staff shall provide administrative, and staff support to the Executive Committee as they do for the CCJCC general membership.
3. Review and amend the committee's bylaws within 60 days, including to reflect the establishment of the Executive Committee and other updates, as needed.
 4. Develop a meeting format and structure for convening meetings of both the Executive Committee and General Membership that supports collaboration and alignment throughout CCJCC's overall operation.

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