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Program Implementation Support for Pretrial Services

With the formal launch of the Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD) on November 1, 2022, Los Angeles County has now created the nation's first department dedicated to coordinating services and optimizing funding sources for people who are, have been, or are at risk of being, involved in the justice system.

One of the primary charges of the new JCOD is to stand up an independent pretrial services unit, whose responsibilities will include developing and overseeing a network of providers delivering strengths- and needs-based services to support the successful countywide release and diversion of those incarcerated pretrial in partnership with the County justice system partners, including the Superior Court, District Attorney, Sheriff, Probation, and Public Defender / Alternate Public Defender. By supporting the increased release of those incarcerated pretrial but also working to ensure their needs are addressed upon re-entry, this unit will help reduce the jail population (nearly half of which is pretrial) while preserving public safety, an integral effort to meet the County's goal to decarcerate and close Men's Central Jail.

Now that JCOD has formally launched, it is working diligently to develop the independent pretrial services unit and the County should infuse additional available resources to augment JCOD's capacity to design and implement pretrial services programming, to enable JCOD to

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move forward quickly and effectively to carry out the County's *Care First, Jails Last* vision. JCOD has available funds, including funds from the Superior Court via SB 129 for pretrial services, which could be utilized to bring on additional program implementation and management support for pretrial services.

On June 28, 2022, the Board delegated authority to JCOD, once established, to move forward with many aspects of pretrial reform in LA County, including to negotiate and execute agreements with the Court, third party administrators, and community-based organizations to accomplish the goals of the Pretrial Release Evaluation Program (PREP) pilot, which is the County's foundational pretrial release platform that, once scaled and developed accordingly, will serve to link together all of the County's current and future pretrial release and diversion programs (such as the existing Prefiling and Rapid Diversion Programs).

The County needs to provide the critical support necessary to support the development of independent pretrial services unit by delegating additional limited authority to JCOD to enter into agreements for program implementation and management support, to be led by an internal JCOD project manager. This contracted support will be instrumental in the coordination, tracking, and hands-on delivery of pretrial services programming, and will complete tasks necessary to move implementation forward including, but not limited to:

- Support the establishment of the independent pretrial services unit within JCOD;
- Design and develop convenings with justice system partners, health and social services partners, community-based organizations, and other partners seeking to

- work with JCOD to help develop and implement the County's pretrial release, diversion, and support programming;
- Coordinate pretrial services solicitations and provider onboarding efforts, including the expansion of the PREP pilot to additional courthouses and to offer needs- and strengths-based support to the entire pretrial population (regardless of acuity or release status) to help facilitate their successful release and re-entry;
 - Provide material support to the JCOD-administered Warm Landing Place project including to ensure that it is well-designed to meet both the needs of the pretrial population and the needs of the County justice system partners who are instrumental in facilitating pretrial release;
 - Coordinate serial and parallel implementation meetings across county departments, consultants, and pretrial services providers as needed;
 - Develop reports, fact sheets, and presentations to support broad communication with stakeholders about the status and future steps in the pretrial services design, development and implementation process with key stakeholders and partners; and
 - Coordinate with CEO-CIO, justice system partners, health and social services partners, and others on the timely implementation of key JCOD data and dashboard deliverables related to pretrial services.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors delegate authority to the Interim Director of the Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD) to enter into one or more

contracts for program implementation and management support personnel to help implement the independent pretrial services unit within JCOD, utilizing up to \$3M from JCOD's funds for pretrial services and programs, with a contract term of one year and the option to extend up to one additional year, subject to approval as to form by County Counsel.