

**JJRBG Meeting September 29, 2021**  
**Written Public Comments Submitted via E-mail**  
**Agenda Item III b.**

1. George Rio

First off, you are wasting taxpayer money to put convicted felons convicted of murder, rape, and other violent crimes in the least secure facility you can find.

This is a waste of money, that could be used for the programs you want to fund in existing secure facilities. If these convicted felons do not feel safe in a facility, ask surviving victims how safe they feel, ask the families of murder victims, since the murder victim no longer has a voice, how safe they feel.

Put our taxpayer money to use in your reform programs, in existing facilities like Barry J. Nidorf. Put it to use in the neighborhoods of at-risk youth, use it to help the victims of these convicted violent felons. Remember, these are not average youth. They are convicted violent felons preying on the citizens of Los Angeles.

Now members of these committees are doing what they can to legalize violent crime. In the attachment for agenda item 3B, it clearly states this committee wants to consider diversion. I had to look this up. To the public listening, if you are concerned about what this committee is doing, you need to research this.

<https://www.shouselaw.com/ca/defense/pretrial-diversion/>

<https://www.egattorneys.com/california-pretrial-diversion-programs>

From the definitions of diversion, I can only conclude that members of this committee want:

- To legalize violent crime for youth
- To prevent violent convicted felons from serving jail time
- To dismiss and seal their court cases, as if they happened

No jail time, no record of conviction, for serious violent felons.

This committee is clearly out of control, the Board of Supervisors, and higher, need to step in and protect the citizens of Los Angeles.