

Reentry Council

City & County of San Francisco

Subcommittee on Legislation, Policy & Practices

AGENDA

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

2:30-4:30pm

25 Van Ness Avenue

Lower Level Conference Room

San Francisco, California 94103

Note: Public comment will be taken throughout the meeting.

1. Introductions (discussion only)
2. Review the draft minutes of March 27, 2019 (discussion and action)
3. Staff Report (discussion only)
 - a. Mayoral Appointed Reentry Council Transitional Age Youth Seat
 - b. 2019 Legislative, Policy, and Practices Four Goals
 - c. 2019 Reentry and Subcommittee Calendar
 - d. May 22, 2019 Sacramento Lobby Day
 - e. Review State Legislative Calendar
 - f. Status on Reentry Bills
 - g. August 22, 2019 Reentry Council District Attorney Debate
 - h. Update on Use of Humanizing Language Resolution
 - i. ACA 6/ AB 646 Free the Vote Resolution
4. Discuss the Sheriff Debate Questions
5. Discuss the Public Defender Meet and Greet Locations
6. New Business
 - a. Targeted Register to Vote Outreach Day- October 10, 2019
7. Member Roundtable and Agenda Items for Next Meeting (discussion only)
8. Adjournment

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

2:30-4:30pm

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Members Present: Tara Anderson, Becky LoDolce, Donna Mandel, Mark Walsh, Victoria Westbrook, Eric Henderson (by phone), Emmeline Sun, Jose Bernal, Linda Connelly,

Members Absent: Tara Agnese, Linda Connelly, Nicholas Gregoratos, Kara Chien, Joe Calderon, Kathleen Connolly-Lacey, Melody Fountila,

Guest: Angelique Mahan (Human Rights Commission)

1. Review the draft minutes of November 28, 2018 and February 13, 2019 (discussion and action)
The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Victoria Westbrook and seconded by Emmeline Sun. The minutes passed unanimously.

2. Staff Report

The Staff Report was tabled for next meeting scheduled for May 22, 2019.

- a. Mayoral Appointed Reentry Council Transitional Age Youth Seat
 - b. 2019 Legislative, Policy, and Practices Four Goals
 - c. 2019 Reentry and Subcommittee Calendar
 - d. Proposed 2019 Sacramento Lobby Days- Wednesday, May 22 and Wednesday, September 4
 - e. Review State Legislative Calendar
 - f. Proposed August 22, 2019 Reentry Council District Attorney Debate
 - g. Targeted Register to Vote Outreach Day- October 10, 2019
3. San Francisco County's Community Corrections Partnership Annual Report by Jose Bernal
The Staff Report was tabled for next meeting scheduled for May 22, 2019.
 4. Presentation and Resolution on the Use of Humanizing Language by Eric Henderson
Eric Henderson presented on his Humanizing Language draft resolution. Jose made a motion for a workgroup to be formed to revise Eric's resolution. This motion was seconded by Linda Connelly and the motion passed unanimously. The following LPP members were assigned to the workgroup: Jose Bernal, Linda Connelly, Emmeline Sun, Mark Walsh, and Tara Anderson.
 5. State Legislation Review (choosing 5- 7 bills to support)

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The members, Becky LoDolce, Donna Mandel, Mark Walsh, Victoria Westbrook, Emmeline Sun, Jose Bernal, Linda Connelly voted as followed:

1. SB 144-Criminal Fees (Senators Mitchell and Hertzberg) Motioned by Jose and seconded by Donna- unanimous vote (7 members). Donna Mandel will present on this bill during April 25, 2019 Reentry Council meeting.
2. SB 516- Evidence of participation in a criminal street gang (Senator Skinner) Motioned by Victoria and seconded by Becky- unanimous vote (7 members)
Eric Henderson will present on this bill during April 25, 2019 Reentry Council meeting.
3. AB 1076- Criminal records: automatic relief (Assembly Member Ting) Motioned by Victoria and seconded by Becky- unanimous vote (7 members)
Tara Anderson will present on this bill during April 25, 2019 Reentry Council meeting.
4. SB 310- Jury Selection (Senator Skinner) Motioned by Donna and Seconded by Victoria- unanimous vote (7 members)-
Jose Bernal will present on this bill during April 25, 2019 Reentry Council meeting.
5. AB 1331- Criminal Justice data (Assembly Member Bonta) Motioned by Linda and seconded by Victoria- 5 yes (Victoria, Linda, Mark, Becky, Donna) 2 No (Jose and Emmeline)
Tara Anderson will present on this bill during April 25, 2019 Reentry Council meeting.
6. SB 136- Sentencing (Senator Wiener) Motioned by Mark and seconded by Victoria- unanimous vote (7 members)
Jose Bernal will present on this bill during April 25, 2019 Reentry Council meeting.
7. AB 607- Probation: eligibility: crimes relating to controlled substances (Assembly Member Carrillo)
(Mark motioned to couple Bills AB 607, SB 42, and AB732 and it was seconded by Victoria- unanimous vote (7 members)
Donna Mandel will present on this bill during April 25, 2019 Reentry Council meeting.
8. SB 42- The Getting Home Safe Act (Senator Skinner) –
Lucero Herrera will present on this bill during April 25, 2019 Reentry Council meeting.
9. AB 732 County Jails: prisons: incarcerated pregnant persons. (Assembly Member Bonta)-
Victoria Westbrook will present on this bill during April 25, 2019 Reentry Council meeting.
6. New Business

This item was tabled for next meeting scheduled for May 22, 2019.

- a. Formatting legislative work groups and schedules
- b. Planning a potential Public Defender and Sheriff Debate

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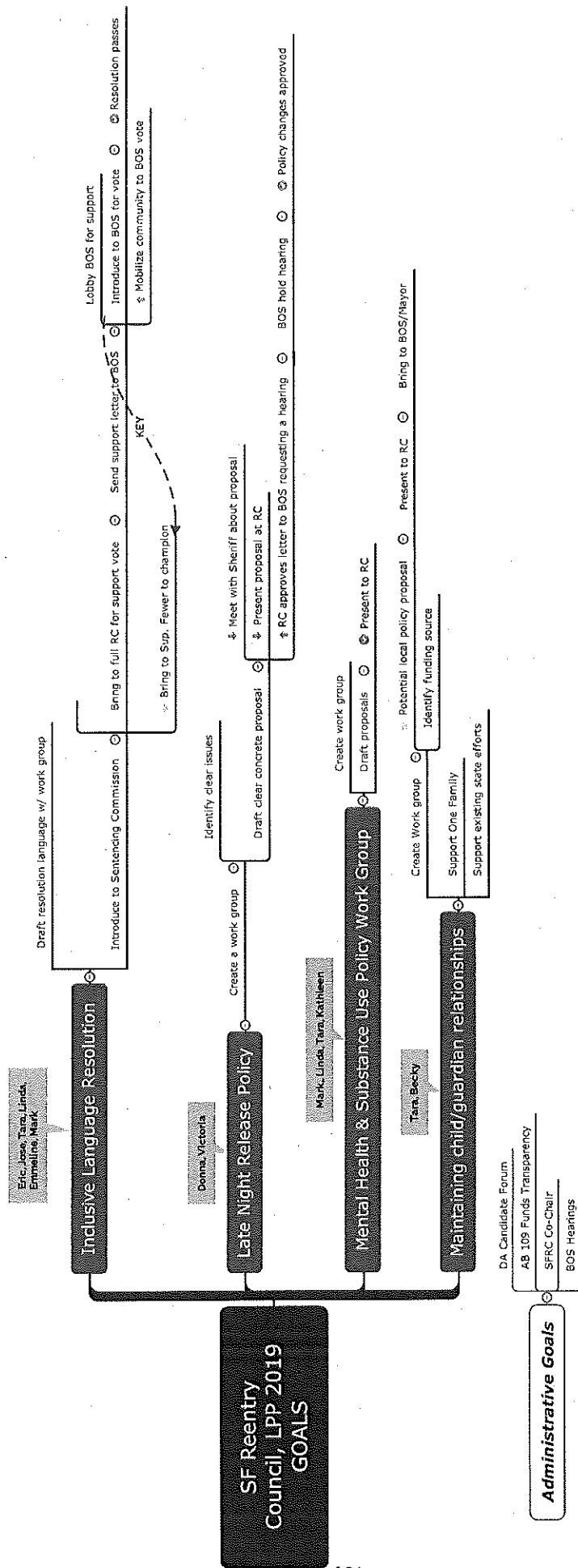
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7. Member Roundtable and Agenda Items for Next Meeting,

There were no remarks for this item.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.



Reentry Council of the City and County of San Francisco

2019 Meeting Calendar

Council Meetings: Last Thursday of the first month of each quarter
10am-noon

January 24— St. Anthony's Foundation, 150 Golden Gate Ave
April 25—St. Anthony's Foundation, 150 Golden Gate Ave
July 25— St. Anthony's Foundation, 150 Golden Gate Ave
October 24— St. Anthony's Foundation, 150 Golden Gate Ave

Subcommittee on Direct Services: 2nd Thursday of all uneven months 2:30-4:30pm, all in 25 Van Ness, Lower Level conference room, except for January 10, 2019 meeting

January 10, 564 6th Street at the Community Assessment Service Center (CASC)
March 14
May 9
July 11
September 12
November 14

Subcommittee on Legislation, Policy and Practices: 4th Wednesday of all uneven months 2:30-4:30pm, all in 25 Van Ness, Lower Level conference room

January 23
March 27
May 22
July 24
September 25
November 13 (Changed to the Second Wednesday because of the Holiday Season)

Slated Community Events supported and/or hosted by Reentry Council

- Wednesday, May 22, 2019- 8:00am to 3:00pm Reentry Council Lobby Day at California's State Capital in Sacramento
- Thursday, June 13, 2019- 6:30pm- 9:00pm, 3rd Annual Community Appreciation Dinner at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption Event Center located at 1111 Gough St
- Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 2nd Annual Recovery Summit at the Koret Auditorium in the Main Library
- Thursday, August 22, 2019- 6:00pm to 8:00pm Reentry Council District Attorney Debate, Main Library's Koret Auditorium located at 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco, Ca 94102.
- Wednesday, September 4, 2019- 8:00am to 3:00pm Second Reentry Council Lobby Day at California's State Capital in Sacramento
- Friday, September 6, 2019- 6th Annual Restorative Justice Reentry Conference and Resource Fair at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption Event Center located at 1111 Gough St
- Thursday, October 10, 2019-Targeted Register to Vote Outreach Day in San Francisco's most-impacted criminal justice communities

2019 TENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

COMPILED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLY CHIEF CLERK AND THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
Revised 10-31-18

JUNE							
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Wk. 3	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Wk. 4	30						

June 3 Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(a)(9)).

June 15 Budget Bill must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)(3)).

JULY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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Summer Recess	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Summer Recess	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Summer Recess	28	29	30	31			

July 4 Independence Day.

July 10 Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills to fiscal committees (J.R. 61(a)(10)).

July 12 Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(a)(11)).

Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(a)(3)).

AUGUST							
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Summer Recess					1	2	3
Summer Recess	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Wk. 4	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Aug. 12 Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess (J.R. 51(a)(3)).

Aug. 30 Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(a)(12)).

SEPTEMBER							
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No Hrgs.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
No Hrgs.	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Interim Recess	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Interim Recess	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Interim Recess	29	30					

Sept. 2 Labor Day.

Sept. 3-13 Floor session only. No committees may meet for any purpose, except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to A.R. 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(a)(13)).

Sept. 6 Last day to amend bills on the floor (J.R. 61(a)(14)).

Sept. 13 Last day for any bill to be passed (J.R. 61(a)(15)). Interim Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(a)(4)).

IMPORTANT DATES OCCURRING DURING INTERIM RECESS

2019

Oct. 13 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before Sept. 13 and in the Governor's possession after Sept. 13 (Art. IV, Sec. 10(b)(1)).

2020

Jan. 1 Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

Jan. 6 Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51(a)(4)).

*Holiday schedule subject to final approval by Rules Committee.

2019 TENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

COMPILED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE AND THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
October 31, 2018 (revised)

DEADLINES

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Jan. 1 Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

Jan. 7 Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51(a)(1)).

Jan. 10 Budget must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12(a)).

Jan. 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Jan. 25 Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel

Feb. 18 Presidents' Day.

Feb. 22 Last day for bills to be introduced (J.R. 61(a)(1)), (J.R. 54(a)).

Mar. 29 Cesar Chavez Day observed.

Apr. 11 Spring recess begins upon adjournment of this day's session (J.R. 51(a)(2)).

Apr. 22 Legislature reconvenes from Spring recess (J.R. 51(a)(2)).

Apr. 26 Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(a)(2)).

May 3 Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the Floor nonfiscal bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(a)(3)).

May 10 Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 3 (J.R. 61(a)(4)).

May 17 Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(a)(5)). Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 3 (J.R. 61(a)(6)).

May 27 Memorial Day.

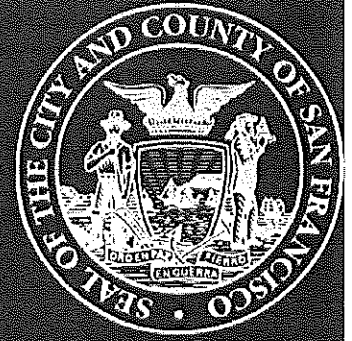
May 28-31 Floor Session Only.
No committees, other than conference or Rules committees, may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(a)(7)).

May 31 Last day for bills to be passed out of the house of origin (J.R. 61(a)(8)).

*Holiday schedule subject to Rules committee approval.

REENTRY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEBATE SERIES



Two Nights of Interactive Candidate Dialogues



WEDNESDAY AUGUST 22

THURSDAY AUGUST 23

District Attorney Debate

District Attorney Candidates:

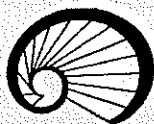
Leif Dautch, Nancy Tung, Chesa Boudin,
and Suzy Loftus (pictured above)

Sheriff Debate

Sheriff Candidates: (Not pictured)

Paul Miyamoto and Ronald Terry

**EACH DEBATE
WILL BE HELD:**



San Francisco Public Library

5:30PM-8:00PM
KOPET AUDITORIUM
ST. MARK LIBRARY
100 PARKIN STREET

1 [Adopting and Utilizing Person-First Language When Referring to People With a Criminal
2 Record]

3 Resolution recognizing the harmful impacts of the institutionalization of the use of
4 pejorative language to refer to formerly incarcerated people, and urging the City and
5 County of San Francisco to adopt person-first language.

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7 WHEREAS, Approximately one in every five California residents has a criminal record;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, People with criminal records endure intense legal and social sanctioning,
10 including segregation, harassment, and harm; and

11 WHEREAS, People with criminal records are part of our communities, schools,
12 workplaces, and places of worship; and

13 WHEREAS, Language shapes the ideas, perceptions, beliefs, attitudes, and actions of
14 individuals, societies, and governments; and

15 WHEREAS, Language usage that emphasizes or prioritizes a criminal record over the
16 individual undermines, devalues, dehumanizes, demoralizes and dishonors the humanity of
17 that individual; and

18 WHEREAS, Dehumanizing language like "prisoner," "convict," "inmate," or "felon" only
19 serve to obstruct and separate people from society and make the institutionalization of racism
20 and supremacy appear normal; and

21 WHEREAS, Inaccurate information, unfounded assumptions, generalizations, and
22 other negative predispositions associated with justice-involved individuals create societal
23 stigmas, attitudinal barriers, and continued negative stereotypes that affect access to
24 employment, housing, healthcare, professional licensing, travel, support services, and other
25 integral aspects of community life; and

1 WHEREAS, People-first language places the individual before the criminal record by
2 using neutral, objective, and non-pejorative language; and

3 WHEREAS, People-first language promotes positive, sound, and unbiased
4 communication and diminishes categorization and segmentation for people with a criminal
5 record, such that an individual is not defined solely or primarily by a criminal record, arrest, or
6 other contacts with the criminal justice system; and

7 WHEREAS, The District Attorney's Sentencing Commission, the Reentry Council, and
8 the Youth Commission have all passed resolutions supporting the adoption and utilization of
9 person-first language; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
11 recognizes that language that is not people-first obstructs the integration, inclusion,
12 participation, and respect of justice involved individuals; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
14 Francisco urges all agencies and departments, both executive and judiciary, to adopt people-
15 first language with respect to people with criminal records in all its official written, voice,
16 audiovisual, and signed communications; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
18 Francisco urges adoption and utilization of people-first language in all legislation, co-
19 sponsorship memos, reports, policies, and other documents; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
21 Francisco recognizes that some agencies, including but not limited to Adult Probation,
22 Juvenile Probation, the Police Department, the District Attorney, and the Sheriff, will need
23 training and ongoing support to implement this shift in culture; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, Where possible the City and County of San Francisco should
25 provide adequate support to those agencies; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following examples serve as models of the appropriate
2 use of person-first language:

- 3 1) "formerly incarcerated person," "returning resident," or "justice involved," not "felon" or
4 "offender;"
- 5 2) "person on parole" or "person under supervision" not "parolee" or "probationer;"
- 6 3) "currently incarcerated person," not "convict" or "inmate;"
- 7 4) "person convicted of a drug offense," not "drug offender"
- 8 5) "a person convicted of a violent/serious offense," not "violent offender" or "serious
9 offender;"
- 10 6) "person" or "individual" not "returning citizen" or "illegal alien;"
- 11 7) "person with a felony conviction" not "felon;"
- 12 8) "young person with justice system involvement" or "young person impacted by the
13 justice system," not "juvenile offender" or "juvenile delinquent"
- 14 9) "person with a history of substance use" not "addict," or "substance abuser"
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1 [Supporting Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 6 (McCarty et al.) - Free the Vote Act]

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3 **Resolution supporting Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 6, introduced by**
4 **Assembly Members Kevin McCarty, Rob Bonta, Wendy Carillo, Mike Gipson, Lorena**
5 **Gonzalez, Ash Kalra, Sydney Kamlager-Dove, Kevin Mullin, Mark Stone, and Shirley**
6 **Weber, and co-authored by Senator Scott Wiener, to allow automatic restoration of**
7 **voting rights to those on parole upon completion of a state or federal prison term.**
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9 WHEREAS, The right to vote is a fundamental right that should be protected,
10 promoted, and practiced in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, California law permits an individual who is 1) a United States citizen, 2) a
12 resident of California, and 3) at least 18 years of age at the time of the next election, to
13 register to vote; and

14 WHEREAS, The exception to this law is that those imprisoned in state or federal prison
15 or on parole for a felony are expressly prohibited from voting; and

16 WHEREAS, Of the estimated six million Americans unable to vote because of felony
17 disenfranchisement laws nationwide, nearly 50,000 Californians on parole are currently
18 unable to vote in state, federal, or local elections, as a result of felony disenfranchisement
19 inscribed in California's constitution since 1849; and

20 WHEREAS, Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 6 ("Free the Vote Act")
21 introduced by Assembly Members McCarty, Bonta, Carillo, Gipson, Gonzalez, Kalra,
22 Kamlager-Dove, Mullin, Stone, and Weber, and co-authored by Senator Scott Wiener, will
23 allow California voters the opportunity to re-enfranchise and restore the right to vote to people
24 on parole on the 2020 ballot; and
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1 WHEREAS, The Free the Vote Act would amend Sections 2 and 4 of Article II in the
2 state constitution, which will: 1) delete a provision of law that requires the Legislature to
3 provide for the disqualification of electors while on parole for the conviction of a felony; 2)
4 provide that an elector disqualified from voting while serving a state or federal prison term
5 shall have their right to vote restored upon the completion of their prison term; and 3) make
6 other technical and conforming changes to ensure restoration; and

7 WHEREAS, AB 646 is the implementing legislation for the Free the Vote Act, which
8 enacts corresponding changes to California's Elections Code and was approved by the
9 California Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee on April 10, 2019, by a 5-1 vote,
10 and is currently pending in the Assembly Appropriations Committee; and

11 WHEREAS, Our nation's history is marked by struggles to expand voting rights and
12 correct voting injustices to those previously barred due to race, class, or gender; and

13 WHEREAS, Felony disenfranchisement has an extensive discriminatory history in the
14 United States and functions as a form of voter suppression that is rooted in racially
15 discriminatory laws which have disproportionately impacted Black and Brown communities;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Suppression of the Black vote has existed for over a century and a half—
18 tracing back to the 1870s with the implementation of Jim Crow laws and California's rejection
19 to ratify the 15th Amendment, which prohibits voting restrictions based on race, until 1962,
20 both of which have repercussions to the current day; and

21 WHEREAS, According to the Public Policy Institute of California, African Americans are
22 overly represented in the parole population— African Americans make up only 6% of
23 California's adult population, yet account for 26% of the parole population; and
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1 WHEREAS, The Free the Vote Act introduced by Assembly Members McCarty et al.
2 would be a major step forward in addressing the racial discrimination of California's felony
3 disenfranchisement laws, expanding voting rights, and correcting voter injustice; and

4 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Justice grants parole when the release
5 of an individual would not jeopardize the public welfare; and

6 WHEREAS, 50,000 Californians on parole are working, paying taxes, and positively
7 contributing to their communities, yet are unable to vote; and

8 WHEREAS, Research published in UC Berkeley's La Raza Law Journal suggests that
9 felony disenfranchisement results in alienation, isolation, and a sense of disconnection from
10 community, which only serves to increase further incidences of criminal activity; and

11 WHEREAS, A survey conducted by Initiate Justice in 2018 of more than 1,000 people
12 in prison and on parole in California found that more than 76% of respondents on parole
13 believed that voting would help them feel more connected to their communities and would
14 help reduce recidivism; and

15 WHEREAS, This bill would fully realize the goals of parole by restoring a fundamental
16 civil right, allowing the formerly incarcerated full participation in our country's democracy; and

17 WHEREAS, California is currently behind 14 other states and Washington D.C., which
18 have all either restored voting rights upon release from prison or have no felony
19 disenfranchisement laws in place; and

20 WHEREAS, National momentum is growing to restore voting and civil rights to people
21 with convictions, including California's AB 1008 "Ban the Box" legislation and San Francisco's
22 "Ban the Box" ordinance codified in Administrative Code, Article 49, both of which prohibit
23 employers from considering any criminal conviction, expunged or not, prior to making a
24 conditional job offer; and
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1 WHEREAS, This legislation introduced by Assembly Members McCarty et al. will
2 reflect the United States' shift towards ending felony disenfranchisement; and

3 WHEREAS, By eliminating an arbitrary barrier to voting, this bill will align California with
4 the goals of securing and expanding voting rights to the marginalized and disenfranchised as
5 well as correct historically racially discriminatory laws; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
7 hereby urges the California State Legislature and Governor Newsom to support and pass
8 Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 6; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of
10 Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the resolution to the
11 California State Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR SHERIFF CANDIDATES

BUDGET CRISIS

- » How would you like to see our county spend its realignment money?

USE OF FORCE

- » Do you support civilian oversight of law enforcement? How would you encourage community participation in law enforcement oversight? Many people are too intimidated to go into a Sheriff's Department to file a complaint. How would you reduce this barrier to community feedback?

REHABILITATION & PREVENTION

- » Do you support rehabilitation programs in prison, jail, and in the local community? If so, how would you advocate to continue expanding funding for these programs?

JUVENILE JUSTICE

- » Do you support sending young offenders to restorative justice programs and other avenues that divert young people out of the juvenile justice system and toward new opportunities? If so, what would you do as Sheriff to promote these programs?

DRUG LAWS

- » Do you support creating an option to charge low-level drug possession as a misdemeanor rather than a felony? Why or why not? Would you publically support a ballot initiative or legislation to create this option?
- » What do you think is the most effective way to deal with low-level drug offenders?
- » How would you increase access to drug treatment for people charged and convicted of low level offenses?

JAILS

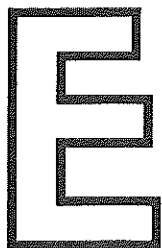
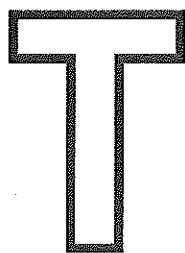
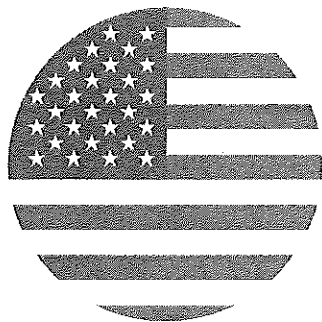
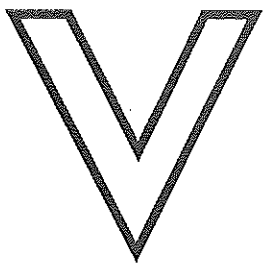
- » Do you support the use of an evidence-based assessment tool to reduce the reliance on money bail that keeps so many people incarcerated for no public safety reason while they await their day in court?
- » As Sheriff, how would you use realignment funds to reduce the pretrial jail population in our county?

IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS

- » As Sheriff, how would you ensure that our county is fully compliant with the TRUST Act?



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Sheriff Questions

1. San Francisco residents and the Board of Supervisors have clearly established the vision that San Francisco should not build a new jail. As Sheriff, what steps will you take to lower the jail population and to ensure that it doesn't go above current capacity?
2. The Sheriff's Department has had numerous issues with officer abuse of prisoners, including the "fight club" scandal. What steps will you take to ensure that this type of abuse doesn't happen? And if it does happen, how will you ensure that there is a transparent investigation and that officers are held accountable?
3. Do you support civilian oversight of law enforcement? How would you encourage community participation in law enforcement oversight? Many people are too intimidated to go into a Sheriff's Department to file a complaint. How would you reduce this barrier to community feedback?
4. As Sheriff, how would you use realignment funds to reduce the pretrial jail population?
5. Are you in favor of the Department of Police Accountability investigating complaints filed against deputies?
6. Do you support a proposal from Supervisor Shamann Walton that would create a commission or task force to oversee the disciplinary process? Why or Why not?
7. African-Americans make up less than 6% of San Francisco's population yet account for 56% of the jail population. At least 70% of the jail population is people of color. While the Sheriff's Department is not the agency that determines who is booked into custody, the Sheriff's Department can take steps to impact the racial disparities reflected in the jail population. What specific steps would you, as Sheriff, take in order to reduce your Department's impact on these disparities?
8. A 2016 survey by the San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership estimates that 59% of people in the San Francisco County jails are the parent or primary caregiver of at least one child who is 25 or younger. More than a thousand children in San Francisco are impacted by parental incarceration each day. Research repeatedly shows that parental incarceration is traumatic for children and increases the likelihood that children will be incarcerated as youth or adults; and that maintaining family contact reduces recidivism. As Sheriff, what steps would you take to remove barriers and ensure that families can maintain meaningful contact?
9. What strategies do they think can help address racial and ethnic disparities in the criminal justice system?
10. The California State Sheriff's Association (CSSA) routinely opposes criminal justice reform measures at the ballot and in the legislature. Discuss how you will break from the CSAA and take initiative to reduce incarceration and barriers to reentry. Please provide specific examples of both statewide and local solutions that you will advocate for and/or implement.

Sheriff Questions

11. Research shows that effective in-custody programing can reduce recidivism. The Sheriff's Department currently has numerous programs in place. Do you think current programming is sufficient or would you expand program availability? If you would expand it, please provide details, including funding sources and the specific types of programs that you think are needed.

12. Are improvements in collection and use of administrative data a priority? Would they use information to inform policies and practices?