

# Reentry Council

## City & County of San Francisco

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### Approved Minutes

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10am- 12pm

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Note: Each member of the public will be allotted no more than 2 minutes to speak on each item.

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### Members Present:

Chief Cristel Tullock (SFAPD), District Attorney Brooke Jenkins, Sheriff Paul Miyamoto, Carolyn Goosen for Manohar Raju (Public Defender), Sheenia Branner (Mayoral Appointee), Angelica Almeida (DPH), Assistant Deputy Chief Jennifer James for Anthony Castellano (US Probation), Susie Smith (HSA), Karen Roye (DCSS), Tajuana Gray (OEWD), Jasmine Dawson for Marla Su (DCYF), Antonio Napoleon (Mayoral Appointee), Allen Harven (Mayoral Appointee), Gabe Cavillo for Chief Katherine Miller (Juvenile Probation), Cynthia Nagendra (HSH), Giles Feinberg for Supervisor Catherine Stefani, James Caldwell (Mayor's Office), Commander Lt. Will McCarthy for Chief Scott (SFPD), Jabari Jackson (BOS Appointee), Joannah Hernandez (BOS Appointee), Linda Hurshman (BOS Appointee)

### Members Absent:

Gregory Sims for State Parole, Jusef Nathan (BOS Appointee), Melanie Kushnir (Superior Court).

#### 1. Call to Order and Introductions.

James Cladwell, representing the Mayor's Office, called the meeting to order.  
Victoria Westbrook called Role.

#### 2. Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(e). (discussion and possible action).

- a. **The Reentry Council will consider adoption of a resolution making findings that newly-enacted Government Code Section 54953(e) requires in order to allow the Reentry Council to hold meetings remotely, as currently required under local law, without complying with infeasible Brown Act requirements.**

Sheriff Miyamoto made a motion to allow remote meeting.  
Karen Roye seconded.  
Members voted. Motion Passed.

#### 3. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement (discussion only).

James Caldwell read the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement.

#### 4. Welcome the 4 new Board of Supervisors Appointed Reentry Council Members (Jusef Nathan, Joanna Hernandez, Linda Hurshman, Jabari Jackson) (discussion only).

James Caldwell introduced 4 new members to the Reentry Council.  
Jabari Jackson, Linda Hurshman, and Joanna Hernandez introduced themselves and acknowledged the opportunity to serve on the council.  
(New member, Jusef Nathan was not in attendance)

James Caldwell opened the floor for public comment.  
Council members welcomed the new Reentry Council Members.

#### 5. Public Comment on Any Item Listed Below as for "Discussion Only." (NOTE: public comment on items listed as "possible action" will occur during that agenda's time).

There was no public comment.

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### 6. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2022 Council Meeting (discussion & possible action).

Sheriff Paul Miyamoto motioned to adopt the October 20, 2022 minutes.

District Attorney Brooke Jenkins seconded the motion.

Members voted. Motion Passed.

### 7. Staff Report on Activities of the Reentry Council and its Subcommittees (discussion only).

#### a. Staff Updates

Steve Adami acknowledges and

##### a. Reentry Council Retreat

##### b. Fair Chance Ordinance

##### c. Housing Needs of Justice Involved Adults

Steve Adami acknowledged commitment of participants, and followed with updates:

- Over 100 people attended the Reentry Council Retreat
- Changes to be heard and proposed for the new Direct Action Subcommittee
- Last year's recommendation to SFDHR to align its hiring practices with the Fair Chance Ordinance (7 year look back period vs 13 year look back period). Enforces a policy that it does not follow. Provided update on latest attempts to make progress. No further updates or response since.
- Will be working with Tara Anderson and Patty from the DA's office to streamline council updates.
- Announcement of completed 40 page report on housing needs of justice involved individuals.
- Turned it over to Destiny.

Destiny Pletschacknowledged the work and effort of everyone involved in completing the report:

- 2 year endeavor to complete the report
- Analyzed 284 survey responses
- 87 justice involved people shared their stories across 12 focus groups
- Ready to launch the report within the next 30 days

Steve Adami acknowledged collaboration with the office of Supervisor Stephanie, and discusses some of the research methods employed in the analysis of the results and the development of the report. Acknowledged upcoming hearing, part 2 of the Recovery Summit Working Groups which will include information on progress of the previously established programs, new recommendations, and a review of the formal report – all in an effort to align the city's response to addiction and homelessness for justice involved adults.

Karen Roye commented on Reentry Council retreat and acknowledged the staff that represented DCSS at the Reentry Council Retreat. Karen Roye expressed gratitude for the inspiring event.

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Sheenia Branner acknowledged and thanked Reentry team for the retreat meeting, in spite of the harsh weather conditions.

Susie Smith acknowledged and expressed interest in Housing Needs Research project findings.

Stevie Adami acknowledged the preparation and contribution of the Direct Services Subcommittee. Steve Adami provided updates on the upcoming hearing, called for by Supervisor Stephanie, to review the report and outcomes of treatment and housing programs.

Carolyn Goossen acknowledged the effort in preparation of the report, and requested clarification on the goals for the upcoming hearing.

Steve Adami provided insight on the development of the programs that were initially established. Also, provided clarification on the purpose of the upcoming hearing, and how the report will support recommendations that will be proposed.

### **8. Regular Update on Activities of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, Sentencing Commission, Collaborative Courts, and Community Corrections Partnership, STARR (discussion only).**

Karen Roye provided updates:

- The Sentencing Commission met on December 13th.
- Members received updates on the activities of the Safety and Justice Challenged and Young Adult Justice Initiative.
- Members voted to the end of the year Annual Report.
- The next meeting of the Sentencing Commission will take place on Tuesday, March 21st at 10am.
- Emphasized the need and potential benefit of cross communication between the Reentry Council and the Sentencing Commission.

Angelica Almeida provided updates:

- Expressed appreciation for the group.
- Supporting treatment and reducing recidivism, Prop 47 grant was awarded through the Board of State and Community Corrections for 6 million dollars.
- The grant will start in February 2023 and will continue to fund withdrawal management and residential treatment beds at Salvation Army.
- The grant will also serve individuals who have had involvement in the criminal justice system, case management, and navigation services, including Spanish speaking clients. It will also serve for intake staff that help facilitate the movement of people who are in custody into treatment beds.

### **9. Racial Equity Work Updates – Criminal justice Racial Equity Workgroup Update and other Departments are welcome to provide a Racial Equity Update for their Department (discussion only).**

Victoria Westbrook provided updates:

- The first Criminal Justice/Racial Equity Work Group of the year will be held on February 9th from 3:00 to 4:30, and will be held over Zoom

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- There will be information forthcoming about the future in-person meeting
- Requested that those interested in joining the group, to contact her or co-chair, Patricia Martinez (DA's Office).
- Encouraged public to join

Angelica Almeida provided updates for Behavioral Health Services (Department of Public Health):

- In the process of hiring dedicated staff across multiple Civil Service Clinics in order to provide culturally congruent care.
- This has been operationalized at Mission Mental Health and South of Market Mental Health, where focus groups are being offered for individuals who identify as African American.
- Peer navigation support has been increased in Chinatown and North Beach clinic, for dedicated capacity in threshold languages.

### **10. Approval of Repurposing the Direct Services Subcommittee into the Direct Action Subcommittee (discussion & possible action).**

Steve Adami opened the discussion:

- Steve Adami described the proposal to change the Direct Services Subcommittee to the Direct Action Subcommittee, which will be charged with doing 3 things.
- Biannually or annually, will present a GAPS Analysis to the Reentry Council of programs or services they feel would benefit the Reentry Community.
- It will open access to city departments, the Board of Supervisors, State Parole, Federal Probation, and the Superior Court.
- It will present a biannual/annual calendar for reentry related events to the Reentry Council, and seek funding for the different events.
- Acknowledged agenda item 13 – salary updating for nonprofit programs to be led by Cedric and Adrian.
- Richard Beal is the point person.

Carolyn Goosen acknowledged the proposed efforts of the subcommittee and discussed the possibility of involving the Policy Subcommittee in order to support a possible cooperative effort in addressing the matter.

Susie Smith made a motion to repurpose the Direct Services Subcommittee into the Direct Action Subcommittee.

Jabari Jackson seconded the motion.

Members voted. Motion passed.

### **11. Approval of the Subcommittee Rosters (discussion & possible action).**

James Caldwell directs all to page 11 through 16 of the public package, in order to find the updated roster for women's first legislation, and policy and practices, and the new Direct Action Subcommittee.

Joanna Hernandez spoke on behalf of the subcommittee for women. Acknowledged representation for women in the community who are immigrants and monolingual.

Carolyn Goosen acknowledged representation for trans-women.

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Karen Roye asked whether the subcommittees will be reporting out in future meetings. Victoria Westbrook confirmed and clarified on the intended efforts for future meetings.

Karen Roye acknowledged the positive experience of subcommittee members providing updates in the past.

Karen Roye motioned to approve the updated roster for the Women's first legislation and policy practices. Chief Tullock seconded.  
Members voted. Motion passed.

### **12. Direct Action Subcommittee Reentry Events Proposal - (discussion & possible action).**

Victoria Westbrook introduced the newly formed subcommittee and introduced the new chair of the subcommittee, Richard Beal.

Richard Beal introduced the first event proposal, the black history month event. The event is to be held at the CASC to reduce costs. The full budget will be \$4,155. Richard Beal described the featured guests and activities. The event will be held on February 10th.

Steve Adami and Victoria Westbrook describe the collective funding opportunity and the plan leading up to the event.

Karen Roye requests additional notice of planning for future events in order to support funding.

Steve Adami provided clarification and a description of event planning for the future.

Carolyn Goosen asked about intended participants.

Steve Adami provided further clarification on on-going developments. Additional information is pending via Richard Beal.

Linda Hurshman announced the job fair to be held on February 23rd from 10am to 1pm, at the CASC in celebration of Black History Month, and expressed interest in engaging with black businesses that are currently hiring.

### **13. Non-profit Reentry Services Providers Living Wage Proposal – Cedric Akbar & Adrian Maldonado (discussion & possible action).**

Steve Adami called for the group to refer to public packet for additional information and turned it over to Cedric and Adrian.

Cedric Akbar expressed his sentiment on the topic of racial equity and the need for further action:

- Called for council and public action, and emphasized the need for urgency and action. Increase in wages for retention and fairness. Frontline people need support to live, not survive. Describes and outlines proposed salaries for various nonprofit program positions.

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Adrian Maldonado expresses support for Cedric's sentiment. Most employees are women/people of color – and struggling to support themselves while they support communities within San Francisco.

Linda Hurshman – expresses support for sentiment of Cedric and Adrian.

Carolyn Goosen – what programs are being discussed? Are there unions involved with nonprofits?

Steve Adami – provides clarification on programs and expresses need for further information. (pending)

Joanna Hernandez – expresses support for sentiment in presentation from Adrian and Cedric.

William Palmer – expresses need for removal of red tape in order to support formerly incarcerated and people of color.

Bobby Jones-Hanley – expresses support for sentiment and discussion from Cedric.

Sheenia Branner – expresses support of proposal.

Angelica Almeida – expresses support and suggests involvement of Controller's office.

Susie Smith – asks for clarification on proposal.

Victoria provides clarification.

Carolyn Goosen – asks for clarification on budget proposal.

Victoria provided clarification.

Steve Adami – provides clarification on how the problem was identified and the process required for the change.

Sheenia Branner – provides comment and describes personal experience in nonprofit work – in support of increasing wages.

Amarita King – provides insight on the additional benefits in increasing nonprofit wages.

Tara Anderson – provides support and also need for additional detail and discussion on how to approach this effort. Highlighted need for additional research and evaluation and expectations.

William Palmer – expresses personal sentiment and experience with nonprofit work and volunteer contributions

Sheenia Branner made a motion to support wage increase initiative.

Jabari Jackson Seconded the motion.

Members voted. Motion Passed.

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**14. Council Members' Comments, questions and Requests for Future Agenda Items (discussion only).**

There were none.

**15. Public Comment on any item on today's agenda, or on other business within the purview of the Reentry Council (discussion only)**

Cregg Johnson, Director of the TRP Academy– Expresses sentiment on safe consumption sites. Expresses concern regarding the lack of accompanying treatment programs in places where safe consumption sites are to be located. Expresses concern for long term alternatives and safety of communities.

Juthaporn Chaloeicheep – Provides update state level work.

Lewis Elridge – Healthright 360 815 Director – introduces himself.

Cregg Johnson asks about Jo Healy and intake.

Tina, Code Tenderloin – addresses problematic behavior from clients and potential resources for support

**16. Adjournment.**

The next Reentry Council meeting will be on Thursday, April 20, 2023. The meeting will be in person, Location to be determined.

Sheenia Branner makes a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Chief Chief Tullock seconded the motion.

Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourns.