

Reentry Council

City & County of San Francisco

AGENDA

Thursday, October 19, 2023

1:00pm – 3:00pm

City Hall

1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl, Room 305

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1. Call to Order and Introductions.
2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement (discussion only).
3. Welcome to New Mayoral Appointees and the New BOS Appointed Pretrial Diversion Services Seat Representative (discussion only).
4. 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).
5. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2023 Council Meeting (discussion & possible action).
6. Staff Report on Activities of the Reentry Council and its Subcommittees (discussion only).
 - a. Staff Updates
 - b. Subcommittee Updates
 - 1) Women 1st Subcommittee
 - 2) Legislation, Policy, and Practices Subcommittee
 - 3) Direct Action Subcommittee
7. Regular Update on Activities of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, Sentencing Commission, Collaborative Courts, and Community Corrections Partnership, STARR (discussion only).
8. Racial Equity Work Updates –Departments are welcome to provide a Racial Equity Update for their Department (discussion only).
9. Updates from The Freedom Project at the San Francisco Public Defender’s office– - Danielle Harris, Managing Attorney , Stephen Liebb, Legal Assistant, case and mitigation specialists Amanda Perez, Elliot Hosman, and Rachel Stober (discussion only).
10. Updates from San Francisco Public Defender’s Office’s “College Pathway Project”, a new project focused on college access for Public Defender Clients – Carolyn Goossen, SF Policy Director and Jason Bell, Director of Programs CSU Project Rebound and George Turner, Director, SF State Project Rebound (discussion only).
11. State Legislative Updates – Melanie Kim, San Francisco Public Defender’s State Policy Director (discussion only).
12. Discussion Regarding Supervised Clients, Aged 18-24 – Adult & Juvenile Probation (discussion only).
13. Council Members’ Comments, questions and Requests for Future Agenda Items (discussion only).
14. Public Comment on any item on today’s agenda, or on other business within the purview of the Reentry Council (discussion only).
15. Adjournment.

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DRAFT Minutes

Thursday, July 20, 2023

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Members Present:

Edward McCaffrey for District Attorney, Sheriff Paul Miyamoto (SFSO), Chief Cristel Tullock (SFAPD), Melanie Kim for Manohar Raju (Public Defender), Theresa Ick for Grant Colfax (DPH), Kristine King for Mark Culkins (Superior Court), Dominica Donovan for Supervisor Catherine Stefani (BOS), Onyanga Dean (CDCR), Karen Roye (DCSS), Captain Hart for Chief William Scott (SFPD), Chief Katherine Miller (Juvenile Probation), David McCahon for Trent Rohr (HSA), Jabari Jackson (BOS Appointee), Antonio Napoleon (Mayoral Appointee), Allen Harven (Mayoral Appointee), Jusef Nathan (BOS Appointee), Linda Hurshman (BOS Appointee), Aaqilah Islam (HSH), Joanna Hernandez (BOS Appointee), Tajuana Gray (OEWD), Jasmine Dawson (DCYF).

Members Absent:

James Caldwell for Mayor Breed, Chief Chris Carubba-Katz (US Probation).

Vacant Seat:

Mayoral Appointed TAY Seat.

1. Call to Order and Introductions (discussion only)

Sheriff Miyamoto called the meeting to order. He thanked Council members and members of the interested public for attending the meeting. He acknowledged the other five Co-Chairs:

- Mano Raju, Public Defender.
- Brooke Jenkins, District Attorney.
- James Caldwell, representing Mayor London Breed's Office
- Cristel Tullock, Chief of Adult Probation
- Jabari Jackson, representing the formerly incarcerated Council Members

Victoria Westbrook completed Reentry Council Roll Call and indicated that there was quorum.

2. Raymatush Ohlone Land Acknowledgment

Sheriff Miyamoto read the Raymatush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement.

3. Public Comment on Items listed as for "Discussion Only" (discussion only)

No public comment.

4. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes of July 20th, 2023 (discussion & possible action)

Sheriff Miyamoto asked for any comments or questions from Council members.

There was none.

Sheriff Miyamoto asked if there was a motion to adopt the minutes.

Edward McCaffrey made a motion to Accept Minutes.

Jabari Jackson seconded the motion.

Sheriff Miyamoto asked if there was any public comment regarding the Draft minutes from the July 20, 2023 meeting.

There was none.

Motion passed.

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

a. Staff Updates

b. Subcommittee Updates

i. Women 1st Subcommittee

ii. Legislation, Policy, and Practices Subcommittee

iii. Direct Action Subcommittee

Victoria Westbrook, Reentry Policy Planner for the San Francisco Adult Probation Department, provided the following updates:

- The agenda item requested by Council Member Hernandez regarding Juvenile and Adult Probation data regarding TAY clients, aged 18-25 will be on the October 19th meeting agenda because there was not room on today's agenda.
- Reentry Council vacancy Recruitment email blast will go out to recruit for the 3 Mayoral Appointee seats and the new BOS Appointed Seat #6 for an organization providing pretrial diversion services.
- A number of upcoming Reentry related events.
- **Women 1st Subcommittee:** Victoria thanked the Sheriff for allowing the subcommittee to meet at the women's Resource Center. The women 1st Subcommittee will be facilitating a workshop/Panel at the upcoming Reentry conference entitled, "Radical Healing – An Impacted Woman's Journey"
- **Legislation, Policy, & Practices Subcommittee:** Formed a Protected Class Initiative working group to continue working on the initiative.
- **Direct Action Subcommittee:** The Juneteenth Event at the CASC which was planned and facilitated by the Direct Action Subcommittee was a huge success. There were over 150 attendees and Director Davis from the HRC gave a memorable and moving Keynote speech.

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

Chief Miller provided an update on the activities of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.

Theresa Ick from DPH provided an update on the STARR grant.

Edward McCaffrey from the District Attorney's Office provided an update regarding the Sentencing Commission.

7. 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).

Precious Malone provided a Racial Equity Update for the Adult Probation Department.

8. Reentry Council Sunset Date Extension Letter and Report (discussion & possible action).

Sheriff Miyamoto asked for a motion to approve the Complete Sunset Date Extension Packet.

Director Karen Roye made a motion to approve the Complete Sunset Date Extension Packet.

Chief Tullock seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

9. Draft Ordinance to Establish Criminal Histories as a Protected Class (discussion & possible action).

Victoria Westbrook explained that no vote regarding the Protected Class Initiative at this time. Victoria provided

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the following update regarding the Protected Class Initiative: The LPP Subcommittee Protected class workgroup met with Dr. Sheryl Davis and Stevon Cook from the HRC yesterday afternoon. We wanted to meet with the HRC first to see if they were in support of such an initiative. Dr. Davis expressed support for the initiative. I had shared with her that when I recently spoke with Andres Powers from the Mayor's Office on a different issue, the protected class initiative came up. Director Powers asked that our group meet with him again after having spoken to the HRC because legislation of this kind could potentially impact several city departments in ways that might have a cost associated with them. Dr. Davis indicated that she had actually spoken to Director Powers and explained that one of the primary areas that he had concerns about was Contract Monitoring.

The Work group has decided to work on this initiative more. The workgroup intends to ensure that they explore what unintended consequences creating this protected class may create so that a full picture and complete information can be provided to the Reentry council prior to asking the body to vote in support of a potential draft ordinance. The workgroup's next steps are to reach out to the Contract Monitoring department to explore what consideration and concerns they may have and continue to meet with the HRC on our progress. Additionally, prior to bringing anything to the Reentry Council to vote in the future, the City Attorney will investigate and finalize the draft ordinance to ensure that our local legislation is not in opposition to state statutes.

10. Draft Ordinance to Remove a Mayoral or Board of Supervisors Appointee if They Are Employed by a City Department or other Agency Which Gains a New Seat on the Reentry Council (discussion & possible action).

Victoria Westbrook introduced this item and a robust discussion occurred.

Sheriff Miyamoto asked for a motion to adopt the draft ordinance.
No motion was made.

The issue was tabled.

11. Farewell to our Mayoral Appointees (discussion only).

The Council thanked Allen Harven, Antonio Napoleon, and Sheenia Branner, the exiting Mayoral Appointees for their service and contribution to the Reentry Council.

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

Council Woman Hernandez asked for the District Attorney's office to provide data regarding the number of 18 – 24 year olds sentenced to state prison by gender and race.

Council Member Jackson asked for resources and information regarding immigration lawyers and services to better help immigrant clients.

Council Woman Hernandez followed up with a request for the Public Defender's Office to present on the legal services that they provide to undocumented individuals.

Sheriff Miyamoto said that he will follow up with his legal team, specifically Nick Gregoratos about resources they have.

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

Rebecca Jackson from CJ CJ provided public comment regarding racial equity. She hopes that future racial equity efforts will reflect work with clients and that data will be un siloed and reflect full demographics.

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14. Adjournment.

Sheriff Miyamoto thanked all who attended the meeting and shared that the next Reentry Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19, 2023 in person at 1:00pm in Room 305 at City Hall. Public Defender Raju will be chairing that meeting.

Sheriff Miyamoto asked for a motion to Adjourn.

Jabari Jackson made a motion to Adjourn

Chief Tullock seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

Meeting Adjourned

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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****PRESS RELEASE****

San Francisco Public Defender's Office Launches College Pathway Project, a New Community Empowerment Initiative With SF State and City College of SF

The College Pathway Project will connect system-impacted clients with college opportunities through partnerships with local colleges

SAN FRANCISCO — Today, as students across the country return to school, the San Francisco Public Defender's Office announced a new community empowerment initiative, the College Pathway Project, which formalizes partnerships with San Francisco State University's Project Rebound and City College of San Francisco's New Directions programs, to make it easier for current and former Public Defender clients to attend college. These partnerships are informed by overwhelming evidence of the benefits of higher education programs for system-involved individuals; programs like these are [powerful tools for expanding job opportunities](#), [keeping people out of the criminal system](#), and [strengthening communities](#).

"Public Defenders meet our clients when they are often at the most challenging point in their lives, and when the legal system is threatening their liberty and their future. Instead of criminalization, our clients deserve a chance to realize their potential," said **San Francisco Public Defender Mano Raju**. "We are thrilled to be partnering with SFSU Project Rebound and CCSF New Directions to connect our clients with the resources they need to help them thrive, because we know that their success has exponential benefits for their families and the community at large."

The San Francisco Public Defender's office has had informal ties to Project Rebound previously, but this formal partnership will bring closer collaboration and more referrals of current and former clients to access academic and financial aid counseling, job placement, peer support, tutoring, and many other critical services. The Public Defender's Office will now have a designated space for Project Rebound to liaise with attorneys and social workers in their office, and Project Rebound staffers will attend court hearings and advocate on behalf of client participants for improved legal outcomes.

"I take great pride in our program and in being a living example of what successful reintegration looks like in a college setting," said **San Francisco State Project Rebound Executive Director Jason Bell**. "When I first came out of prison, I could only have wished for the level of support that Project Rebound provides. Most college counselors aren't used to working with people in prison and handling prison mail, or helping recently incarcerated students learn how to

do things like online college applications. This is why our services are so critical and why this partnership is so important.”

The Public Defender’s Office is also formalizing a partnership with City College of San Francisco’s New Directions program, which has just received new grant funding from the state to expand its staff and program capacity.

City College Student Trustee Heather Brandt, whose own family has been impacted by incarceration, said: “I want to thank the San Francisco Public Defender’s office for their willingness to collaborate to meet the needs of those that have been impacted by the carceral system, people who are such a vital and integral part of our community. I also want to thank our City College board of trustees and our chancellor for heeding the community’s call to support our systems-impacted students by pursuing state funding. This is equity in action!”

“We’re grateful for the outstanding partnership with the San Francisco Public Defender’s Office, and look forward to the upcoming collaborations that will springboard San Francisco to the forefront in providing educational opportunities and support for students who have been impacted by incarceration,” said **City College Chancellor Dr. David Martin**.

San Francisco State Project Rebound participant Belinda Anderson is a former Public Defender’s office client and is working on getting a bachelor’s degree in communications after earning her associate’s degree in humanities while incarcerated. Project Rebound assisted Anderson in applying for resources online, buying books, navigating through campus, even escorting her to class on her first day. “For me, Project Rebound represents hope. It’s an olive branch,” she said. “They extended their branch and opened their arms to me, and helped me in so many ways. They weren’t looking down their nose at you. My experience was wonderful.”

Former Public Defender’s office client **Carmen Padilla participated in Project Rebound at CSU-Stanislaus and also worked as an assistant with the program**. This past spring, she earned her bachelor’s degree in criminal justice with a concentration in juvenile justice. This fall, she’ll be applying to programs to get a master’s in public administration. “Project Rebound has been my foundation,” she said. “I want more people to know about Project Rebound and other programs like it, so that people know that there are opportunities for them to break the cycle of what they’re used to.”

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More information on Project Rebound can be found at <https://asi.sfsu.edu/project-rebound>, and info on New Directions can be found at <https://www.ccsf.edu/student-services/new-directions>.

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