







## Introduction

The year 2020 has been one none of us will soon forget. Amid the widespread confusion, commotion, and constant change we have all experienced this year, the international pandemic and nationwide protests against racism have left limited opportunities to celebrate the fact our local jail population has hit lows the county hasn't experienced in decades (including a monthly average that dropped below 700 incarcerated individuals at one point).<sup>1</sup>

In the midst of these ups and downs CAB has done its best to continue its support of the county's efforts to enhance public safety through innovation and a reliance on quality information. Since its inception in 2012 CAB has encouraged the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) to prioritize investments into community-based services in its effort to realize the intentions of the AB 109 legislation from 2011.<sup>2</sup> In the face of the strong economic headwinds it was confronted with in 2020, the CCP should be applauded for successfully working through the first ever cuts to the Community Corrections budget and its commitment to protecting the important investments being made into our local community based service providers in the face of difficult financial times.

Each of CAB's Members and everyone from the constituencies CAB represents feel blessed to have just survived 2020.<sup>3</sup> Looking forward, CAB is encouraged by the fact that the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AB 109 is fast approaching and brings with it the chance to think about what the next 10 years could look like. To help chart this course, the ten recommendations CAB presents in this memorandum hope to highlight a opportunities for growth that promote transparency through shared accountability, are consistent with CAB's belief of keeping people in the community by investing in people in the community, and the community's desire to understand what works...to do more of that. Before getting into CAB's recommendations, this memo will begin by sharing the results of CAB's 2020 Service Provider Survey.

## 2020 CAB Program and Services Committee Survey

Recognizing the unprecedented nature of the moment, immediately following the shutdown of non-essential services by the County Public Health Officer, CAB's Program and Services Committee (P & S) partnered with the Office of Reentry and Justice (ORJ) to survey the more than 15 public entities and 10 or so community based partners that receive AB 109 funding. As stated by CAB, to goal of the survey was "to better understand the goals, challenges, and barriers to achieving the programmatic goals of" partner agencies/organizations to "inform the CAB's recommendations to the Community Corrections Partnership" by providing it with "[a] better understanding of the needs and obstacles [these] programs face as well as their future direction."<sup>4</sup> Given the general importance of this scope, and its exponential importance in this moment, CAB was simultaneously encouraged by the 80% response rate of the community based partners and left somewhat somber and sullen by the underwhelming response rate

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<sup>1</sup> Jail data on average daily population (ADP) retrieved on 10/28/20 from:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish?EQBCT=82b29a92ea9a4a0ea7aa480f1287e137>.

<sup>2</sup> See CAB Key Recommendations, presented to the CCP August 7, 2012.

<sup>3</sup> At the time of this writing America continues to lead the world in COVID-19 deaths as the number of lives lost surges past 232,000 – including the 29 people who didn't survive the outbreak in nearby San Quentin Prison.

<sup>4</sup> CAB Program and Services 9/17/20 agenda packet at page 5, retrieved on 10/20/20 from:

<https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/09172020-2923>.













