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OUR VISION FOR PRETRIAL JUSTICE

- Safe communities and a smaller criminal justice footprint starts with a robust invest/divest strategy that focuses on divesting from prisons and investing in human beings to transform communities.
- A well-resourced community includes funding for quality schools, job training, employment, affordable housing, healthcare, trauma & grief counseling, recreation, restorative justice hubs, and community based violence prevention. Investing in neglected communities is the start to creating a fair and equitable criminal justice system by providing a safety net focused on prevention.
- It is important to promote restorative justice and community healing when conflicts arise, instead of stigmatizing people with a criminal record and exposing them to a myriad of collateral consequences. Communities must be self-managed and autonomous. NO OVER POLICING! The goal is to shrink the criminal justice system. Detention is not automatic and reserved only for individuals proven to be a safety risk to the community.
- Every attempt should be made to protect the presumption of innocence and the right to due process. All hearings should be in person and held within 24 hours of arrest. No video arraignments. This includes release without the use of electronic monitoring (EM), risk assessments instruments (RAI), or house arrest. Providing court reminders (via texts) and pretrial support is important.
- In order for a person to be detained, a detention hearing must be scheduled within 48 hours of arrest and must be in person. A public safety risk must be proven, without depending solely on the severity of the charges in order for a person to be detained.