



## ***Fight Against the Criminalization of Our Communities***

### **Shut Down 850!**

San Francisco has increased policing and incarceration of the city's poor and persons of color over the past few years, leading to an uptick in the jail population. It's past time to turn this disgraceful trend around and close the jail at 850 Bryant Street forever. To immediately decrease our jail population: stop all bookings for quality of life crimes, end pretrial detention, increase the capacity of the Pretrial Diversion Project, end SF Police over-booking practices, and end warrants for technical probation violations and flash incarcerations.

### **No Out-of-County Transfers of Imprisoned People**

Keeping people close to their families and loved ones increases their ability to maintain strong family connections and other support structures that are so crucial as they return to their communities. Importantly, county-to-county transfers do nothing to reduce the jail population. Additionally, undocumented people will be at greater risk of deportation if they are transferred to counties where Sheriffs collaborate with ICE. These actions are at odds with San Francisco's strong sanctuary city legislation and commitment to safeguarding families and communities. Lastly, out-of-county jails put residents in greater danger of abuse. For instance, Santa Rita Jail, which the Mayor and Sheriff have considered an option for out-of-county transfers, is mired in lawsuits and has been dubbed "the most dangerous place in Alameda County." Sending people there is unacceptable.

### **No New Jails**

We reject any proposals that would construct or expand new jail space in San Francisco. More jails will only entrench us further in the violent system of imprisonment that has separated families and communities. We also oppose the building of facilities that recreate the function of jails, such as "mental health jail facilities." San Francisco has committed to reducing its jail population - new jail space will only backtrack on this commitment.

### **Stop Increases to Electronic Monitoring**

Electronic Monitoring (EM) surveillance tripled between 2017 and 2018, but the jail population continued to increase. EM increases pretrial surveillance and continues hardships, rather than serving as an alternative to imprisonment, or a method of decreasing the jail population.

### **End Quality of Life Policing**

San Francisco police must end strategies that use low-level charges, such as loitering, to harass people who are poor, unhoused, LGBTQ+, and differently-abled and people of color. Quality of life policing is an unethical practice that disproportionately targets certain members of our communities, disregarding the dignity and quality of their lives.

## ***Fight For Strong and Healthy Communities***

### **Prioritize Life-affirming Resources, Not Carceral Infrastructure**

We must prioritize alternatives to incarceration and preventative services such as transformative justice programs, mediation, mental health services, residential treatment, housing, free city college, and job training. Rather than focusing tax dollars on imprisonment, policing, and surveillance, the city must shift resources toward the creation and maintenance of community led programs and healing spaces, particularly for communities that have experienced greater harm from criminalization.

### **Housing for All**

Strong communities are built on an absolute right to guaranteed, truly affordable, and dignified housing for all residents. We oppose giving developers free rein to build highly unaffordable housing projects that exacerbate gentrification, displacement, and a skyrocketing cost of living. We need housing for all San Franciscans. Because a significant number of people held in jail were arrested for being houseless in the first place, we particularly must prioritize supportive re-entry

### **Increase Equity and Access to Social and Medical Services**

All San Franciscans deserve high quality public assistance, medical, mental health and substance use treatment services, delivered in ways that affirm their dignity. Everyone deserves the same access to the treatment services they need and should not be subject to prolonged waiting periods and additional barriers because they are poor or are struggling with mental health needs and/or substance use. Funding for services should be based on how much is required to fully meet the needs of all San Franciscans. Where possible, services should be co-located within comprehensive community resources centers to lower barriers to access. Obtaining treatment on demand should be a basic human right.

### **Strengthen Employment Pathways and Access to Living Wages**

The San Francisco economy needs to be made more inclusive. The city should strengthen career pathways and advancement so people have equitable opportunities to find a living or family-sustaining wage.

### **Build Resources and Community Spaces**

Residents deserve to have access to free and appealing spaces where they can enjoy their lives and thrive in their community. Wellness hubs or community centers should be constructed or enhanced to offer activities that promote overall health and rooms that allow for quiet reflection. Parks, gardens and plazas are spaces for healthy social interaction and community restoration. These spaces facilitate healing, education and community cooperation for people impacted by harm. We also need resources that cultivate family resilience, such as guaranteed childcare for all and afterschool programs with low teacher-to-student ratios.