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Steps for a *jail-free* San Francisco:

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We beat a jail plan in San Francisco... now what?

No New SF Jail Coalition recognizes that the work of stopping racist jail and police policies and practices in San Francisco is ongoing. Our Coalition must continue as part of an ongoing struggle to undo policies of racist policing and jailing and replace such oppressive measures with community policies and services that provide all residents access to what they need to thrive. Our coalition continues to advocate for the permanent closure of the jail at 850 Bryant and real investment in the health of communities most impacted by imprisonment.

No New SF Jail Coalition will work to ensure that any new programs, policies, services, and facilities that are established meet or work toward the below criteria:

1 open facilities

where people are free to leave and are treated with dignity – not criminalized or isolated.

People are free to move and are not under surveillance or isolated. People are treated with dignity and respect as patients or residents. Any facilities built should not be locked facilities.

2 user-led and self-determined services

that meet people where they're at.

People in the programs or facilities have self-determination over use of the services, which should be trauma-informed and emphasize harm reduction, meeting people where they're at, and where accountability can be determined through joint processes.

3 reinvest in the community

by working with experienced local grassroots organizations.

Contracts for the construction and operation of any programs or facilities should contribute to the reinvestment of resources to San Francisco's neighborhoods, communities, and workers. Contracts should be made with local grassroots organizations that have proven experience in community service, advocacy, or organizing. The City has divested from many community based services and programs - alternative projects should work to reverse this trend.



4 separate services from law enforcement.

People should have access to programs and facilities without fear of criminalization.

Any programs and facilities should not be operated or supervised by the Sheriff's Department or have Police positioned as gate-keepers to the services. Programs and facilities should be operated by community based or public agencies that also provide services in other contexts. Staff cannot charge people with in-custody crimes.



5 Provide equitable access to care

so people can get the services they want regardless of classification.

Provide equitable access to care: Any new programs or facilities created should be accessible to all and provide treatment on demand, regardless of whether or not the person has come into contact with law enforcement, been arrested, or been diverted. Similarly these programs and facilities should work towards being accessible to all people who have been arrested, regardless of type of charge or other classifications.



6 Bail and bond reform

that supports the people who are most targeted by policing and jails.

Incorporate bail and bond reform: People of color, poor people, people who are un-housed, trans people, people with physical and invisible disabilities, substance users, and people with mental health needs are targeted by policing and jails. Bail and bond reform must be implemented in a way that counters this structural oppression.



7 Pathways to permanent housing

and basic needs beyond short term services.

Create pathways towards permanent and sustainable housing and basic needs: Programs should recognize that secure housing, jobs, education, food, and health care are essential to individual and community health, not just short term services like shelters. All residents, especially those seeking services or returning from jail or prison, must be supported and empowered to contribute to their communities.



8 Close 850 Bryant immediately and permanently.

Completed construction of new facilities or program implementation is not prioritized over the immediate and permanent closure of the jail at 850 Bryant. Proposals for new programs and facilities should work to coordinate with bail/bond reform and other efforts to close the jail at 850 Bryant as quickly as possible, without waiting for the construction of another facility.