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### POLICY & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

**Charter:** To develop and advocate for the implementation of legislative and administrative policies that reduce recidivism, improve public safety and social justice, safeguard the rights of victims, and decrease incarceration levels while providing accountability to taxpayers, protecting against costly liability, and reducing structural inequalities.

Committee work will be guided by these 3 goals:

1. Remove Barriers to Reentry
2. Reduce Incarceration Rates and Eliminate Disproportionate Minority Contact
3. Develop a Robust Community Corrections System

#### 2014 Policy Priorities

- 1. Advocate for implementation of alternative to incarceration placements from LA jails.**
  - a. Increase use of Split Sentencing in Los Angeles County to 20%.
  - b. Achieve Sheriff pretrial release authority to release a minimum of 1,500 of the 10,000 individuals currently being held in pretrial detention.
  - c. Place at least 500 sentenced County inmates into community based alternative custody placements (secure facilities with or without electronic monitoring) with an emphasis on such programming for women.
  - d. Halt any and all jail expansion efforts (includes Community Corrections Facility contracts and new builds unless replacing poor condition capacity).
  - e. Monitor programs at Fire Camps, Day Reporting Centers, GPS, work release.
- 2. Advocate for Prop 36-Three Strikes reform releases and services.**
  - a. Expedite releases of current pending petitioners into CDCR-funded Residential Multi-Service Center (RMSC) beds though June 30.
  - b. Extend RMSC contracts beyond June to accommodate all Prop 36 petitioners needing services.
  - c. Secure a set aside from AB109 budget from County to cover cost of services for those Prop 36ers not eligible or not needing the level of services offered with RMSC beds.
- 3. Advocate to Expand and Restructure Reentry services to make them more effective**
  - a. Secure an AB109 budget formula change to devote at least 33% of budget dedicated to rehabilitation and services.
  - b. Expand/support Jail In-Reach programs to connect inmates to services before release, focusing on housing and employment.
  - c. Ask all County public housing authorities to respect HUD minimums to not further exacerbate the housing shortage for formerly incarcerated people.