DATE: August 31, 2021

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
    Jeffrey V. Smith, County Executive

FROM: Martha Wapenski, Deputy County Executive

SUBJECT: Off-Agenda Report relating to the Virtual Community Engagement Sessions on Justice-Involved Individuals

At the Public Safety and Justice Committee meeting on August 5, 2021 (Item No. 5), Supervisor Ellenberg requested an off-agenda report to the Public Safety and Justice Committee that includes links to the audio recording and transcripts of the virtual Santa Clara County Community Engagement Sessions related to Justice-Involved Individuals.

The County of Santa Clara in partnership with the W. Haywood Burns Institute held two virtual Community Engagement Sessions on July 8, 2021 and July 10, 2021. Below is the public link to the July 8th Community Engagement Session. Additionally, attached are the transcript and chat file for the July 8th Session.

Community Engagement Session - July 8th Meeting Recording:
https://sccgov-org.zoom.us/rec/share/gKTw23z3F7tvxtYdq_q-6E0KKgJAKAZnh-wxCnxU_4Q6-rlgZsyVgfaENHICFpi.6JKsPKypg72hoKcb

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    Mary Ann Barrous, Agenda Review Administrator
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We go.

It seems like people have an option at the top of their screen to enable on transcription services.

Okay, can we write that in the chat as well.

I'm having some issues with my chat.

Alright, well we're five minutes in so why don't we go ahead and get started. I want to welcome everyone to this space. My name is Joanna Lowry and with the WA with burns Institute, and will be facilitating this acute community engagement session this evening. I'm joined by my colleague, Manuel LaFontaine, and he will introduce himself in a moment, but I want to just start with some logistical pieces of the meeting to get us to get us all oriented to the space and first and foremost want to let everyone know that we will have translation services available. And so this meeting will be provided in either English, Spanish, or Vietnamese.

In order for this to work, we need everybody to follow some very clear instructions so at the bottom of your screen. You should see a little globe that says interpretation.
And if you click on that, you should see three different options, English, Spanish and Vietnamese, please click on one of the three. So if you want to experience this meeting in English, please click English.

If you would like Spanish translation Please click Spanish, And then if you want Vietnamese translation, please click the enemies. So if everyone can do that right now.

And I'm going to pass it to each translator to give the instructions for in both Spanish and Vietnamese so if I can start with Rodrigo.

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Let's get the most happy, sad ki these probably that but I could put on popped in there is the information in espanol, and

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I'm just.

There we go. Great, thank you.
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And so with that, a couple of other pieces to go over this meeting is being recorded.

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If that is an issue for you, I would encourage you to turn your video off and utilize the chat feature. But if you really don't feel safer welcome, having this being recorded.
Please privately chat either myself or Manuel, and we don't need to record, so the recording is really for us at the burns Institute to be able to look back and to make sure that we're recording all the information and the brainstorming that is happening through this meeting.

And then lastly, I want to apologize I know for many, the link the initial link that they had for this meeting did not work. And so huge apologies for that and we're are making sure that what is going out for Saturday as there's one more virtual event will be correct. So thank you all to for your persistence and getting here, I'm really honored to be partnering with you all and envisioning justice in Santa Clara County, and in thinking through some incredibly important issues.

And so with that I'm going to pass it on to my one.

Good evening, and thank you Paul for responding what we should get down to breakout sessions and we'll get a chance to chime in on but my name is Manuel LaFontaine and foremost, um, I want to my new.

On behalf of the burns Institute in the county of Santa Clara we want to thank you for joining us this evening you could have been somewhere else but you decided to come and share your thoughts listen to others and be able to engage in this very restful
So, if I can just stop you for a second Manuel Lee I think he might be in the English Channel. I mean a Vietnamese channel, are you are but we're hearing you.

Okay, let's let's keep going and see, and see how it goes.

So you, again, apologies for that well we we are here right this evening for the next couple hours to with the charge right to have explained what to build if anything but most importantly to do some brainstorming right around together around reimagining the administration of justice here in Santa Clara and allowing this community residents, the community to help guide this process. So I would like to start off by reviewing the agenda if possible. Can that be placed on the screen so folks can see it.

When the interest of time, will begin with the welcome Atlanta acknowledgement, which I have learned is important to understand the long standing history that has brought us here to reside in Santa Clara County, and to seek to understand our place within that history.
They'll be followed by the framing background how we got here today, followed by breakout session. Well, we'll get a chance to hear Paul on other people and other brilliant minds here today, Share, share their wisdom share their insight, they will have a report back on the breakout session, then followed by another breakout session so we're gonna have to breakout sessions right. I report back on that one and then we're going to wrap up with next steps in closing.

So now I have the honor and privilege of introducing Robert Castro.

Castro, a long time community organizer. I respected elder in the community and a community Ambassador with the Wk with burns Institute, who will help us with getting community input to focus group surveys, and most importantly, from those most impacted by incarceration, he would also be helping organize this Saturday's upcoming second virtual community session, as well as it in person.

Yes, I said, in person community session that was happening sometime in the beginning of August. So without further ado, here's my Astro Robert Castro, as that referred to him.

Well, Monday, and gratitude Rico.

Before I get started, I want to play a little bit of background music technology or California relatives that a lot of times don't get talked about mentioned, you know,
you know, we are blessed and we're really lucky to have joy here.

There's a lot of us don't know California history, we know about all these things and in our community efforts, California natives in general don't get mentioned, know the doors of the carpet so I went to a person to deal with those things get swept under

the carpet.

I've been again interventionist for almost four decades and a lot of work that we've done. Very few people know about it. We stayed on the radar because we're working.

We're doing things.

And we get that respect and love for community that's what it means.

So without further ado, I want to thank you, joy, very much for being on board with us today, and out of respect for them away from all original California native peoples, wherever you'd like to say wherever you like to pray about brothers, particularly

joining. Thank you.
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That's right, everybody.

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Welcome to sacred space. So, we can start testing directions, know we're all in the same, same platforms as far as wanting to do for, you know, so no open integrate or share to me on the show we are gonna name is Joey, Neil a patient apart.

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me. The Lord centuries to come from the Dolores Sanchez lineage. She was born in Mission San Jose in 1911.

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Welcome to my territory.

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The black man's only child at San Francisco in the present day is comprised of unknown surviving indigenous Aboriginal San Francisco, that we chase our languages ancestor.

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We chase our languages ancestor. The mission, the largest Mission San Jose, Santa Clara, Stanford, as well.

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themselves would become citizens. Under the crown and assist to colonize the region for Spain, they experimented.

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our existence is belly and resistance and resume.

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We have been left with neglect or chance of recovery.
Today, understanding know with all due respect to everybody who occupies this territory. So you know, we've done so many experiences of war from first contact with discovery 1776 documented.

Under for the benefit is the documentation, as it is already said

the same same investors, all came with the intentions of mineral expecting you to go to. Obviously, These areas.

Experiments machines.

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loss appointed by the 1841 49 issue, extermination of people was $5 is still my family.

Good, still maintain relationships with other nations, all along the Father.

Do you want to try to cut through the living real quick.
home. My do all of Northern California.

Right now, I speak on behalf of the last 665 territory like to know,

states.

That is because my battery

system.

There's a lot of stories and history that come from the style of what it was.

You see, larger

and larger and understanding the Father, the Son of the army and trying to figure out a solution of how

qualification, or how Thomas is out of control, mental health issues
in our homes.

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San Francisco Giants. Oh man, You know,

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don't know acknowledged, or even recognize the marquee people.

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We've been surviving still fighting for our place back

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Joey, you've been breaking up it's been hard for the translators to hear you.

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Hello. Yes, never

coming out shop East still

just a signal bro.

Is it my signal Can you hear me now.

Can you hear me clear.

All right.

So how far did you guys get how far did I get, excuse me, just like to correct myself

was hard by the last 30 seconds so.
Okay, so what we have to figure out now, you know, is the areas of still maintaining these traditional ways, traditional values, remembering who we were, understanding that everything that we're learning back our ways is not from our ancestors but from a third party perspective of a school that's been, you know, trying to find back our language Chinese background or dance coming back, resilient in back from extinction.

And still paying homage to all that are still here.

And understanding where, where we have to go and to do to build to help and healer our community.

You know, beautiful diverse relationships are Vietnamese our African, you know, our Filipinos strong community strong buds here doing work in the communities and and now to see what is going on right now with bringing another jail Correctional Facility,

it really it really is not beneficial to what we're seeing as far as how it works, mental health, we need more, you know, I remember I was explaining earlier than my development is in the 80s, you know, around the 90s it was one of the highest murder rates with San Jose, and and understanding that the programs that we had were a little more beneficial and helpful as it was in the youth, And then, to prevent you know the fathers and stuff.
It was Family Living Centers and, you know, other programs like friends outside. You know, so I understand you know that how we're going to heal our people.

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it would really be more beneficial to find the right programs, drug and alcohol programs, you know to recover to heal our people. We're all healing at our own pace right now, because all of us have encountered the hardest times together through these

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covered through this financial crisis economic crisis. And now we're struggling for water as we're in a drought realities of what we are as human beings together talking about rights just natural living human rights, you know, education is one of the hardest

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things that we can actually do is teach our children, what we were in order to know where we are going, we have to know who we were.

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Our ancestors have had place. This is ancestral. This is just common sense. Culture is really, really one of the most important parts, to really figure out and understand how to heal ourselves.

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We have come from resilient and very strong, powerful people have ways of naturally healing holistically, through our ceremonies, or ceremonial people, these are ways that have always been documented from the beginning of time, as my ancestors would hold

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ceremonies to open talks, where whites would attend as because there was food, the only nation that was around when they when they were exploring, and they would attend for healing, the magma, they would come to our lodges here, where you where we stand

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where the last longest lasting Roundhouse to open talk was at was at the San Jose historic Museum, and that right there, right in that location along that dry water line.

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here have long arteries, as we still grow from it. With the water is may be dry but the Spirit is still there. We walk amongst ancestral burial grounds shall mounts village sites.

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We walk along and I pray along to all the development that is over my ancestors.

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You know, We have businesses coming in, Google, you know, Amazon, big corporations that have been so so so successful in the last least they can do is, contribute to at least how society.

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figure back back bubble bath, bring balance back.

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Depending on government assistance is really always been questionable to the red people as work reservations prisoner camps smallpox blankets came from.

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So to understand, even the awareness of putting a vaccination our body is very questionable knowing it's coming from a government that once gave us a shot and exterminated us.

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So, the trust, you know, it's always they were that's what that's what the system wants us to do is trust them right.

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But we need to start seeing things, and they need to start bringing up some type of solutions for us to trust them and believe in them.

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So right now I feel how you are organizing it amongst the community, it is going to be us. Seven generation will bring bring the proper directions for the next steps of our little seeds that we prepare.

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We water. We put under the light. We bring the light to.

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We teach.

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I'm very honored, respect, very much all of you for coming and taking in carrying the water to the village being responsible.

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Bringing bringing the healing back, assisting with trying to bring the healing back skin are going to be easy, but we have already said and established out here and on the left coast.

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A lot of kind of bullies that have been contributing back to the community with the healing, opening up ceremonies, opening up lodges, there's indigenous medicine that has always been there, and it's all and there's other cultures who have our own medicine

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and ceremonies.

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This is always been a part of our way.
And now we can at least bring it back a little bit in these congested areas of what we call life cities.

You know civilized living.

You know, it really would play a very very strong, strong benefit to actually show and teach everybody to help heal inside their houses, doing the work in the home.

Everybody just thinks taking a pill and prescription and sending them off, listening to something real quick.

That's going to help. We need a little more guidance, due to the unbalancing of chemical conditioning psychological warfare, you know, losing our senses, like a dog without a smell.

You know no sense like crazy like a cat in a box.

So, you know, thank you again.

Want to say hello shad BLESSINGS TO MY calculate on Ink San Jose, you know for doing the work blessings to Robert Castro, you know, thank you so much, brother.
And for everything you do. I've always understood your path is a worrier, and all of you know, thank you and I can't wait to hear what we have, what everybody else to say.

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For the solutions that at least try to figure it out for us.

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So, thank you, brother and sisters.

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Thank you, Robert. And thank you, Joey for honoring the land with the word is the land that we stand on with the word you shared again for those who just joined us or after I just myself.

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My name is Manuel La Fontaine. Thank you for putting up the PowerPoint, and I'm a member of the social justice, and well being team to W Haywood burns Institute, I believe, Mr parcel to put a link to our website.

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Before I get into my spiel I want to take a moment to thank everyone who worked to make this community event possible. And I think that's very important to always honor.

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The, particularly the woman behind the scenes, who make our families who have made our communities who make events sessions like this happens what in home as well.

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That's what we're doing right now this can be a session. So from the staff of the CEOs office to the Board of Supervisors, all the respective staff to the translators, to all the volunteers who are, are going to be breaking out into sessions and facilitating

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into all the community members from all walks of life, including those who helped organize and shirt for people showed up, including survivors of harm.

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Survivors of violence survivors of incarceration, and so forth. Thank you all, from the bottom of our hearts at the Institute for being committed to bringing true safety and security to the county of Santa Clara.

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So in the last 20 years of working across the country in over 200 jurisdictions, towards the elimination of racial and ethnic disparities in administration of justice, the BI.

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The short for the branches to has learned many many lessons.

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Through the information gathering to the insight and wisdom gathered in the meaningful partnership with companies across these 200 jurisdictions. We have evolved our thinking and approach.

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We have developed a framework that we believe shift our focus from traditional reforms.

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We need to, to, to, to develop
ways to dismantle structural racism and build community centered structural well being right. It’s not simply enough to reduce the harm.

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We need to ensure that our children or families, communities have what they need to thrive. So our hope is that we bring our experience to help facilitate a rich discussion today.

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Saturday, and in the future near very inefficient August, with all of you, and fellow residents and helping to dream together. So I would like to now, throw it back to my esteemed in CO facilitator, Joanna Lowry.

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Thank you, Manuel. Um, so if we can go to the slide the first data slide. So we want to provide, just a few snapshots of of the data and just in terms of who is in the local jails and Santa Clara County.

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Right now I’m sure many of you already know this.

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None of this, I think will be a surprise, but I think you can help with our conversations when we start talking about facilities and alternatives and things of that nature.

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So this is a 10 year trend from 2011 until now that shows the average daily jail population. As you can see that’s the blue line and you can see that has drastically decrease in the last 10 years.

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The biggest decrease happening during the pandemic and there’s a lot of national conversation around, we see this all over the country, and a lot of conversation around how do we keep these numbers low, and then keep moving further in decreasing those
numbers. The green represents pre trial supervision so you can see that as the numbers and incarceration decreased pre trial supervision, increase. And so really just looking towards developing ways where community you can hold some of that work in terms of pre trial and less and less people are incarcerated.

And then a couple of other things I want to highlight is that the vast majority of people in local jails are their pre trial so they haven't been convicted of any crime.

Nationally speaking that numbers around 74% currently in Santa Clara County for the I checked the daily local population jail population that is 82% are their pre trial.

And I think that’s important to note, and then I don’t have the local data around why the types of offenses for which people are in jail right now, but nationally speaking of those that are in jail pre trial.

Only 24% are there for more violent offenses. And so I just highlight all this, as we move into conversations around reimagining justice, and as I said, the questions around facilities and jail alternatives alternatives and things like that.

If you can move to the next slide.

And then we cannot have this conversation without talking about the racial and ethnic disparities that exists within jails within Santa Clara County and nationwide.
We believe that the burdens institute that the only way to address justice and justice reform or justice transformation is through the lens of racial justice.

And so I just want to highlight the numbers here in Santa Clara County.

So to the left you have the, the general adult population, broken down by race and ethnicity, and you'll see that that consists of 41% Asian Pacific Islander 34% white 3% black and 22% Latino.

Now on the right you'll see that same racial and ethnic breakdown but by jail bookings and right away you can see the disproportionality in terms of 51% within santa clara county jails are Latino 11% black, and then you can see the further Breakdown,

Breakdown from there there are less percentage of white adults in comparison to how they're represented in the adult population. Again just grounding ourselves in this I don't think this will be a surprise to anyone, but just an acknowledgement that our justice system has historically and currently been rooted in structural racism and in the ideology of white supremacy. As with many of our all of our systems.

And so, acknowledging that and and grounding ourselves in a lens of racial justice is important. we believe for this work.

You can go to the next slide. And then the last thing I want to highlight is that, you know, Manuel talked about moving away from reform because we have seen that tweaking the tools and technologies of the justice system.
And while they have reduced the numbers of people and in cars that are incarcerated, the racial and ethnic disparities have increased, so we generally see is that reform works better for, for those of us that are white.

Then for communities of color.

And so this is, this is just again that call to reimagining. And so you can see the the chart on the left shows the rate of jail bookings meaning.

This is showing how likely a person is based on their race and ethnicity, to be incarcerated in jail.

So, meaning if you look at 2019 for black adults, out of 1000 black adults in Santa Clara County 132 were incarcerated in jail, as compared to white adults in 2019 out of 1000 white adults 20 were incarcerated in jail.

Out of 1000 Latino adults 61 were incarcerated. And then the chart on the right just shows that rate comparison between black adults and Latino adults, and specifically the rate for for white adults.

So meaning in 2019.

Black adults were 6.5 times more likely to be incarcerated in jail than whites and Latino adults were sorry my video box is three times more likely than white adults.
So again, as I said, and as men well said this, this is just what we're seeing in terms of how far reforms and go, knowing that our system is rooted in structural racism in order to really effectively address that.

We have to move further, further and that's why we were excited to really facilitate this conversation around dreaming together, and our breakout sessions will be both thinking larger envisioning.

What is community safety, what are the roots of incarceration. And then in our second breakout session will look a little bit more specifically into what the questions around facilities that brought us here today.

So if you can go to the next slide.

So I want to give a little bit of a timeline to kind of ground us in what brought us to these particular community engagement sessions there had been a variety of community engagement sessions around similar topics, and just want to give us a clear sort of historical view.

So we could go back much further in this timeline, but for the sake of time we can't be here all night. I'm going to start in June 2015 on the board of supervisors approved a study to look at building a new jail so that was the new jail, East project.
And then in that year just two months later in August 2015 Michael Tyree was brutally murdered by three correctional officers.

This led to one of the reasons leading to a hunger strike which I'll talk about in a moment that happened within one of the local jails in Santa Clara County, but in October 2015.

Because of the murder of Michael Tyree the Blue Ribbon Commission on improving custody operations was established. And out of that came around 600 recommendations in terms of jail conditions that we looked at January 2018 where the board of supervisors

Then we move to January 2018 where the Board of Supervisors approved a new main jail South project, which was intended to replace the Old Main jail South which was scheduled for demolition due to deteriorating physical conditions.

and this new manger jail South was intended to be really targeted towards.

I don't want to use the word targeted was meant to have a greater amount of treatment for those who had mental health illnesses within, within the jails.

And then we moved to November 2018, where a federal consent decree was made.

I'm calling for accommodations and jails to be accessible for people for disabilities, then February 2019 main jail South was demolished.
And then later that year just a month later another federal consent decree was made to address jail conditions from a class action lawsuit that was led by incarcerated individuals and their family members, and then getting closer to the President last year in September 2020.

The county began building a behavior health services center to do a more preventative work on for individuals with mental health illnesses, and then October 2020 on the board of supervisors voted to halt the RFP process for main jail South project.

And then in March of this year, asked to gather more community input on whether or not a jail was needed.

What alternatives could look like whether any type of facility was needed. And so that has led us to the sessions today and we'll have another one on Saturday and we'll have an in person one at the beginning of August, to really gather your input and brainstorming. And then I just want to highlight that that those who've been incarcerated and advocates and family members of those incarcerated have also been critical part of this whole trajectory.

So I mentioned there is a hunger strike, right after the murder of Michael Tyree that looked at are the reasons for it were around jail conditions, and then the most recent hunger strike in local jail and Santa Clara County was an August 2020 really calling
for a divestment in a system of punishment and investing in community. And then there was an also a coalition that came together in the last couple years of about 40 community advocates and organizations, calling for care first jail last approach.

And so these community members have been showing up to many of the recent Board of Supervisors meetings in the last year or so, and calling for a reimagining of justice and looking at alternatives to incarceration.

And so I just wanted to highlight those voices as well as we look at the history of what brought us here. And so now we're here to figure out what comes next in this timeline.

What comes next in terms of many many years down the road, but also thinking through immediate next steps.

So we're going to move into two different breakout sessions, but before we do that on Veronica if you could move. We passed the slide that had the community agreements.

You can move back, sorry, and Manuel will go over some community agreements before we get into the breakout the first breakout sessions.

Good so folks that have entered late there, we have interpreters.

So you speak Vietnamese, or espanol CL upon you all, there are a message it's a little thing at the bottom. Yeah, that a little globe that allows you to pick your your your your your language, right.
So, why community agreements. Right. I mean, I think people may be wondering you know why do we do committee agreements, I think important to know that folks come from all walks of life.

Some of us have been at the end of it direct harm. Maybe violence towards your body towards one of your loved ones and another person may have been someone that may have been reproducing heart and hurting others right and so, integrating new information will take time so hearing from someone who harmed hearing may not fit well with someone who’s been harmed. So for us is we say, expect and accept the lack of closer, we’re not going to get all the, The, the healing and the next step today right.

If you leave with more questions we think that’s a great thing.

Expect experience discomfort again when you. It's a process of unlearning re learning. Learning sometimes right as, Joey kinda was sharing the framing at the beginning, right.

One mic one voice is to make sure that folks when they were in the breakout spaces can be able to share get as much participation, speak your truth, I'm gonna cut through but I'm gonna get to everyone right but we're not the same we were two years ago,

two hours ago, I would argue sometimes two minutes if you hear something that's mind boggling. It might get you start thinking things a little different, or not.
So there's another process. Let's try to avoid making blanket statements and allowing others to speak to their true so through their own experience, and speak from the eye instead of making again please over some generalized statements like we are y'all

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or. Be careful right and then step up, step up, meaning step up your participation and step up your listener somebody who could take up a lot of wind, because we're so knowledgeable on on this issue.

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The sun was this pie might be a first meeting. We're passionate but we might not have all the incentive for you to share because the attorney or well spoken individual speaks to good and I don't want to sound stupid unfortunately now we can do a lot better.

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Are there any more agreements that folks, believe need to make this space, a safe and brave as possible.

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Just have an open mind.

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They could come down to we all want the same thing.

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Thank you my store.

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And there any other things come up you can drop them in your own in the chat in your own breakout sessions, and I think now we can start making our transition and this will get gonna get opportunities for people to really share all their insight and wisdom.

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Hey, thank you, Manuel. Um, so yes please continue to drop your ideas in the chat and now you're gonna have a chance to talk with one another and then we'll have some report backs in the larger group as well.

So if we can go to the breakout session questions, I'll just go over the questions and then just logistically how this is going to work, is you're going to get automatically broken out into a group with a facilitator, who's going to use jam board to collect notes, so that we're able to capture everything that was talked about in those sessions.

And if you are using interpretation, either Spanish Vietnamese.

Please do not accept the invite for the breakout sessions, you will be placed manually so just hang out with us in the main room.

Don't go anywhere.

So the for the first set of questions are really around, sort of a larger envisioning. So how can Community Safety be achieved in the county. What would a vision of safety from a racial justice lens look like, what do you see as the root causes of incarceration, how should the county address these root causes. And then, according to the 2015 2016 Santa Clara County civil grand jury report, the grand jury was informed that approximately 45% to 50% of total inmates and up to 80% of female inmates have mental health
issues. So how can we address this in Santa Clara County and specifically how can the county better meet the needs of individuals living with mental illness.

And then this is a very much an envisioning question what needs to be gone what needs to be transformed or what needs to be created in order to reduce the number of individuals incarcerated in the county so you can go far and wide with this one.

And I'm sure you've had these conversations before.

But we think this is important to continue to come back to and to include in the report that we will be pulling together based on what you say and bringing to the Board of Supervisors.

And so with that I think we can take down the PowerPoint.

And again, hang out here in the main session if you need interpretation, and we will manually place you otherwise we will send you forth into your breakout session.

Hello.

We do not have a facilitator in our room, and cannot access the jam board there anyone who can help us out.

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Okay, got it.

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Give me one second.

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Hey Melanie.

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Can you move Joanna turn to.

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You're on mute. By the way, I just finished.

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Giving Robert has jam board let me move our extra folks who've joined us into some groups.

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Chloe.

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Can you hear me.
Nope.

Rose Berry, or you also one of our split people.

Okay.

Amanda I will pop back over into two and see if there's anything else you want to.

Okay, do you want to stay here in place.

Or if Joanna got there, I don't know where she is I had put her back in the main session.

And then I lost her.

I'm not seeing her at all anymore.

That's so interesting because I see her on my list and room to.

You do.
I'm sorry.

folks are gradually joining us back.

So I believe we have no folks. So, we will take at least 10 years to get people's the highlights what came out of the group was stood out what was said that really sat with you or didn't sit with you right there's an opportunity to share back.

I hate to break it to Steve preventer but I think we have the very best group

I see some people nodding their heads are.

Okay. We have a very big group.

So what made it best what came out of it that made it best.

I think by persons voicing their true feelings without fear of judgment or, or being not listened to.

Thank you.
Yeah, that was to. Thank you.

If possible, you want to share your name so everyone knows, we get a chance to do so that'd be great right so folks can you hear me okay thank you.

I like to share my thoughts

with. My name is Renee.

I really liked the group that I was in they were really engaged in, and really have thoughts that were that were all like opening up for them, not knowing too much about what was going on and their concerns that really was, was heartfelt, especially because

I'm an impacted person.

So it was really good to hear that. I never met before, I'm more interested in, in this communication with, with no new jail and resources Google other places.

So this was very, very enlightening thank you for holding this.
Yes, this is, this is Cynthia, and I am an impact as a family member also.

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Mr fish thank you very much for coming to my son video here.

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All right. Anyway, my group, my group was very open. Also, and even before I gave information about my situation, etc. They had already decided that the mental health issue with something and social services that were necessary to making sure that our

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was a part of the community and prevention, etc so they were really they and they told their stories which were great. And it was good to listen in some of them didn't have any preconceived information and they therefore, was committed to making sure

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that the injustice. You know that they were concerned about those incarcerated and knowing now that they all are not total criminals and they filled heart, they started.

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They had never had any experience but then you know they had also realized that the situation at hand was not a good one that's what I'm trying to say.

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Sorry.

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Thank you. Thank you. No need to apologize.
Appreciate folks a step up right. No, don't, don't step up, doesn't mean I don't appreciate your support and right.

So a few more and then we're going to break down to a second opportunity for folks to be able to share their again, their insight their ideas and their wisdom.

Well, I just want to say that Cynthia is a tremendous example of a true community leader, they witnessed her with her son didn't get released, but she certainly teamed up with debug and public defender's office and others, and they did their homework.

And I'm sure will be reconsidered, she gets it, she knows that it's going to take the community to provide a true alternative that's viable to incarceration, and she stepped up to the plate and actually didn't she didn't just complained to talk about.

it but she was there.

Thank you. Thank you, Matthew.

I can only speak for my group but I imagine this would have been similar in a lot of groups is that.
I think the conclusion that a lot of us have come to is that there has to be a change in the mentality and a commitment to wraparound services to people in our county on so many levels in order to really stop the prison to prison pipeline system that

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has been established, not just in our county but all across the country. And there has to be a commitment to protect the people within our community for their health and continued, safety, and that goes beyond just stopping the building of a jail.

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but for the betterment of our community as a whole.

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It comes from wanting to say just something if I could, I'm Rhonda.

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And I just felt it was a powerful experience to be able to share.

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You know, make suggestions and everything and I am very moved, knowing how many people have worked so hard to get to make this meeting possible and I just wanted to, to give all those people, you know, a shout out and including you know the the inmates

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that were courageous and work together to help make the consent decree happen, and which out of that you know the word to this point where the board is recommending this and then here you are the burns Institute and I just want to say thank you.

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Thank you, Rhonda, and I believe we're about to go into another discussion another breakout session good opportunity though I believe that most folks by didn't get to every question right, that was there in the first session.
So you can go back and you can hopefully there will be other questions, but there's an opportunity right and if not you can come back Saturday, so you know we're going to have a lot of opportunities to be able to get the main thing right is for us facilitate

is to get as much information.

So, we don't want to know we're here to the eight so we got less than 40 minutes, but again, we're going to break folks into into groups again and then same group so you can be able to get a chance.

And, yeah, we'll be back here to the word the brief or to get a report back.

Right.

Are you having trouble moving to your room.

tau tau is there anything I can do to help you move to your room.

Hi Yvonne Do you need helping move to your room.

Yes, please. Thank you, Melanie, No problem.
I was like, remember which room you were in by chance. Yeah, I was in the room with Kim from the office.


Don't mind the cat screaming in the background.

Kim. I'm not Kim.

Yeah, yeah, Ellen. Ellen. Gotcha. Thank you, 10. Got it. I will leave you there now.

Thank you for joining us. Are you just coming to the meeting now or were you in a small group previously. No, I'm just coming now. Sorry.

No, no problem. Just wanted to make sure so we're in small groups right now, going through some questions so that we can bring some information back to the whole group.

So I will be assigning you two rooms to.
Hi waiting, or you just joining the meeting for the first time.

Hey, Melanie.

Hey, Amanda home was ever created that we were supposed to share.

I'm not that I am aware of.

Okay, besides just review yet.

Put ideas in the chat. Okay.

Yeah, I remember briefly Monica, or not.

Veronica was mentioned a pulpit I'm not sure like if that ever happened.

I Toto, are you joining us for the first time.
I'm not I was supposed to be in breakout room, he left.

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Perfect. And it was saying connecting you connecting you say it looks like your connection is unstable but I will connect you to room 11.

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Hey dude, is this your first time joining the meeting.

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Please let me know if you would like to be moved into small groups we are currently in small groups for the next two minutes or so. Thanks.

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Hi guys, thank you for joining us. We are currently finishing up small groups, and people are coming back to the main room.

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Thanks for letting me know.

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So we're back, we lost a few people.

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We have 94 I think we are 98 before we went on break and we're getting to the top of the hour so.
Can I get a few I know we captured stuff in the in the jam board but like to hear some highlights that came out of the small group discussion part two, and Joanna going to break up our group who was it oh yes we had an excellent group, we're coming up with a number of different alternatives around the kind of went broader than the justice system around housing, making sure people have jobs, both before any sort of entrance into the justice system but also on reentry.

I'm in a blank and, but my group chime in on something that we didn't touch on but that I think is important is even when we're talking about the jobs that are being created right like we have Google who's moving in to San Jose, and none of these jobs are really going to go to the people who are from San Jose, and their accounting for a whole bunch of people who don't even live here yet right so there's a lack of investment in the people who have been here for generations, and also the people that are currently here and I think that also needs to be considered.

You know just actually doing stuff to benefit the people, whether they have the right to vote or not, you know, even when it comes to incarceration and when people get out, they're treated as second class citizens and discrimination is legal against them they're rejected from jobs and rejected from housing, and it's just so inhumane and we really need to, you know, when we're talking about these things.
Like, just actually see people for people and not as just you know dollar signs or whatever it may be.

Thank you so much. Excellent observation.

I see Andrews hand raised at the moment.

Hi everybody, My name is Andrew.

I just wanted to reflect back that we talked about a lot of good things in my, in our small group, I think the one thing that we wrestle with I think probably a lot of other people are wrestling with to is whether around this conversation of whether or not, God should exist.

And, and whether or not building a new jails, is going to just replicate the conditions of the current existing jail. And is it you know so we're we're wrestling with that and talking about that, in, in our in our small group.

And I just want to, you know, encourage everybody to that to be imaginative and to in for our foundation to, to not be this someone does transactional system of someone has to do X amount of time for for an action.
But thinking about what will. What else can we actually do what what is an alternative to incarceration. Instead of that, just being the baseline of what we accept.

Thank you.

Thank you, Andrew,

or gum look at the chat one, our group agreed know new jails Sparky.

You have your hand up to one line say it's okay sorry my dog just found the toy. as soon as I unmuted.

So one of the things that I brought up in our small group was on a program and the, the RFP in the contract process and the, the process of fulfilling those contracts or a nightmare.

I think they're there, they're so they're so constricted, and there's no real way for agencies to have freedom to actually do intensive services and really do individualized case management with folks there so wrapped up in kind of the requirement piece

where agencies lose kind of their modality. Because of that, because all they're worried about are these numbers for the contract fulfillment.
So it really is unfortunate you get a lot of agencies that you know just push papers, and that they never seen their clients and and it's sad that in the community, this is something that is a known thing for folks who are working with incarcerated formerly

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incarcerated families.

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Thank you. Thank you so much.

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This is a lot of a lot of gems it, and it's what silica is is a, is, is an honor to figure out, how can we reimagine it, we've been hearing from most of the group that I've been part of a lot of the comments a lot of deals is not something that folks

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least in this meeting, are foreign and there's three participants with their raise hand Let me see who I got, we had someone go with someone who haven't heard let's go with each other, but Wallah apologies part and then Melanie I think we'll wrap up. After that, oh, it's Esha, sorry, I

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You're good. So the first one to bring up was that like this problem is kind of being presented to us as like that there is an existence of crime that's creating a demand for jails, in that like it's demand that's creating supply, I think we also need

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to consider the fact that like it's basic economics right like supply creates demand just as much as demand creates supply at the point where like we are continually supplying jails, and we are only looking at jails as a way to reduce crime in the city.

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At that point you are creating crime, because when you increase jail capacities and you increase the ability to create incarceration. At that point you have created this mindset that's like okay we have more jails, we need to fill these jails with crime.

And then at that point in police officers are looking to arrest more people meet their new quotas and more people get incarcerated, and they crime rates go up and suddenly you've got this new problem.

Oh my god crime rates have gone up there is a demand for jails. And so at that point, you have increased the supply which has led to an increased demand.

And the problem continues to be presented as there is crime going up in the city so we need to take care of that crime, rather than looking at like I feel like if you're just going to keep building buildings and not changing what happens within those buildings, you're never going to be reducing crime.

Thank you. Thank you so we got 10 minutes we're almost on time but I want to honor that the handout will trace Paula Melanie and then we're going to wrap up.

Yes. Thank you, sir. articulated that beautifully because you had the liberation of the prison system. When we instituted the poly class three strikes you're out law, once that happened that gave the just justification for the proliferation of more and more prisons, as they started building them. These laws where we defined it justice as sending somebody to prison for 25 years to life.
Because they stole something from the store, or they are in possession of some dope for 25 years to life, this was the concept of what justice looks like.

We all know that that's false now. And so now that we're challenged to redefine really what this leads, and we're at a critical point in our, in our, in our evolution as human beings, because we don't really know what that means.

We really don't and we don't have the humility to accept that, nor do we have the humility to accept the fact that the 13th amendment of the rises slavery.

Slavery is still legal in this country, as long as you are convicted of a crime, Julie.

Julie, a tried in a court of law.

And so the jail system is actually the manifestation of the maintenance of that sleep system.

And so you have people getting profit. There's profit motive.

Cisco that delivers the food and the guards the prison system borrows against their employment inside the system, which means that mortgage companies or speculating and pushing policy to pass laws to ensure that the 30 year loan is secure.
And so that makes it a dolt the monetization of the social ills that affect us in the communities.

Thank you. Thank you and I see Melanie Melanie's hand.

Yeah, so, um, I focus, a great deal on mental health because I'm an attorney in Santa Clara County and I assist people with mental health disorders as a patient rights advocate and attorney, and one of the facilities that I go to is the Santa Clara County Maine jail, and I go to a. And one of the things that I brought up in my group is, it's just such a horrific place and it is not a place of healing, and there is no possible way at the jail or many mental health facilities that we have within our county within our state within our country that acute settings are as they are designed right now, our places of healing but neither our outpatient settings as well.

A lot of that work we leave people with mental health disorders to do on their own, and with their families we leave them sort of to the, to the wolves, so to speak.

I really think that if we're talking about redesigning and freeing ourselves from the jail and reimagining health care and mental health care.

We could have, you know, buildings designs that are one stop shops and this is always what I advocate for because I have so many clients that, you know, if they're unhealthy, they lose their ID they lose their medications, we can have a building that
offers wraparound services, where people could get their medications long acting injectables therapy, they could get housing services they can get job placement services, they can get IDs, they can get so many of these, or they could get SSI STI medicare

medicaid signups, all of these things in one building, why can't we have these things why and make it accessible by public transportation. Why do we have to have people go to 25 different buildings to get one thing have them have a case manager that guides

and navigate things because it's so complicated and it's so complicated for somebody who has the best, best education. I mean, I went to school for over a decade of my life, and it's difficult for me to navigate, let alone somebody who might have a mental health disorder might have a physical disability might not have the benefit of the system might be have racial discrimination, we have to have a system and a commitment to really help people and to offer them services.

And without that we're just offering this illusion of services to people when we're just letting them flounder and drift out in the wind.

Thank you. Thank you so much. So I want to honor everybody's time and I want to hear from Jose Nancy and Roxanne it by somebody else. The channel is going to be that we're not going to be able to honor the time that we've been a lot to discuss.

There's always the chat if you can do it. It's also Saturday, I mean we're going to be there Saturday from one to three and come back.
And there'll be other opportunities shine but I want to honor the time and pass it to, to my colleague Joanna, so apologies for not be able to hear Jose Nancy and Roxanne.

Thank you, and there's definitely, I'm like mom said there's opportunity on Saturday, we'll have an in person beginning of August, and then you can also email jail reforms, Santa Clara County, and we'll put it in the chat, it's there.

So please, please, we will be looking at those emails as well, and using that information as part of the report. So just real quick want to let everybody know where this information is going and how it will be utilized and, and some of the other community engagement efforts that are going on so there's three different community engagement sessions. And then the BI, and our community Ambassador rubber Castro will be doing focus groups with those currently incarcerated will do for at least four different focus groups as well as surveys of those who are currently incarcerated. And then we will be pulling all that information into a report, which we will share back with the community, and then also be sharing it with the Public Safety and Justice committee,

and then October 7, we will be sharing it with the Board of Supervisors. So I feel like it's very important to let you know where this information is going, and you will have an opportunity to see it and and review it as well.

And so with that I'm going to pass it back to Manuel to close this one out.
Last, oh, real quick, I just want to say again how honored I am to have been been part of this, this process with you all. And so, thank you for me, for all that you shared and for being part of this so thank you.

Yes, I'm gonna try to close in three minutes.

And again, I, I need to appreciate everyone for showing up.

And everyone having the courage and the compassion, I didn't see any argument and see someone calling people out. That's important.

And we've done in 200 in over 200 years Dixon novel probably at 250 and probably more right all over the country and there's some places we're not ready to have this conversation.

There's some tension comes up and forth from the district attorney's office for the victims rights groups will say well but what about those heinous crimes What about.

And I think that's important to factor in at the brings to the we realize again as I shared the beginning with the with them government country that we cannot ignore the racial disparities that Joanna shared earlier.

You know, we believe that this board supervisors, their staff, the committee members.
You know, we believe that the sports supervisors, their staff, the committee members, the chief executive officers, they all have the wisdom to be able to reimagine next steps that give the possibility of moving from the gas powered cars, if you will, to sustainable green vehicles, and to achieve a much greater degree of public safety, we have to birth to firmly believe that institutional leaders, as well as community stakeholders together will have to radically reimagine the current justice apparatus.

With a community centered approach with a community center lens that names dismantle race racial inequity, and most importantly, the root cause of it, which we believe is white supremacy.

As his goal to be able to achieve structure well being, for our community members send it to your county.

And we've been asked by the county for just three community sessions to allow for input community input that will then help us toward the direction of imagine something that fits for everybody.

So our task is assisting with communicating is community input. So thank you again for coming up for showing up, and for being able to be your most authentic self.
I hope to invite others for Saturday, who could not make it, or you feel compelled to make it, and continue to share the insight that'd be also greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much and have a good evening.

Thank you.

Thank you. Joanna Is there a way to share the chat to the attendees. There was a lot of great resources there. Since you recorded this session when you get the recording, you will get a file with the chat.

Do you think you'll be able to have that accessible.

Um, the issue is we don't have everyone's contact information, who is in the meeting today.

If there's certain resources that you want to capture Can you copy them.

Or if you want to drop, if you, if you do want you know some of the resources in there if you want to drop your email. I'm happy to send. Okay, it's just that some of them, cut out once a week on breakout rooms, and I couldn't copy what was there before.
But when the recording file is given. And you’re also able to see attendees, or the host the host of the zoom is able to see the attendees list. Under reporting in 111 other option, this will be one other option is you can actually on your device, you

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... can save the chat as a file on your hard drive on your device. If you look at the chat window at the bottom, you'll see a square with three dots, click on that and pop up so save the chat.

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... Oh my god I did not know that you guys.

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... Yes, that’s great i let everybody know that on Saturday to thank you.

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... Perfect. Awesome, thank you don't have a facilitator question so I can close out my jam board and it's all good. It's going to be automatically saved right.

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... Yes. Yeah, Thank you.

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... We just made it folks it eight o'clock able to excellent it's the least almost 3000 people.

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... Man well for the facilitators Is there any reasons to debrief in any way shape or form or as a very good question. I don't believe that we set one, I know we set one up for the, for our internal team for tomorrow morning to make sure we that we could
get the gift and gifts so at this short answer Josh, I don’t think we have anything scheduled. Okay. But if you do have any tips or things that you think would make Saturday even better if you put an email one of us, that would be great.

but you want to say it now.

I mean a technical thing that comes up I’m realizing that there’s no ability to copy a sticky and paste it on another page and the reason I say that you can duplicate it on the same page.

But there were some times that unless a question to that someone had the same viewpoint as it related to question three because it kind of bled into it.

And there’s not a good way that I can figure out right now to just copy it and drop it into the next page.

That’s one thing. Another thing I noticed just in general and I’m not sure how we want to handle it going forward is how we, we want to view, cross talk.

So, yes, one voice at one time. Also though sometimes people want to comment on something that someone else said, and it can it can be supportive and add to it, it can also go the other direction.

And so I’m just curious, going forward for Saturday, how you want to handle that and whether you want to address that in any of the agreements, going forward.
Okay. So you mean like people talking over each other. No, I mean in terms of, let's say, I have a viewpoint on something and someone wants to correct what my viewpoint is with other facts that may not make the original speaker feel safe to continue.

And you know that it can have some serious effects and, you know, and facilitation in general. So I'm just curious as to whether for the purposes of the Saturday we just kind of want to let that fly, or do we want to set a ground rule because if people don't know you know I think most people have a tendency to view debate as kind of like the standard in dialogue and discourse, and in facilitation often you're not seeking debate rather you're seeking open forums for people to share as you indicated by to speak through their truth. And so, someone's truth might be to shut down somebody else's truth but but do you want that so that's just some of what I you know one of the things that I noted and thought that we might want to think through appreciate the feedback and we'll figure something out because it's always important when we get that right there's a. My mom always says an adult for everything except death.

So maybe but oh man I'm worth it, which is true right so we'll figure something out Josh and appreciate your fans going to create the courage and and sharing.

My pleasure. By the way I liked it better and Spanish by law.
I know we're running out of time here I just have one other feedback for me as a facilitator this one Bella, if there could be some type of debrief or I just felt like I always feverish Lee typing.

There was things and ideas that I was like, wanting to like celebrate and like, just like capture, I don't know if you guys are going to interpret it through what I like through my jam board.

So, I just want to make sure that you know a lot of the wonderful ideas that were shared in my group like get the points get across.

Yeah, if you feel like you need to clarify anything, you feel free to go back in there and do that, but also were you able to record the breakout session, because that will was, Oh shoot, I don't know if the second one I definitely recorded the first.

The second one I definitely recorded the first one now that you're reminding me I don't know.

So yeah, I'll go into my jam board and maybe like highlights and stuff or, you know reiterate a lot for me was like I was trying to like not interpret people's words but you know I was kind of like I know where they're getting at, but they weren't like

total articulating it in a way that I think it's going to be understood.

So just want to, I'll go back and kind of highlight some things that I think are worth being included.
This is Julie, I agree with.

I agree with one and that we should potentially consider having like a team one person read the notes the other person facilitate the discussion because it'll enable more of a balanced community discussion, without having to make sure you're typing everything.

And you're missing out and calling people are holding the circle of the conversation. Something to think about.

I have a question right how many here thinking of making Saturday because we have all these wisdom right here. And it transferring I know that it's like I have to come back because you're so right Julie and it's figure it out.

have to find others who may not have that figured out but it's great to figure it out you know and then come back. Have you have enough facilitators for Saturday, Saturday.

Well if folks showed like they did today, right, that it might be like a weekend so people don't want to. We don't know how people are going to organize the most folks are going to come so I just, this is a good question.

In no se I don't we have not asked folks who registered.
Okay, with that, I think the way that Joanna Manuel and Robert presented. They just made it so open and welcoming, I think you're going to have a lot of people in attendance, because people really feel comfortable expressing themselves.

That's great. Yeah, so we can stay in communication on Julie's interview can't make it because then maybe you can double up on the facilitators and then we can team the rooms that might support the flow better and enable us to be present for the conversation and even contribute to it where it makes sense. Thank you. Thank you.

We have all your email so needed or Saturday, Joshua.

Yeah I acknowledge that it's hard for facilitators, from my perspective, I, I said a lot of stuff that just didn't really come across well in the contemporaneous notes when I saw what was written so I think maybe you announced your, your have a public session and at the beginning of August, and that might give me a better opportunity to get some stuff out there so I'm wondering, what's the format going to be like there and do you have any other information like time date location whatever else we can that is in the community that has a lot of parking us in a central location because what supervisor Edmund Burke knows supervisors asked, so it shouldn't be at.
Ideally we don't believe we should be, it should be in a county building where, potentially, like a court building or places where there's been metal detecting so we're working with the county and and we're trying to also in terms of the agenda, you're

more or less follow this format we might tweak certain things, but more or less the public comment. We think it happens in the small breakout group right where folks are able to their community of sharing, but we might need to figure out, we'll go back

to the drawing board and figure out what to see how we take in your comment and incorporated in a meaningful ways. Think.

There's also that email jail reforms, Santa Clara County and so you can always email your thoughts in there too. All right, well I want to honor you all time I know it's getting late so just really appreciate you all.

Thank you.

Thank you. Excellent. Preparation.

Well, everybody.

Have a good rest of the evening.
Thanks for all your hard work.

is like the party nobody wants to go home.

Meetings it's a good problem. Yeah, I'm just waiting so that I can save the chat in the video, just want to make sure everyone has their chin.

I just went through some beach and the meeting. I'll wait longer than you can

now y'all. Goodnight Robert, thanks for joining us Saturday.

Global KC and Josh I did put the email address in the chat for you. I don't know if you're on a phone or a computer, but, um, and then you can put your message kind of in the entirety so we can get it to the BI team.

Thank you.

All right, I'm gonna go ahead and end the meeting Thank you everyone.
San Jose as we know it started of with Thomas Fallon placing U.S.Flag on behalf of President James Polk, who installed Peter Burnett as First Governor Of California. Burnett's policy as Governor was to Declare that "Native Populations" needed to be Exterminated that they inhibit the institution of "Manifest Destiny" a white supremacist philosophy that provided the rationale decimating native populations because according to that philosophy we were not only Inherently inferior to Whites. But that God himself endowed whites with the intellect and ingenuity to rule the land its resources as well as the people on it.

On July 14 1846 Capitan Thomas Fallon placed the American Flag in San Jose Ca.on the corner of what is now Post and Market st, declaring the beginning of what is now known as " The Mexican American War of 1846-1848." Manifest Destiny" rationalized ideology that explicitly states that White Anglos have been given a mandate by god to conquer.
We Los Chicanos Hijos de Campesinos must always remember while we were being poisoned in the fields of Sal Si Puedes WE were being Killed in the fields of Vietnam. WE were good enough to go fight for Democracy in Vietnam yet were denied Democracy here in San Jose yet it was Our body and our Childrens body that produced the wealth. It is Time that this city reckon with its brutal treatment of Chicanos in this City. As a SON OF SAN JO myself it is my duty responsibility privilege to fight for what my Ancestors were systematically deprived of Due process and Equal Protection under the law.

18:21:07 From Megan to Everyone:

It’s difficult to hear the speakers.

18:21:12 From Jose Valle (Silicon Valley De-Bug) to Everyone:

que viva la raza

18:21:31 From Jose Valle (Silicon Valley De-Bug) to Everyone:

que viva Las indigenas

18:25:26 From Paul Soto to Everyone:

I extend My Gratitude Carnal for centering the History of this Area with the Ideologies of Manifest Destiny and its Generational consequences that too often are dismissed or Criminalized. I was there when VTA dug up the Graves of Tamien. It was the Horseshoe where this happened.

18:26:57 From Robert Castro to Everyone:

Yes Paul And we wonder why the negativity happens in those Barrios. To spiritual Leaders, that's where it comes from

18:30:15 From Paul Soto to Everyone:

The People who have profited and continue to rationalize their maintenance of these economically viable systems accomplish 2 goals

1. Power Structure denies their Own Humanity when they deny Mexicans/Chicanos/Natives their Humanity
2. They absolve themselves of their Moral responsibility by criminalizing symptoms of Colonization

18:30:57 From Tina Brown to Everyone:

Thank you so much for sharing your wisdom.

18:31:21 From adriana garcia/ohlone (she/ella) to Everyone:

gracias! as a xicana and ally in ohoone land

18:32:55 From Matthew Fisk to Everyone:

What a wonderful and meaningful message!

18:32:56 From Stephanie Aguilar to Melanie Jimenez Perez(Direct Message):
Can you please make me co-host, unable to see this on my end. thank you! I am a facilitator for the breakout rooms

18:32:56 From Mollie McLeod to Everyone:

Please keep me in the main room for break out session so that I can benefit from captions. Thanks!

18:33:21 From Melanie Jimenez Perez to Stephanie Aguilar (Direct Message):

You look like a co-host on my end

18:33:31 From Kathy to Everyone:

Is the Saturday session the same as this one or different?

18:34:56 From Melanie Jimenez Perez to Everyone:

Hi Kathy, the agenda will be the same on Saturday.

18:35:02 From manuel (he/el/them) HBI-CJNY to Everyone:

GREAT question We hope to keep it more or less the same. We will regroup early tomorrow morning to incorporate any insight, lessons we gain from this one into Saturday’s...

18:35:34 From Melanie Jimenez Perez to manuel (he/el/them) HBI-CJNY (Direct Message):

sorry Manuel! I'll wait longer next time

18:36:14 From manuel (he/el/them) HBI-CJNY to Melanie Jimenez Perez (Direct Message):

no worries. You was on point! thank you!

18:39:08 From Joshua Harrell (they/them/their/their/) to Everyone:

Are there times on the agenda reserved for public comment?

18:39:49 From manuel (he/el/them) HBI-CJNY to Everyone:

Everyone will have an opportunity to share their ideas, insight and wisdom in the small breakout groups, which will happen shortly.

18:39:59 From Charis to Everyone:

Can the host let in Lou Dimes? He’s in the waiting room

18:40:21 From manuel (he/el/them) HBI-CJNY to Everyone:

Done. thanks for the heads up!

18:41:23 From Paul Soto to Everyone:

I entered the unit 6B after Michael Tyrees Murder. I was in San Quentin during the last 3 Executions. I am infected with Racist Policies. Then told It was All on Me?? politicians administrators build reputations thru maintenance of this system.
18:41:55 From Amanda Clifford (she/her) to Everyone:

As a reminder for folks who have just joined us. We have interpretation available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Please select your preferred language. The interpretation button is located near the chat button at the bottom of your screen.

18:46:37 From Amanda Clifford (she/her) to Everyone:

How would you define community safety? How can community safety be achieved in the county? What would a vision of safety from a racial justice lens look like?

What do you see as the root causes of incarceration? How should the county address these root causes?

According to the 2015-2016 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Report, “the Grand Jury was informed that approximately 45% to 50% of total inmates and up to 80% of female inmates have mental health issues.”* How can this issue be addressed in Santa Clara County? How can the county better meet the needs of individuals living with mental illness?

What needs to be gone/transformed/created in order to reduce the number of individuals incarcerated in the county?

18:46:39 From Paul Soto to Everyone:

White Privilege is a Sociopathic Mental Illness that goes unchecked. We rationalize and excuse away symptoms of White Privilege. Class and Race influence who does time and who doesn’t. Justice is compromised when it demonstrates clear partiality. Case in point Brock Turner Audrey Potts case

18:46:47 From Rosemary McCarthy to Everyone:

I'm on my computer and iPhone, so please put "both" of me in the same room. :)

18:48:43 From manuel (he/el/them) HBI-CJNY to Everyone:

Rosemary, we will figure it out!

18:51:09 From Chloe Bacon (she/her) to Everyone:

Can I be put in the same room as my phone #? 224 area code

18:51:28 From Chloe Bacon (she/her) to Everyone:

Audio is not working on computer

18:52:15 From Rosemary McCarthy to Everyone:

I have the same problem

18:54:00 From Melanie Jimenez Perez to Ly Vo(Direct Message):

do you have English speakers I can move?

18:55:11 From Melanie Jimenez Perez to Everyone:
This is my screen and you can add more input later for those questions

Sorry Chloe! Tried again are you working now?

Yes, I'm here now! So helpful to see people’s faces again

Thank you Chad for facilitating!

I highly recommend the documentary "Bedlam" on pbs.org

It shows a group successfully defeat another jail in LA County

Absolutely

Yes

Mad in America is a resource on mental health and I believe this perspective on the documentary “Bedlam” is worth checking out. https://www.madinamerica.com/2020/05/bedlam-public-media-power-fight-narrative-justice/

The county wants your input on the options of building a replacement jail facility and/or a mental health facility and/or something different. What do you think is needed in Santa Clara County and why?

What are possible alternatives to jail/incarceration? It is important to note that roughly 85% of the jail population are awaiting trial (pre-trial).

What do you see as immediate next steps for the county regarding the facility question? What needs to be part of a long-term vision for justice transformation?
19:46:34 From Sparky Harlan (she/her) to Everyone:
   Our group agreed — no new jails!

19:46:50 From Charis to Everyone:
   ^^

19:48:01 From Gabe Alvarez (he/él) to Everyone:
   Can’t fix inhumane conditions by building a new jail. Our group agreed that the solution has to be centered in transformation/abolition

19:48:13 From Tina Brown to Everyone:
   Good point

19:48:14 From Eva Tang to Everyone:
   Yes

19:49:32 From Gabe Alvarez (he/él) to Everyone:
   Yes Esha!!

19:49:38 From Tu Vuong (she/they) to Everyone:
   OHHHHHH yassss girl!

19:49:46 From Jose Valle (Silicon Valley De-Bug) to Everyone:
   dripping knowledge

19:49:49 From Tina Brown to Everyone:
   Yes 🙌

19:49:49 From Tu Vuong (she/they) to Everyone:
   👏

19:49:51 From Beneé Vejar to Everyone:
   Over policing, oversentencing

19:49:58 From Jose Valle (Silicon Valley De-Bug) to Everyone:
   dropping *

19:50:00 From Beneé Vejar to Everyone:
   And fear mongering

19:50:01 From Phil to Everyone:
   Esha is a scholar! truth bombs dropping
19:50:13 From Charis to Everyone:

!!!!preach

19:50:17 From Matthew Fisk to Everyone:

ESHA, EXCELLENT!!!!

19:50:20 From Tu Vuong (she/they) to Everyone:

Filling the quota for those bonuses

19:50:29 From Debora Ow to Everyone:

There should not be any for profit jails.

19:50:31 From Pamela Emanuel to Everyone:

YES ESHA

19:50:56 From Ly Vo to Everyone:

My group agreed that we should focus on build more services to help family (create safetyness network who really care about the impacts), build mental health facility to help people with mental illness before things happen, educate the police, and the effective ways to reach out people who need those services

19:51:35 From Jose Valle (Silicon Valley De-Bug) to Everyone:

I raised my hand but you can either put me last or move forward Love what everyone is bringing to the table 🌟

19:51:41 From Stephanie Aguilar to Everyone:

I want to thank my group, thank you all for sharing your stories, thoughts and suggestions. I appreciate your input & hope we can make things better for all of us moving forward. I sent you the link to the jamboard so feel free to add more.

19:51:54 From Cynthia Longs to Everyone:

Excess charges are given in Santa Clara County.

19:52:09 From Rhonda Berry to Everyone:

Yes!!

19:52:13 From Gabe Alvarez (he/él) to Everyone:

Agree 100% with Paul

19:52:23 From Desiree Andrea - to Everyone:

Treatment inside is horrific profit for inhuman treatment

19:52:25 From Rhonda Berry to Everyone:
Go, Paul

19:52:26 From Tu Vuong (she/they) to Everyone:

Cmon now! Yessssss!

19:52:30 From Tina Brown to Everyone:

Truth Paul

19:52:30 From Francisco Hernandez to Everyone:

Great, great people and human beings in our group! It was a diverse group formed by professionals, students, community members so we had the point of view from people who know the laws, systems, etc and also people who experienced the system so the group coincided that a new jail would not necessarily would address the issue but to provide better support and create more programs to meet the needs of the society in all aspects (mental health, education, safety, culture awareness) so it is better as a preventive way than a corrective one.

19:52:36 From Rosemary McCarthy to Everyone:

yes, we need to keep pressure on District Attorney who is the only one that decides charges that are brought against someone.

19:53:49 From adriana garcia/ohlone (she/ella) to Everyone:

solution is a new DA too

... current DA harms our communities

19:53:55 From Sparky Harlan (she/her) to Everyone:

Thank you BI for facilitating and setting the framework. I loved hearing from folks who care deeply about stopping building more jails.

19:54:11 From Stephanie Aguilar to Everyone:

Just incase group 13 here is the link:
https://jamboard.google.com/d/10YBav_63lkDDGeossqN0TUlfJKrunZ9N3fBgA5EaMkE/viewer?f=4

19:54:17 From Tina Brown to Everyone:

Yes Melanie

19:54:32 From manuel (he/el/them) HBI-CJNY to Everyone:

i see three more hands, and Joanna needs about 3-5 minutes to share next steps. Can you all be concise and share for 30-45 seconds?

19:54:32 From Paul Soto to Everyone:

https://library.stanford.edu/spc/exhibitspublications/past-exhibits/stanford-prison-experiment-40-years-later
Yes, I think the systemic racism originates with the DA.

Brilliant, Melanie

So many people are operating from fear that is fed by our institutions.

so agree, Melanie. Thanks.

I also want to thank my group. Thank you for all your suggestions!

it's all good thank you

Please also feel free to share your thoughts JailReforms@CEO.sccgov.org

I'm an attorney, too, and it's overwhelming.

Thank you, Melanie!

thank you jose. love de-bug!

Does anyone know the quotas or bonus profits with prosecution numbers?

My bother's parole officer 10 years ago told him to get out of Santa Clara County because of the systemic racism.

I don't know that it's spelled out like that, Nancy
19:58:04 From Paul Soto to Everyone:

Thank you All for gathering to address these critical Moral Ethical Issues. We are Challenged to define what is Justice and how that definition is a reflection of who we are as a species.

19:58:14 From Matthew Fisk to Everyone:

Thank you to EVERYONE!!!! Extremely helpful and insightful!!!!

19:58:54 From Nancy Murguia to Everyone:

Got it

19:59:23 From Phil to Everyone:

real talk

19:59:24 From Allyn Kula to Everyone:

Thanks to everyone, especially my group

19:59:36 From Joshua Harrell (they/them/their/their/theirs) to Everyone:

Heartbreaking, Cynthia, and it makes you hardly wonder why Santa Clara County only has 2% African Americans. Black people have already been forced out of the county en masse.

19:59:38 From Phil to Everyone:

thank you Allyn!

19:59:39 From Paul Soto to Everyone:

Justice to The Privileged Class actually means Vengeance and Torture that required PLATA VS. BROWN to declare is Cruel and Unusual punishment.

20:00:06 From Kathy to Everyone:

Keep up the good work!

20:00:07 From Robert Castro to Everyone:

A goal should be to make folks understand how racism is normalized

20:00:09 From Cynthia Longs to Everyone:

Root cause is money; supply demand as stated earlier.

20:00:14 From Kati Robles, DESJ to Everyone:

Thank you everyone in our group for being so open and thoughtful and deep in sharing

20:00:16 From Karen Matsueda to Everyone:

Thank you, all!

20:00:19 From Melanie Roland (she/her) to Everyone:
Thank you!

20:00:59 From Pamela Emanuel to Everyone:
P.edyemanuel@gmail.com

20:01:07 From Pamela Emanuel to Everyone:
Blackoutreachs.sj@gmail.com

20:01:12 From Rhonda Berry to Everyone:
Rberry@ourcityforest.org

20:01:50 From Megan to Everyone:
What about accessing the transcription?

20:01:54 From adriana garcia/ohlone (she/ella) to Everyone:
u can save chat on desktops/laptops only

20:02:03 From adriana garcia/ohlone (she/ella) to Everyone:
transcript can be emailed

20:02:04 From Paul Soto to Everyone:
Stanford Experiment is critical and needs to central to these conversations. Gracias and todo
Respeto para Muwekema Peoples for making presence known

20:02:59 From Rosemary McCarthy to Everyone:
rmccarthy01@gmail.com 408-569-5891

20:03:13 From Rhonda Berry to Everyone:
Noemi. Were you able to paste my comments?

20:05:22 From Julie Posadas Guzman to Everyone:
Thanks everyone - it was a beautiful way to spend the evening, envisioning better support and
solutions for our community,

20:06:39 From Rhonda Berry to Everyone:
Thank you all.

20:07:50 From Francisco Hernandez to Everyone:
Thank you everyone in the community for attending and for all your contributions and
feedback! Thank you Joanna, Manuel, Melanie, Amanda, all the facilitators! :)

20:08:56 From Yvonne Jimenez, Office of Supervisor Ellenberg to Everyone:
Huge thank you to our facilitators and meeting hosts! Looking forward to the conversation on Saturday.

20:10:58 From Leila Ullmann to Everyone:

thank you everyone!

20:11:07 From Melanie Jimenez Perez to Joshua Harrell (they/them/their/theirs) (Direct Message):

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