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The Honorable Caroline Menjivar
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Sacramento, CA 95816

Re: SB 1057 (Menjivar) Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council – OPPOSE

Dear Senator Menjivar,

On behalf of the County of Monterey, we write to express our opposition to your measure Senate Bill (SB) 1057. This legislation, similar to past bills such as AB 1007 (Jones-Sawyer, 2020), SB 493 (Bradford, 2021), and AB 702 (Jackson, 2023), proposes significant modifications to the structure and funding mechanisms of the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA). This program has been vital in supporting holistic approaches to serving youth resulting in historic declines in juvenile detention and arrest rates over the last decade and positive youth outcomes.

Significantly, SB 1057 alters the composition of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils and make changes to multiagency juvenile justice plans. In so doing, this bill impedes collaborative and multi-agency approaches currently relied upon which have been essential tools in supporting an entire continuum that prevents juveniles from becoming more formally system involved.

The County of Monterey values community involvement and recognizes the importance of diverse perspectives in supporting justice-involved youth, however the changes proposed in this bill will have the adverse impact to its stated goals. By requiring, rather than authorizing, additional members, it would create considerable obstacles rather than opportunities to fulfill the goals of the committee.

Additionally, the bill sets forth the authority of the State to determine remedial action or withhold JJCPA funding and establishes a new request for proposal process under which a local agency other than a law enforcement related agency must administer. These proposed changes, coupled with the changes to the composition which exacerbates these issues, compromises the stability and efficacy of our juvenile justice system.

As counties and probation are responsible for the entire juvenile continuum, we remain committed to collaborative efforts to enhance serving youth at all points of the continuum and efforts to prevent youth from entering the system in a locally responsive manner. However, SB 1057 does not align with these principles and will recast and redirect critical county funding that supports youth services and will disrupt the vital planning, funding, and service delivery to youth.

For these reasons, the County of Monterey opposes SB 1057. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Monterey County's Public Policy Advisor, Ashley Walker of Nossaman LLP at 916-442-8888.

Sincerely,

Glenn Church, Chair
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