

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 2882 (McCarty) - Community Corrections
2 Accountability Act]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 2882, the Community**
4 **Corrections Accountability Act, authored by Assembly Member Kevin McCarty, which**
5 **aims to enhance transparency, accountability, and stakeholder engagement in county**
6 **public safety spending to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for justice-involved**
7 **individuals.**

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9 WHEREAS, California has significantly reduced its reliance on incarceration, with the
10 combined jail and prison population decreasing by 41% since 2007; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2011, then-Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 109, the Public
12 Safety Realignment Act, into law, AB 109 shifted responsibility for lower-level felony
13 convictions from California state prison and parole to county jail and probation, and tasked
14 counties with reducing recidivism through evidence-based programs, including behavioral
15 health treatment; and

16 WHEREAS, Counties have received State funds, including \$2 billion in Fiscal Year
17 2022-23, to support their efforts to manage certain categories of offenders previously held in
18 the state prison system; and

19 WHEREAS, Counties determine how annual public safety realignment funds are spent
20 through a stakeholder process that runs through a local advisory body in each county known
21 as the Community Corrections Partnership (or CCP); and

22 WHEREAS, Since passage of AB 109, the behavioral health needs of California's jail
23 population have sharply risen; and

24 WHEREAS, The share of California's jail population with behavioral health needs has
25 increased from approximately 20% in 2010 to 53% in 2023; and

1 WHEREAS; As of October 2023, over 75% of people in jail in San Francisco have
2 serious mental illness or a history of substance use; and

3 WHEREAS, Research has demonstrated that addressing the behavioral health needs
4 of the justice-involved population reduces recidivism; and

5 WHEREAS, The State has undertaken major behavioral health reforms including the
6 California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative enacted by the California
7 Department of Health Care Services and Proposition 1, approved by voters on the March
8 2024 ballot, both of which direct behavioral health funding to the incarcerated population and
9 make improvements to how behavioral health data is reported; and

10 WHEREAS, California county budgets have not yet adjusted to meet the needs of the
11 current jail population, with 46 counties spending less than 15% of public safety realignment
12 funding on behavioral health and 36 counties spending less than 10% of funding on
13 behavioral health; and

14 WHEREAS, On February 15, 2024, Assemblymember Kevin McCarty introduced
15 Assembly Bill 2882 (AB 2882), which aims to improve transparency and accountability in
16 county public safety spending, to ultimately reduce recidivism and improve the life outcomes
17 of the justice-involved population; and

18 WHEREAS, AB 2882 would require counties to set goals for reductions in recidivism,
19 daily jail population, jail bookings, length of stay, and increasing connections to behavioral
20 health care services, as well as identify additional funding sources that can be leveraged with
21 dollars allocated through the Public Safety Realignment Act to meet these goals; and

22 WHEREAS, AB 2882 would add to each county CCP a representative of a community-
23 based organization with experience in successfully providing behavioral health treatment
24 services to persons who have been convicted of a criminal offense, and a representative of a
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1 Medi-Cal managed care plan that provides the Enhanced Care Management benefit, a new
2 statewide Medi-Cal benefit available to eligible members with complex needs; and

3 WHEREAS, AB 2882 would develop a public dashboard showcasing how counties
4 spend their public safety dollars and outcomes for their incarcerated populations, including
5 recidivism rates and outcomes, and aligns the Public Safety Realignment spending data with
6 Proposition 1 county behavioral health spending data to compare county outcomes to the
7 goal's set in the county's CCP plan; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports AB 2882, which
9 aims to enhance transparency, accountability, and stakeholder engagement in county public
10 safety spending to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for justice-involved individuals;
11 and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the City and
13 County of San Francisco distribute this resolution to San Francisco's State Legislative
14 Delegation and California Governor Gavin Newsom.

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