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The Honorable Kevin McCarty State Capitol, Room Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2882 (McCarty). California Community Corrections Performance Incentives. -

Oppose

Hearing: April 17, 2024

Dear Assembly Member McCarty:

On behalf of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, I respectfully write to oppose AB 2882 (McCarty). This measure amends the composition of the local Community Corrections Partnerships (CCPs) and the CCP Executive Committee and adds extensive reporting requirements on elements that are unrelated to 2011 Public Safety Realignment Funds or the AB 109 (2011) population, and all without adequate funding.

Sacramento County supports efforts to ensure that justice-involved individuals are cared for appropriately; however, AB 2882 significantly alters and burdens existing community corrections processes and revenue streams. AB 109 Realignment required counties to implement evidence-based practices, programs, and procedures to reduce recidivism among individuals under probation, parole, or post-release supervision. This shift in responsibilities for the justice population from the state to counties came with funding and protections to minimize the impact on public safety. AB 2882 reprioritizes an existing community corrections revenue stream to address the behavioral health treatment needs of justice-involved individuals, which is different. Now, AB 2882 asks us to reduce the jail population despite the influx of individuals serving prison sentences locally. This bill fails to consider the many needs of justice-involved population realigned to counties pursuant to AB 109.

AB 2882 changes the composition of local CCPs to advance behavioral health priorities; however, it does not consider that CCPs already incorporate planning and funding for behavioral health. Local probation departments oversee the expansion of evidence-based practices and programs that promote positive behavioral change and outcomes to reduce recidivism, while managing public safety. Placing additional and even conflicting priorities on the composition of partnerships will inhibit the core purpose of local CCPs.

Behavioral health treatments must be balanced with other priorities for justice-involved populations. Counties, specifically jails and probation, were given new populations to serve. Local CCPs were assigned the responsibility of developing collaborative plans to reduce recidivism. CCPs bridge across multiple disciplines to plan for the successful and safe handling

of these responsibilities and advise County Boards. AB 2882 significantly changes this process as it is hyper-focused on behavioral health to the detriment of other priorities.

Higher levels of service associated with CCP responsibilities, including new plan requirements and reporting responsibilities, must be accompanied by an appropriation. Provisions in Proposition 30 (2012) require the state to provide a new appropriation to support new and higher levels of service associated with programs and responsibilities realigned in 2011. The proposed new plan elements and additional data collection and reporting requirements are unnecessary and inappropriate; but if enacted, additional state funding is required both for the specific plan elements amended into Penal Code section 1230.1 and data collection and reporting responsibilities in new Penal Code section 1230.2 before counties would be obligated to carry out these new functions.

Further, the Governor's 2024-25 proposed budget eliminates \$7.9 million for State Community Corrections Planning grants designed to support ongoing implementation of AB 109 (2011) and CCP work. AB 2882, in light of these budget reductions, requires Sacramento County and its partner counties to do a lot more with less.

For these reasons, Sacramento County opposes AB 2882. Feel free to contact me at (916) 874-4627 or deborde@saccounty.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: Sacramento County Delegation

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