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The Honorable Aisha Wahab Senate Public Safety Committee State Capitol, Room 7330 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2882 (McCarty). California Community Corrections Performance Incentives. Oppose (As Amended May 16, 2024)

Dear Senator Wahab:

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 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, post-release community supervision, and mandatory 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 treatment 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 multiple disciplines to plan for the successful and safe handling of these responsibilities and June 6, 2024 -2-

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

Further, the Governor's 2024-25 budget eliminated \$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 more with less.

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

Sincerely,

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