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**Cc:** FGG, Public Comment  
**Subject:** [External] DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH TO PROTECTING PUBLIC SAFETY (Please include with agenda item 19)

Hi Supervisors,

I have mixed feelings when I hear the words data-driven. 'Data-driven' is a buzzword meaning that human input, emotion, or feeling is unnecessary. For example, there was a race between Smith and Jones. 49% preferred Smith. 51% preferred Jones. How many would have chosen a blind monkey? How many actually care? The answer requires context-maybe interviews-more than just numbers.

Again, SANDAG is a transportation planning agency under CA Govt. Code 29532.1 (h) and Public Utilities Code Section 132350 et seq., should not have or convene an Alternatives to Incarceration Advisory Group, and should not be creating a Draft Comprehensive Report on Data-Driven Alternatives to Incarceration.

Regards,

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