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Good afternoon,

Please accept North County Lifeline's Letter of Support for the board letter entitled "**A DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH TO PROTECTING PUBLIC SAFETY, IMPROVING AND EXPANDING REHABILITATIVE TREATMENT AND SERVICES, AND ADVANCING EQUITY THROUGH ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION: BUILDING ON LESSONS LEARNED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**"

We believe expanding alternatives to custody benefits our community in many ways, and we strongly support the efforts to move this forward.

Sincerely,
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10/11/2021

Dear San Diego Board of Supervisors:

North County Lifeline supports the board letter entitled **"A DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH TO PROTECTING PUBLIC SAFETY, IMPROVING AND EXPANDING REHABILITATIVE TREATMENT AND SERVICES, AND ADVANCING EQUITY THROUGH ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION: BUILDING ON LESSONS LEARNED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC."**

Because North County Lifeline ("Lifeline") are uniquely positioned to have a firsthand view of incarceration and alternatives to incarceration, Lifeline and its members whole-heartedly support Terra Lawson-Remer's data-driven approach to expanding alternatives to custody.

The jail population in San Diego averages about 5,630 people a day. Many of those incarcerated are poor, homeless, mentally ill or have a substance use problem, and keeping them in jail, does not make us safer nor does it best serve this population. Inappropriate and ineffective incarceration of individuals who do not pose a public safety threat non-violent imposes significant costs on society, taxpayers, individuals, and families.

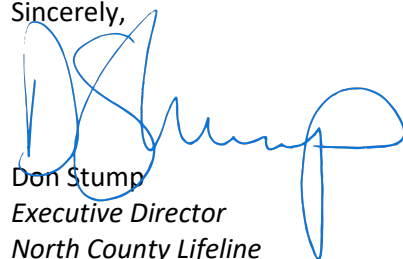
Statewide and locally, taxpayers spend \$81,000 a year to incarcerate someone with a mental health illness versus \$32,000 a year for permanent supportive housing in the community, or \$3,000 to \$10,000 a year for an outpatient sobering program. It is time we look into a more effective ways to address incarceration in our region.

Supervisor Lawson-Remer is bringing forward a data driven board letter that will address the need for San Diego County to analyze our current jail system and explore alternatives to incarceration for individuals who do not pose a public safety threat.

Communities across the country are working to safely reduce the number of people in jails through data-informed, evidence-based measures. This includes investing in often underfunded community-based resources outside of the traditional justice system, including supportive services, counseling, treatment, and workforce development; reexamining enforcement practices and the money bail system; and creating the infrastructure to divert people to alternatives to incarceration. These approaches help prevent harm in the community, support rehabilitation, and ensure that incarceration is used as a last resort.

No one should be going to jail just because they are homeless or experiencing a behavioral health crisis. We have an opportunity to create alternative treatments and services that can address the root causes of justice system involvement and promote public safety in a more cost-effective and humane way.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director
North County Lifeline

From: [Katelyn Hailey](#)
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Subject: [External] Letter of Support: A DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH TO PROTECTING PUBLIC SAFETY
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To whom it may concern:

Attached is a letter of support for Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer's board letter entitled "A DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH TO PROTECTING PUBLIC SAFETY, IMPROVING AND EXPANDING REHABILITATIVE TREATMENT AND SERVICES, AND ADVANCING EQUITY THROUGH ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION: BUILDING ON LESSONS LEARNED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC."

United Domestic Workers of America/AFSCME Local 3930 (UDW) is in full support of Supervisor Lawson-Remer's efforts on this matter. We urge the support of the rest of the Board.

Sincerely,

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October 12, 2021

Re: A data-driven approach to protecting public safety, improving and expanding rehabilitative treatment and services, and advancing equity through alternatives to incarceration: building on lessons learning during the COVID-19 pandemic

Dear San Diego County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing today to urge your support for a data-driven approach to expanding alternatives to custody. UDW is fully committed to the pursuit of social justice, and no one should go to jail just because they are poor, homeless, or experiencing a behavioral health crisis. We have an opportunity to address the root causes of justice system involvement and promote public safety in a more cost-effective and humane way.

Keeping poor, homeless, or mentally ill individuals who do not pose a public safety threat in jail does not make us safer, nor does it best serve this population. Instead, it imposes significant costs on society, taxpayers, individuals, and families. And it further exacerbates issues of mental illness and creates debt and poverty traps.

Statewide and locally, taxpayers spend \$81,000/year to incarcerate someone with a mental health illness, versus \$32,000/year for permanent supportive housing in the community, or \$3,000 to \$10,000/year for an outpatient sobering program. We must find a more effective way to address incarceration in our region.

Supervisor Lawson-Remer's board letter calls on San Diego County to analyze our current jail system and explore alternatives to incarceration for individuals who do not pose a public safety threat.

We can safely reduce the number of people in jails through data-informed, evidence-based measures, including investing in community-based resources outside of the traditional justice system, including supportive services, counseling, treatment, and workforce development; reexamining enforcement practices and the money bail system; and creating infrastructure to divert people to alternatives to incarceration. These tactics help prevent harm in the community, support rehabilitation, and ensure that incarceration is used as a last resort.

UDW stands behind Supervisor Lawson-Remer's efforts, and we ask for your support on this board item.

Sincerely,

Doug Moore

Executive Director

United Domestic Workers of America/AFSCME Local 3930