

Resolution
Urging Alameda
County Officials
to Protect
Detained and
Incarcerated
People from
COVID-19

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COVID-19: By the Numbers

Overall impact

- Global: over 2.4 million cases worldwide, with over 167,000 deaths
- National: over 760,000 cases in the US, with over 40,000 deaths
- State: over 31,000 cases in California, with over 1,100 deaths
- County: over 1,100 cases in Alameda County, with over 40 deaths

Racial disparities

- Many African American and Latinx communities are being hit the hardest by COVID-19, with mortality rates at 2-3 times their percentage of the overall population

Detained and incarcerated populations

- Thousands of detained and incarcerated youths and adults have been infected by COVID-19, and many thousands more have been exposed to the disease with limited or no ability to isolate or receive adequate medical treatment

What This Resolution Does

- *Endorses* Alameda County Public Defender Brendon D. Woods' proposal to immediately release all incarcerated people with six months or less remaining to serve at Santa Rita Jail;
- *Calls upon* the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Chief Probation Officer's Office and other Alameda County officials to immediately release all incarcerated people with six months or less remaining to serve at Santa Rita Jail; and

What This Resolution Does (CONTINUED)

- *Calls upon* the Alameda County's Sheriff's Office, Chief Probation Officer's Office and other Alameda County officials to take the steps urged in the City Attorney's March 24, 2020 Letter (Exhibit A to Resolution):
 - Evaluating detained and incarcerated people to identify who is at high risk of COVID-19 and who has been charged with or convicted of committing non-violent offenses to determine if high-COVID-19-risk people can be released early;

What This Resolution Does (CONTINUED)

- Ensuring that remaining detained and incarcerated people and staff have consistent access to hygiene supplies, information, adequate medical care, and social distancing measures without resorting to solitary confinement;
- Limiting or eliminating fees for phone and video visits given cancellation of in-person visits to detention and incarceration facilities;

What This Resolution Does (CONTINUED)

- Reducing or suspending all legal financial obligations (including bail, fines, fees, restitution, probation costs, or other charges) that keep people detained and incarcerated and that harm economically struggling families and communities; and
- Limiting the detention and incarceration of children, and ensuring that any youth remaining detained or incarcerated has access to education.