San Francisco
No New Jail
Town Hall Meeting
Demands:

1. Cancel the new jail project.

2. Reduce the number of people in jail.

3. Expand community-based alternatives.
History of prison expansion in California

Growth in CA prison population: 1950-2010

- 19.6k in 1977
- 172.5k in 2006
CA prison population out-grew CA population

Growth in CA prison population per 1000 Californians: 1950-2010

![Graph showing the growth in CA prison population per 1000 people in California from 1950 to 2010. The graph indicates a significant increase in the prison population, reaching a peak of 4.85 in 1998 and 0.88 in 1977.]
Key Lessons from Three Decades of State Prison Building:

1. The expansion of the California prison system has had a devastating effect on poor and working people of color.

2. Imprisonment has not solved the social and economic problems of poor communities—it has made them worse.

3. Prison expansion does not solve prison crowding: every time we build them, we fill them.

4. Prison expansion leads to serious debt and budget cuts to education, healthcare, and human services.

5. People always fight back not only against prisons and jails, but also for things like reentry services, jobs, education, healthcare, and housing.
Impact of “Realignment”

- Realignment moves people from state prisons to “county supervision.”
- 32 counties started plans to build or expand their jails instead of expanding alternatives to imprisonment.
- State paying counties $500M in 2014 for construction, considering another $500M for 2015.
Prisons and Jails Attack our Families

- 2.4 million children in the U.S. have an incarcerated parent.
- African American children are 9 times more likely than white children to have a parent who is locked up.
- Latino children are 3 times more likely than white children to have a parent who is locked up.
San Francisco Jail System

- CJ #1 & 2 – 7th St.
  - not being demolished
  - next to criminal courts

- CJ #3 (empty) #4 – Hall of Justice (Bryant St. – top 2 floors)
  - planned for demolition
  - above criminal courts
  - site of new jail proposal

- CJ #5 & 6 (empty) – San Bruno

- CJ #7 – jail wing of SF General Hospital
  - Small number of people
San Francisco Jail Plan

- $290M construction cost, up to $465M with financing.
- Planned for 600-800 prison beds.
- 75% of the jail population is pre-trial.
- African-Americans make up 56% of the jail population and only 7% of the San Francisco population.
- More than 35% of jail capacity is not currently being used.
Unneeded Jail Capacity

Recent jail population:

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More jails means greater danger of imprisonment for more of our family members, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. If we don’t stop jail expansion, there is no incentive for the Board of Supervisors to reduce the jail population.
Alternatives to a New Jail

❖ Expand community-based treatment options for individuals with substance abuse and mental health issues.

❖ End “Secure Communities” program.

❖ Reduce the number of people who go to jail because of parole and probation violations.

❖ Expand programming and alternatives to imprisonment for sentenced individuals.

❖ Expand pre-trial diversion programs.

❖ Expand re-entry services for former prisoners.

❖ Dismantle barriers to employment, housing and social services for former prisoners.

❖ Expand access to higher education, affordable housing, mental and medical healthcare, public transportation, and living wage work.

❖ Institute a pre-trial assessment program so people are not jailed because they cannot afford to pay bail.
Alternatives Save Money

- Public Health and Socio-Economic Problems are not solved by laws that criminalize and lock people up for being poor or persons of color.

- It is time to put an end to “tough on crime” politics where politicians gain and our communities are destroyed.

- We must demand real solutions that build public safety, not only are these solutions more cost effective, but they already exist within our communities.

- FULLY FUND COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS
Community-Based SOLUTIONS Not JAIL Expansion curbprisonspending.org Californians United for a Responsible Budget