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**San Francisco Juvenile Justice Commission
GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY
August 21, 2018**

Five (5) Commissioners attended the August 21, 2018 general meeting of the San Francisco Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC).

- On the date of the JJC meeting, the Youth Guidance Center population was 44 total youth (37 male, 7 female). Includes 1 former LCR resident. 8 LCR youth have already been released from custody. 1 remaining goes to court tomorrow (8/22/18).
- Due to budget cuts the Court has put out a notice that public clerk offices will close at 2pm every day beginning October 22. This is a major cutback to youth and family services. Determination was made by court leadership and will apply to all clerks' offices. Public comment welcome until October 19 by emailing sfcourtbudget@sftc.org.
- There is a 1-year-old CA law to reduce use of mechanical restraints at Juvenile Hall. Court wants JJC to be aware that Public Defense bar in SF has been challenging use of restraints during transportation of youth in certain cases. Protocol states they can only be used when necessary. Looking for guidance from court of appeals as to how to address issue properly (206.1).
- Judge Chan will now split time between Civic Center and JJC. Court will operate 1 full-time courtroom and 1 as-needed courtroom due to reduced number of filings and also limitation of court resources. Juvenile Court is not fully staffed with judges at this time.
- Chief Nance: Because the PD has not been successful in individual cases regarding protocol for manual restraints, they have elected to challenge the protocol. Flight risks, risks to themselves, or risks to others are eligible for manual restraints. JPD is required to have a protocol and document cases (must document all cases where youth are restrained in anything other than handcuffs, usually used when they go into the community, for the safety of the community or if they are a flight risk) and has taken initiative to document cases and create a decision table to use while transporting juveniles. JPD is confident their protocol is legally sufficient and follows legislative restrictions and does not support PD challenges.
- Activities in Juvenile Hall: Schools have online connections set up so they can now take college classes. Last summer, Project Pull Promise had 4 youth in custody participate. Able to work, train, and earn income in city departments, mostly maintenance and custodial jobs. Set up bank accounts to help build financial literacy and security. Participated in debates as well, focusing on housing and gentrification. Chief Nance judged the debates, which were held in Juvenile Hall.