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**San Francisco Juvenile Justice Commission  
GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY  
October 16, 2018**

*Six (6) Commissioners attended the October 16, 2018 general meeting of the San Francisco Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC).*

- **Census as of Oct. 16, 2018: 28 boys, 10 girls (38 total).**
- ERC is an alternative to detention. Great trainings and employment ops. Youth are picked up from school by reporting center staff, are fed dinner, can spend time in a classroom, living room, or study hall. Can stay until 8:30pm. Court-ordered participants only have to identify themselves if they wish to. Staff members are also coming to court with them.
- Goals of ERC: mitigating risk of re-offense, and providing youth with skill-building opportunities in a collaborative community environment.
- Court schools: Student writings become anthologies. Once per semester, in fall and spring. Another program is a garden farm in the yard where youth harvest food and prepare it, all healthy and organic. A nutrition specialist is helping educate program youth. Girls' unit (Unit 5) gets to do most of the gardening.
- No specific updates from the court. Judge Garrett Wong will be Presiding Judge starting in January. Will continue pushing for community outreach to let the people know what the court is doing. "Meet the Judge" is meant to show what kinds of services are available. People with incomes of up to \$160,000 qualify for free services.
- Youth are working with coding instructors at the Learning Center, a repurposed unit with classroom space. Eight computers set up with desks. One instructor is from Hunter's Point. These are "local kids" who make a living from coding. They're trying to build a curriculum for incarcerated youth. Tentative launch date of Nov. 5th.
- Merit Center is used regularly. 27 uses in Sept., seven uses by Oct. 16th.