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The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell  
Chair, Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5019  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Phil Ting  
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee  
State Capitol, Room 6026  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Request for San Francisco to be allowed to participate in the \$75 million for pretrial services**

*Holly J. Mitchell*  
Dear Chair Mitchell and Chair Ting,

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, I write in support of Governor Newsom's budget proposal to allocate \$75 million over two years for the Judicial Council of California to fund the implementation, operation, or evaluation of pretrial release services in eight to ten courts statewide. Bail reform is long overdue in California and San Francisco respectfully requests your consideration in allocating funding to San Francisco's existing pretrial services, while amending the implementing language to allow for greater flexibility, system stability, and growth to their existing program.

San Francisco has long recognized that a money-based system as a requirement for pretrial release discriminates based on wealth, exacerbates racial disparities, and results in over-incarceration. While 70% of statewide pretrial programs have been implemented in the last five years, San Francisco's model has been in place for the last 42 years. San Francisco's program has served as an essential component of transitioning away from a money-based system of release.

San Francisco has funded a pretrial services model that has operated independently as a non-profit organization and provides case management, supervision, and assessment services for justice-involved individuals. This model has led to significant reductions in recidivism, decreased detention costs, and overall safer neighborhoods. San Francisco is proud of the work they have been able to achieve with their pretrial services model and is looking forward to building upon their success.

As you review the Governor's budget proposal for pretrial release services, San Francisco respectfully asks that you allow the City and County to maintain the integrity of their existing pretrial services model and consider amending the current implementing language to include flexibility that would allow San Francisco to determine the best outcomes for their residents. This request includes a \$9 million state investment as part of the \$75 million commitment to strengthen their existing pretrial release services during this time of transition.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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