# Youth Reinvestment Fund:

## Preventing the Harm of Justice System Involvement

### 43,000 youth arrested for low level offenses

In 2016, of the approximately 62,000 youth arrested, more than 43,000 youth (69%) were arrested for misdemeanor and status offenses, things like: petty theft, school fights, smoking marijuana, running away, violating curfew.

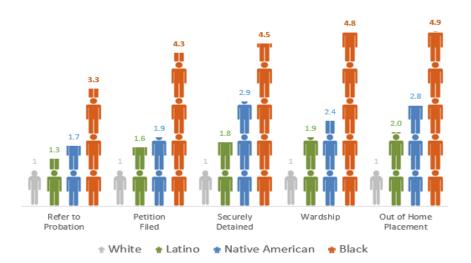
This proposal would fund community based organizations to provide these vulnerable young people with culturally relevant, trauma-informed services outside of the justice system.

### \$100,000,000 investment in youth

- \$75 Million: Local Diversion Programs.
  - 85% of funds go to CBOs for education, mentoring, behavioral health services, and mental health services.
- \$15 Million: Social Workers in Public Defenders Offices.
  - Integrate social workers with public defenders to address the root causes that bring youth into the system.
- \$10 Million: Trauma Informed Diversion Programs for Native American Youth.
  - Address the particular needs of Native American youth by ensuring services are culturally rooted.

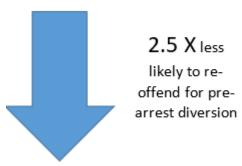
### Youth of color bear the brunt of justice system

involvement for low level offenses



**And once in the system,** youth of color accused of low level offenses are more likely than White youth to penetrate more deeply.

### Diversion is safer!

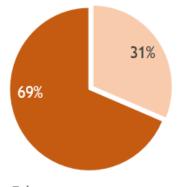


#### Diversion is a smart investment.

Every **\$1** invested in diversion can return up to **\$25** to society.

### The vast majority

of youth arrests are for misdemeanor or status offenses.



Felony

Misdemeanor and Status Offenses

#### **ORGANIZATIONS**

- AdvoKids
- Alameda County Office of the Public Defender
- Alliance for Boys and Men of Color
- Aspen Institute's Center for Native American Youth
- Alternatives to Violence Project California
- American Indian College Fund
- Boys and Girls Clubs, North Valley
- Brotherhood Crusade
- Brothers, Sons, Selves Coalition
- California Alliance of Caregivers
- California Association of Local Conservation Corps
- California CASA
- California Indian Museum and Cultural Center
- California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. (CRIHB)
- Catalyst Collaborative Inc.
- Center for Council
- Centinela Youth Services, Inc.
- Centro CHA, Inc.
- Children's Defense Fund -- CA (CDF-CA)
- Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice
- Coalition for Responsible Community Development
- Coleman Advocates
- Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice
- Contra Costa Public Defender
- Diversity Research and Consulting Group, Inc.
- Ella Baker Center for Human Rights
- Empowering Pacific Islander Communities
- Fathers, Families and Healthy Communities
- Fathers & Families of San Joaquin
- Fight Crime Invest in Kids
- Fresno Barrios Unidos
- Fresno County Public Defender Office
- Huckleberry Youth Programs
- Immigrant Legal Resource Center
- Initiate Justice
- InnerCity Struggle
- Instituto Familiar de la Raza
- Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative
- Kids in Common, a program of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte
- · Khmer Girls in Action
- Liberty Hill Foundation
- Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
- Los Angeles County Commission for Children & Families
- Los Angeles Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti

- Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD)
- Merced County Public Defender Office
- MILPA
- Monterey County Public Defender Office
- National Association of Social Workers -California Chapter
- National Caucus of Native American State Legislators
- National Center for Youth Law
- National Compadres Network
- National Council on Crime and Delinquency
- National Indian Justice Center
- National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform
- Native Americans in Philanthropy
- New Earth
- Orange County Public Defender Office
- Oxnard Police Department
- PICO California
- PolicyLink
- Rhythm Arts Alliance
- Riverside County Alliance for Boys and Men of Color
- Resilience OC
- RYSE Center
- Sacramento City Unified School District
- Saddleback College
- San Bernardino Fatherhood
- San Diego County Public Defender Office
- Santa Barbara County Public Defender Office
- San Francisco County Public Defender Office
- Sisterhood in Motion
- Social Justice Learning Institute
- Somos Mayfair
- Southeast Asia Resource Action Center
- Starting Over, Inc.
- Stockton Office of the Mayor Michael Tubbs
- Street Level Health Project
- Teng & Smith, Inc.
- The Advocacy Fund
- The Children's Initiative
- The Children's Partnership
- The Indigenous Youth Foundation, Inc.
- The Mentoring Center
- The Oral Tradition ROOTS Foundation
- United National Indian Tribal Youth
- Urban Peace Institute
- Urban Peace Movement
- Urban Strategies Council
- Vision Media Maker
- Voices Voice Our Independent Choices for Emancipation Support

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