

(IN)JUSTICE *in* L.A.

Analysis of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office & Recommendations for Improvement

Summary of Major Recommendations

CHARGING DECISIONS

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- Create a "Decline to Charge / Automatic Pre-Plea Diversion" list of charges
- Improve data collection & dissemination practices, particularly around race

REVIEWING PAST CASES

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- Restructure the Conviction Review Unit to improve independence and effectiveness
- Actively review cases that could be eligible for resentencing under PC 1170(d)(1)

PROSECUTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

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- Support the creation of an independent law enforcement prosecution entity
- Support the creation of an independent victim services entity

DIVERSION

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- Collect data regarding diversion and release it publicly
- Prioritize decriminalization and systemic changes over diversion
- Eliminate money-based barriers to diversion
- Make all diversion offers pre-plea, and not require an admission of guilt
- Move all diversion to community-based programs
- Incentivize diversion over prosecution

PAROLE

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- Stop making recommendations regarding parole suitability
- Collect data regarding parole hearing participation

IMMIGRATION

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- Ensure immigration-related consequences are considered in the plea process
- Always use immigration-safe charges
- Streamline access to post-conviction relief to help erase the ongoing immigration impact of old convictions
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COVID-19 RESPONSE

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- Continue COVID-related decarceration policies permanently and implement new ones