

Justice & Public Safety Guiding Principles

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- The statewide judicial system and public safety services, including effective ancillary services and programs, should be adequately funded and staffed in order to provide an efficient environment for judicial and public safety processes, to instill public confidence and to protect our communities.
- Adjudication should be swift, in order to minimize overcrowding in county jails.
- Bonds should be reasonable, and effective pre-trial screening and population management efforts should be encouraged.
- Offenders should be held accountable to society and required to pay a proportionate share of the debt resulting from their offenses, including debt to counties, either through fees based on ability to pay and/or through community service.
- Effective prevention programs, alternatives to incarcerations and other related services should be supported in an effort to help reduce recidivism rates and lower county jail costs.