Abolition in Action

#Shutdown850: People’s Assessment of the Ordinance
Agenda

- **Who We Are**
  - Our Mission
  - Our Platform & Demands
- **Ordinance to Close County Jail No. 4**
  - Legislation 101
    - Importance: Why does it matter?
    - Mechanics: What does it do?
    - Implementation: What’s next?
  - Questions?
- **Breakout Discussions**
NNSFJ is an abolitionist coalition, meaning we believe:

- Imprisonment, policing, surveillance, and punishment of any kind cause harm, exacerbate oppression, and should not be used;
- Violence, conflict, and harm result from social, economic, and political problems that need to be addressed through solutions to the root cause of these issues;
- People and communities need their basic needs met and to be treated with dignity in order for us to end violence and harm;
- Community accountability (restorative and transformative justice practices) should fully support both the person who has done harm and the person harmed; and,
- The Prison Industrial Complex cannot be a solution to the problems it creates.
No New SF Jail Coalition: Our Platform & Demands

- Shut Down 850!
- No Out-Of-County Transfers of Imprisoned People
- No New Jails
- Stop Increases to Electronic Monitoring
- End Quality of Life Policing
- Prioritize Life-Affirming Resources, Not Carceral Infrastructure
- Housing for All
- Increase Equity and Access to Social and Medical Services
- Strengthen Employment Pathways and Access to Living Wages
- Build Resources and Community Spaces
Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the City to close County Jail No. 4, located on the seventh floor of the Hall of Justice, by November 1, 2020; to require the Sentencing Commission to establish a Safety and Justice Challenge Subcommittee to plan for the reduction of the City’s daily jail population and closure of County Jail No. 4; and affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.
850 Bryant is a harmful and dangerous institution:

- Slated for demolition in 1996 for being seismically noncompliant.
- History of brutal and dehumanizing conditions and treatment.

We want to shut them ALL down!
San Francisco Deputies Charged With Staging Jailhouse ‘Fight Club’
SF deputy in ‘fight club’ case was previously accused of beating, breaking inmate’s ribs
San Francisco jail inmates sue city, alleging sleep deprivation

Federal Judge Orders Embattled SF Jail Must Provide Inmates with Sunlight, Recreation
More than 150 San Francisco inmates have joined lawsuit over frequent sewage floods in county jail

Suit Against San Francisco Claims Inmates Were Exposed To Human Waste
Raw sewage spills at SF Bryant St. jail making prisoners sick – ‘rash, intestinal, lung’ problems reported
Close 850:
Legislation 101

Why does it matter?

What does it do?

What’s next?

Q&A
ONE DOWN, THREE TO GO!

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The Letter of the Law: Close County Jail 4

“By no later than November 1, 2020, but as soon as possible, the City shall close County Jail 4...”
The Letter of the Law: Safety and Justice Subcommittee

Responsibilities:

1. To facilitate the closure of County Jail 4 as soon as possible;

2. Develop measures and strategies to accomplish the goal of reducing and sustaining an average daily total jail population of no more than 1,044; and,

3. Reports to the Board of Supervisors on August 1, 2020, and October 1, 2020.
Members of the Safety and Justice Subcommittee

Membership:

- District Attorney;
- Sheriff;
- Superior Court;
- Adult Probation Department;
- Public Defender;
- Department of Public Health;
- Reentry Council Representative;
- Nonprofit organization that works with victims, chosen by the Family Violence Council; and,
- Nonprofit organization that works with ex-offenders, chosen by the Reentry Council.
ABOLITIONIST INFLUENCE OF NNSFJ

Reforming vs. Abolishing the Prison Industrial Complex (PIC)

Reform
- Objection to the structure or administration of the PIC.
- Need to alter existing practices to improve the PIC.

Abolition
- Objection to the very existence of the PIC.
- Need to dismantle the PIC.
The Subcommittee CANNOT consider:

- “...measures or strategies that add new jail beds beyond the current rated capacity of County Jails 2 and 5...”

- “…the transfer of incarcerated people to placements out of county.”
The Subcommittee CAN consider:

- “The establishment of a ‘second look’ program… to expand the number of incarcerated persons eligible for pretrial release…”

- “Release processes that maximize release from jail before noon to allow access to same-day essential services, and same-day transport to court-ordered placements with verified bed space…”
Issues of Implementation: Hit Pause on These Clauses

1. “Evaluation of the use of electronic monitoring...”

2. “Expansion of... work alternative program...”

3. “…with the exception of measures or strategies to rehabilitate an existing facility like County Jail 2...”

4. “…the Sheriff may use the 7th Floor of the Hall of Justice for administrative, kitchen, and laundry purposes, so long as the Hall of Justice Building remains open...”

5. “Formulation of a plan to prepare for an increase in the average daily population above 1,044...”
Department of Human Resources submits a written certification that they have satisfied the meet-and-confer obligations with labor.

Department of Real Estate has submitted written certification that they have met their obligations under law.

Whichever comes sooner:
A) Safety and Justice Challenge Subcommittee of the Sentencing Commission submits final report to the Board of Supervisors (October 1, 2020).

or

B) The jail population is below 1,044 for 60 consecutive days and both the Sheriff and the Subcommittee notify the Board that the City may safely close County Jail 4.
Legislation 101

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[Administrative Code - County Jail No. 4 Closure]

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Questions from the group?
Our goal is freedom!

- **Strengths**
  - What are the strengths of the legislation?

- **Weaknesses**
  - What are the weaknesses of the legislation?

- **Opportunities**
  - What are the opportunities for the passing of this legislation and growing abolition in SF?

- **Threats**
  - What could go wrong with implementing the legislation?
Takeaways

● Closing 850 is part of a larger fight to defeat the carceral state.
● Abolitionist principles are incorporated in the legislation and continue to guide where we can go next.
● It’s important to consider future possibilities to drive the fight in the direction we want it to go.
Upcoming Abolition in Action Series

ABOLITION IN ACTION

A Monthly Workshop Series to Build a Jail-Free SF

Each month, No New SF Jail Coalition is hosting a community workshop on different topics to strengthen our movement against jailing, policing & criminalization in the City. Join us in building a better, healthier, stronger, liberated San Francisco for us all!

We will be sending a quick feedback link!

Re-entry Resources

The Budget

Healing Justice

Policing, Alternatives, and Community Based Responses

Collective Visioning for Abolitionist SF
Get involved!

- Website: [https://nonewsfjail.org/take-action](https://nonewsfjail.org/take-action)
- Email us: nonewsfjail.outreach@gmail.com
- Come to our next new member orientation!
- Next Abolition in Action event in June: Resources for Re-entry

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