

SAN MATEO COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2

RESOLUTION ON IMPROVING YOUTH JUSTICE AND SAFETY

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has three national priorities: treat children as children, serve children at home with their families, and open up opportunities for young people who come into contact with juvenile justice.

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Youth Commission reaffirms and advocates for the national priorities of the OJJDP.

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Youth Commission supports efforts to treat children as children.

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Youth Commission recognizes the negative outcomes of youth arrest and incarceration including trauma, mental health challenges and increased criminal behavior and recidivism.

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Youth Commission believes that all decisions in juvenile justice must be informed by science and research, along with evidence-based practices.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Youth Commission promotes the use of science and research in the adjudication of juveniles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Youth Commission supports the increased availability of evidence-based programs and services that divert young people out of the justice system and keep them in their communities.