



Independent Commission On New York City Criminal Justice And Incarceration Reform

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Independent Commission sought to create a blueprint for an improved criminal justice system reflecting our city's values of decency, dignity, and equal treatment before the law.

Chair: Hon. Jonathan Lippman, Former Chief Judge, NY Court of Appeals

Rethinking Incarceration

Objective: Are there policy and procedural changes that could safely reduce the number of people entering jail and shorten the amount of time people remain there?

Chair: Nick Turner, Vera Institute of Justice

Members:

- Juan Cartagena, LatinoJustice
- Hon. Matthew D'Emic, Brooklyn Mental Health Court
- Bob Fiske, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP
- Seymour James, Legal Aid Society of NY
- Hon. Judy Kluger, Sanctuary for Families
- Ana Oliveira, NY Women's Foundation
- Stanley Richards, NYC Board of Corrections
- Peter Samuels, Proskauer Rose LLP

The Future of Jails

Objective: How can jail facilities be designed to enhance the safety and security of staff and inmates? What should the relationship between jails and neighborhoods look like?

Chair: Michael Jacobson, CUNY Institute for State and Local Governance

Members:

- Richard Aborn, Citizen's Crime Commission of New York City
- Glenn Martin, JustLeadershipUSA
- Rocco Pozzi, Westchester County Department of Probation
- Laurie Robinson, George Mason Univ.
- Hon. Jeanette Ruiz, NY Family Court
- Alethea Simon, Greenhope Services
- Jeremy Travis, John Jay College
- Ken Zimmerman, Open Society Found.

Reimagining the Island

Objective: If the use of jails on Rikers Island phases out, what should happen with the island in the near term and long term?

Chair: MaryAnne Gilmartin, Forest City Ratner Companies

Members:

- Mylan Denerstein, Gibson Dunn
- Colvin Grannum, Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration
- Peter Madonia, Rockefeller Foundation
- Julio Medina, Exodus Transitional Community
- Herb Sturz, Center for NYC Neighborhoods
- Darren Walker, Ford Foundation
- Kathy Wylde, Partnership for NYC

The Commission prioritized guiding principles in creating a vision for a fairer justice system.

ENSURE DIGNITY AND JUSTICE

Procedural justice for both those accused and those impacted by crime, with **efficiency, accountability, and due process** at each point in the system.

PROMOTE SAFETY

A **safe, humane, and transparent borough-based jail system** for staff, detainees, and the community.

CREATE HUMANE AND ACCESSIBLE FACILITIES

Facilities that are **accessible to courts, staff, families, attorneys, and providers** – ending the “out of sight, out of mind” approach to criminal justice and corrections.

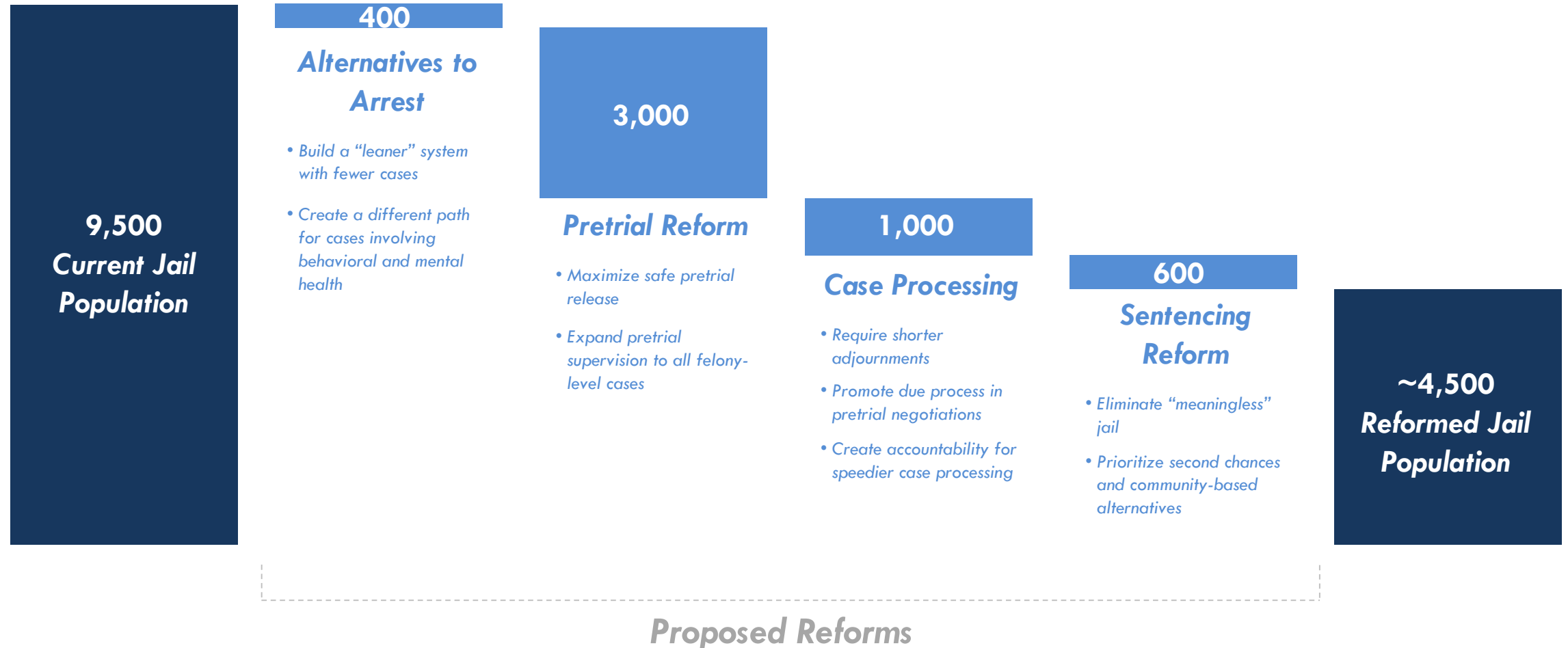
THINK LONG TERM

Planning that embraces a **long-term, phased implementation schedule that seeks to address critical needs** for the city.

ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY

Input and ideas from a **broad range of policymakers, thought leaders, industries, and other stakeholders**.

Through implementing a series of policy changes to promote a fairer and more efficient criminal justice system, the jail population in New York City can be safely reduced to below 5,000.



The Commission recommends a borough-based system of jail facilities and increased support for training, diversion, and programming.

A COUNTY JAIL IN EACH OF THE FIVE BOROUGHES

System capacity of **5,000 for 5,500 beds**, with 4 jails with average capacity of 1,325 beds each and 1 jail in Staten Island with a capacity of 200 beds.

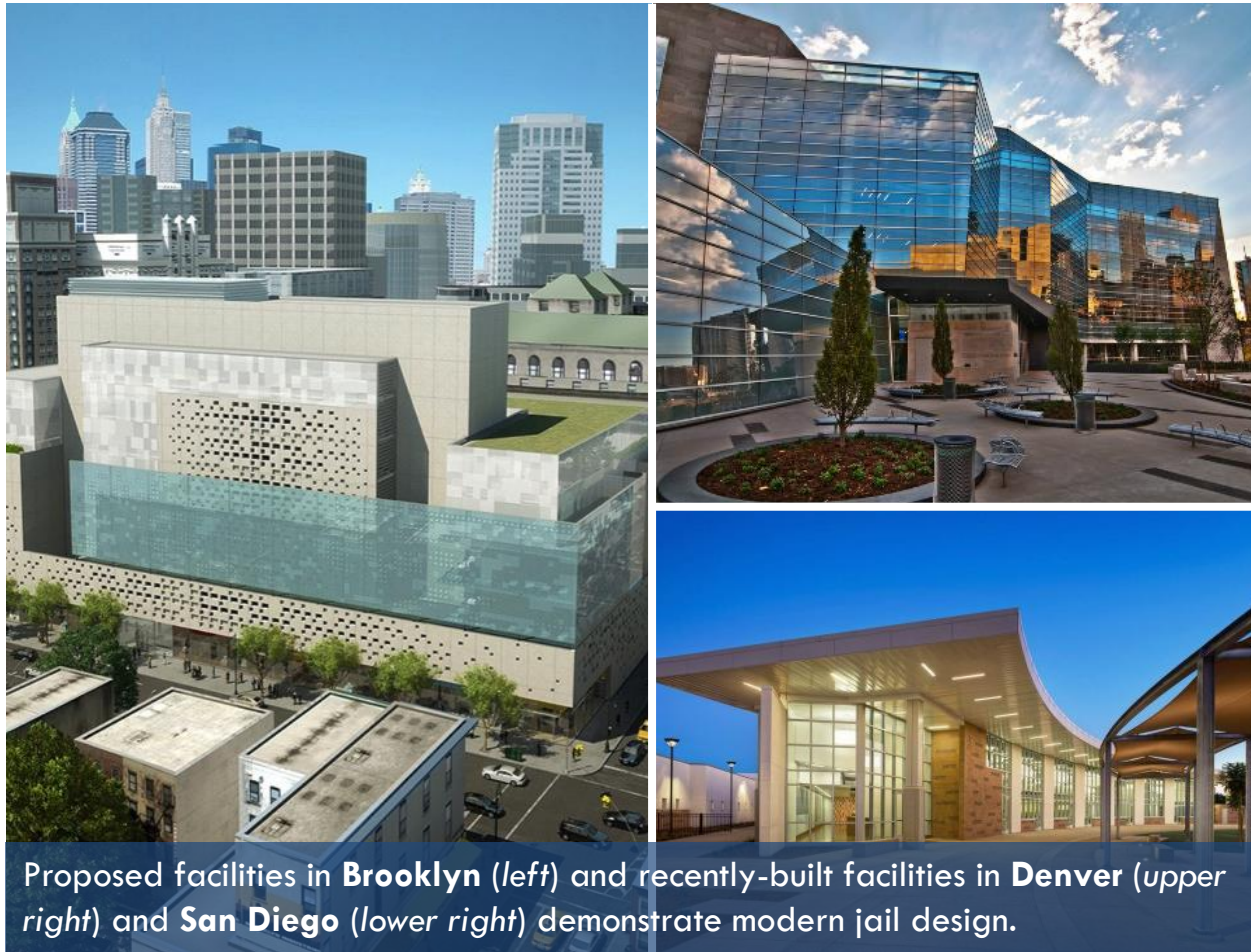
STATE OF THE ART TRAINING ACADEMY

Space to provide **essential tools for staff development**.

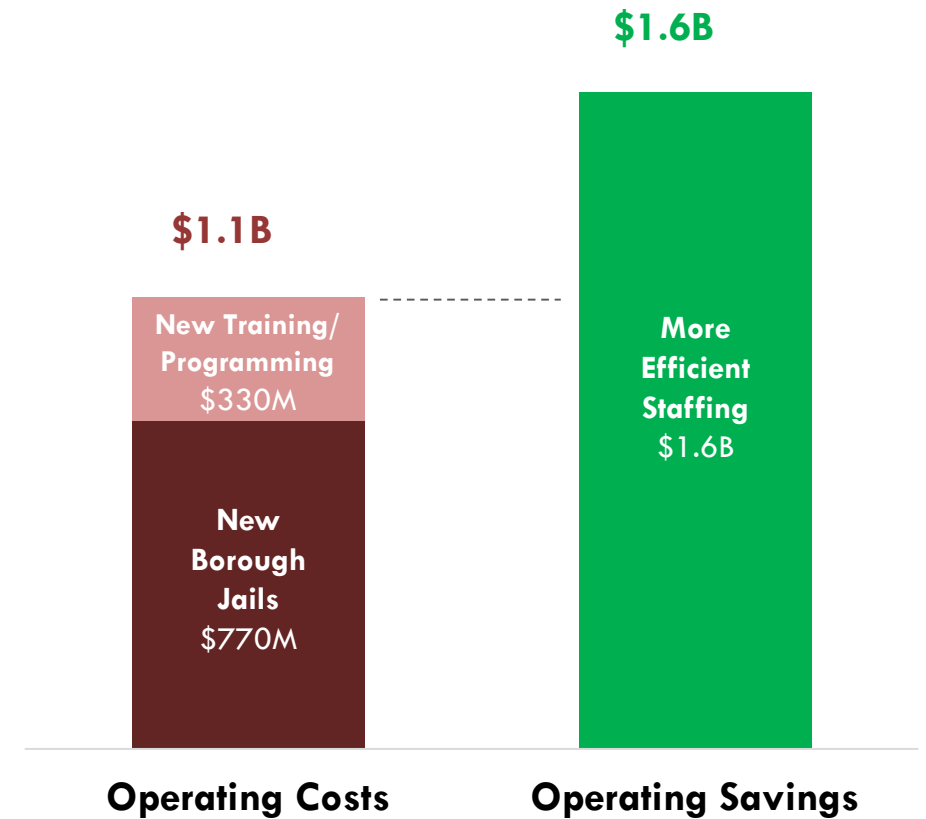
SUPPORT FACILITIES

Most built internal to facilities to **limit movement and reduce cost**.

Borough-based jail facilities with proximity to courthouses and state-of-the-art design can save \$540 million annually through more efficient operations.



Annual Costs and Savings for New Jail System



Concept 1 | Rikers Island is strategically positioned to support regional growth by accommodating an **expanded LaGuardia Airport** and **green infrastructure**.

