

Reentry Council

of the City & County of San Francisco

(San Francisco Administrative Code 5.1)

Reentry Council Subcommittee Fact Sheet

Subcommittee members are appointed by the Reentry Council Co-Chairs (Admin. Code Sec. 5.1-3(d)). In its first year, the Reentry Council established five Subcommittees, and the Council Co-Chairs have set out the following processes and requirements for those subcommittees and their members.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Subcommittee members will serve a term of one year. The first term expires in November, 2010.
- Following the rules of attendance for members of the full Reentry Council, in the event that any Subcommittee member misses two scheduled Subcommittee meetings in a twelve-month period without prior notification to staff, the Subcommittee member may be removed from the Subcommittee. Anyone may attend, and participate in, any meeting of any Subcommittee.
- Subcommittee meetings require a quorum in order to conduct official business. The Subcommittee chairperson and staff will determine at what point, upon failing to reach a quorum, a meeting will be continued to the next scheduled meeting date. Typically, the Chairperson and staff will wait no longer than 15 minutes for late arrivals before formally continuing the meeting.
- The Subcommittee Chairs have developed a list of “Ground Rules.” Subcommittee members are expected to familiarize themselves with the list and to conduct themselves accordingly. Ground Rules are listed below.
- Anyone interested in providing written input to a meeting may do so by submitting their input to the Subcommittee by the time the proceedings begin. These comments will be made a part of the official public record, and brought to the attention of the Subcommittee. Written comments should be submitted to: Jessica Flintoft, Reentry Policy Director, Reentry Council/Office of the Public Defender, 555 7th Street, San Francisco, CA 94102, or via email at reentry.council@sfgov.org.
- All subcommittee and Reentry Council meetings are public, and are open to anyone. Attendance is encouraged regardless of membership status.

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Reentry Council Subcommittee Meeting Ground Rules

- We treat each other with respect.
- Only one person speaks at a time.
- No sidebar conversations or distractions.
- The Parking Lot is for issues to be addressed at another time.
- The Facilitator keeps the group on the agenda.
- A Timekeeper keeps track of individual speaking time.

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Overview of the Subcommittees

Subcommittee on Civil Rights & Civic Engagement of Formerly Incarcerated People
Subject areas include collateral impacts of criminal records, accessing government-issued identification, voting rights, civic participation.

Subcommittee on Self-Sufficiency of Currently & Formerly Incarcerated Individuals
Subject areas include education (all levels), employment training, placement, and retention, financial obligations, and public benefits.

Subcommittee on Health & Well Being of Currently & Formerly Incarcerated Individuals
Subject areas include temporary & permanent housing, physical & behavioral health, and supportive services.

Subcommittee on Welfare & Safety of Families, Victims, & Communities Subject areas include children & families of currently and formerly incarcerated people, communities to which people are returning, and victims of returning offenders.

Subcommittee on Community Justice & Alternatives to Incarceration Subject areas include collaborative courts, diversion, sentencing, early release, probation, and parole.