



# Data-Driven Approach to Protecting Public Safety, Improving and Expanding Rehabilitative Treatment and Services, and Advancing Equity through Alternatives to Incarceration

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## Advisory Group Meeting

May 2022

# Guidelines for Virtual Advisory Group Meetings

- Meetings are open to the public and being recorded.
- Only Advisory Group members and SANDAG staff will be able to speak due to the focus of these meetings.
- If you would like to speak, please raise your hand. If you agree with what another member is saying, you can use other icons to share this approval.
- Please note that we value your opinions but may need to move conversations along to ensure all the meeting topics are covered.

# Meeting Agenda

- Open Sharing by Advisory Group Members (4:00-4:10)
- Review of Project Scope and Role of Advisory Group (4:10-4:20)
- Discussion of Advisory Group Interaction and Engagement Moving Forward (4:20-4:40)
- Update on Community Survey to Date (4:40-4:50)
- Overview of Initial Interim Report, Written Feedback Submitted to Date, and Recommendations Related to Current Data and Need for Additional Research (4:50-5:20)
- Update on Project Timeline (5:20-5:30)



# Open Sharing by Advisory Group Members

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# Review of Project Scope and Role of Advisory Group

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# Project Scope and Advisory Group

- October 19, 2021, [Board of Supervisor's item \(#3\)](#) was very specific on the scope of work to be conducted.
  - “Contractor shall conduct the analyses and reviews described in the Statement of Work in consultation with and considering the input of public safety partners and community-based stakeholders”.
- What the Advisory Group was envisioned doing:
  - Sharing thoughts on data collection (e.g., input on community survey)
  - Interpreting data as it is compiled and shared and making recommendations to SANDAG based on the data, including need for future research



# Discussion of Advisory Group Interaction and Engagement Moving Forward

4:20-4:40

# Questions for the Advisory Group

- Do virtual meetings work for you, or would you like to see some type of hybrid?
- What recommendations would you make for how Advisory Group meetings could best be formatted, including standing agenda items?
- What recommendations would you make for how feedback is requested outside Advisory Group meetings?
- Do you have any other suggestions or comments for how the Advisory Group can best support this project?





# Update on Community Survey to Date

4:40-4:50

## Community Survey Engagement Plan

-Press Outreach, SANDAG Region Newsletter, and County Distribution

-Social Media

-Advisory & Working Group Assistance

-Outreach to detention facilities and Probation offices

-Outreach through County libraries and parks

-Snowballing distribution through other groups/organizations

Bike to Work Day



SANDAG invites San Diego County residents to share their thoughts on the County's justice system and public safety. The anonymous survey includes questions about being the victim of a crime, being incarcerated, and how public safety efforts can be improved.

**We want to hear your thoughts about public safety and alternatives to incarceration!**

Survey Available: **May 6–27, 2022**



To participate and help improve local public safety, please scan this QR Code, visit [SANDAG.org/ATISstudy](https://www.sandag.org/ATISstudy) or call **(619) 595-1320**.



SANDAG invita a residentes del Condado de San Diego a compartir sus opiniones sobre el sistema de justicia del condado y la seguridad pública. La encuesta anónima incluye preguntas sobre ser víctima de un crimen, estar encarcelado y cómo pueden mejorar los esfuerzos de la seguridad pública.

**Nos gustaría conocer su opinión sobre la seguridad pública y alternativas al encarcelamiento!**

Encuesta Disponible:  
**del 6 al 27 de mayo de 2022**



Para participar y ayudar a mejorar la seguridad pública local, por favor escanee este código QR, visite [SANDAG.org/ATISstudy](https://www.sandag.org/ATISstudy) o llame al **(619) 595-1320**.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

## Have opinions about public safety in San Diego County? SANDAG wants to hear them.

Community survey seeks input about alternatives to incarceration, other public safety matters

BY LYNSAY WINKLEY  
MAY 19, 2022 5 AM PT

The San Diego Association of Governments is asking the public to participate in a survey designed to gather opinions on the

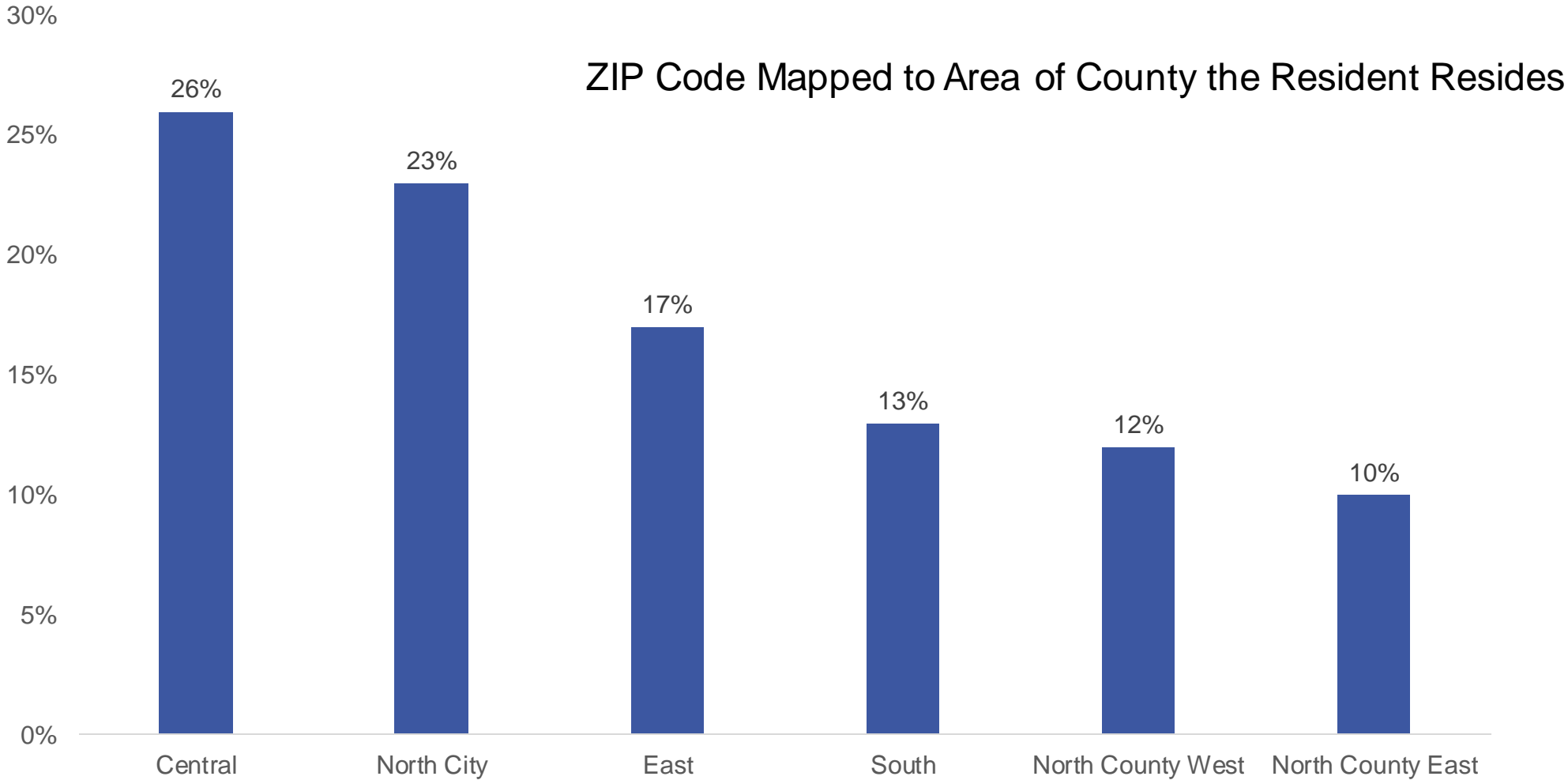
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# 1,601 Surveys Returned to Date

- Does not include paper surveys being collected by County staff
- Deadline may be extended to June 3, 2022
- 11% previously incarcerated and 34% say a family member has been
- 55% female; mean age of 50 years old
- 21% Hispanic/Latino/Latina, 7% Black/African-American, 7% Asian, 11% other
- 31% Bachelor's degree and 42% graduate degree

# Preliminary Quick Look at Who Has Returned Surveys





# Initial Interim Report, Written Feedback Submitted to Date, and Recommendations Related to Current Data and Need for Additional Research

4:50-5:20

# Research Questions

Answered	Answered with Proxy	Could Not be Answered
How bookings changed by charge level, charge type, & demographics	How jail population changed by proportions who were sentenced or unsentenced	Whether someone who was booked was sentenced or unsentenced or by race/ethnicity
How length of stay varied over time, by reason, & by race/ethnicity	Where individuals booked lived around the region	Length of stay by mental health status
Receipt of services prior to first tracked booking & by race*	Underlying need related to housing status, substance use, and mental health	
Policy drivers of decreased booking numbers		
Crime trends in San Diego County		

*\*Not answered in the Initial Interim Report but will be for the next report.*

# 20 Charges Make Up Four-Fifths of All Bookings Pre-COVID (80%) and During COVID (78%)

Alcohol/Drug	Violent	Property	Violations
<b>Disorderly conduct involving drugs/alcohol (12%/13%)</b>	<b>Domestic violence (5%/9%)</b>	Burglary	Flash incarceration
<b>Possession of non-narcotic drug (12%/2%)</b>	<b>Battery on significant other (5%/7%)</b>	Vehicle theft	Violation of parole
<b>DUI alcohol/drugs (10%/12%)</b>	Assault with a deadly weapon	Vandalism over \$400	Probation violation
<b>Under the influence (5%/6%)</b>	Violate domestic violence order		
Possession of narcotic drug	Obstruct/resist police officer		
Possession of controlled substance for sale	Assault with force		
Possession of drug paraphernalia			
DUI alcohol			

*Bold indicates top 6 charges with the % Pre-COVID and During COVID shown*



# Take Aways

Data	Take Away
<p>Almost 2 in 5 bookings include an alcohol or other drug related charge &amp; majority of individuals booked have recently used a drug</p> <p>At least 1 in 3 report some mental health issue</p>	<p>Explore opportunities to expand or implement programs to better address underlying needs</p>
<p>Most individuals are in jail for less than 3 days</p>	<p>Research best practices and programs for options to incarceration that would be more cost-effective</p>
<p>The median length of stay for individuals with a property crime did not decrease and more individuals with a property offense have history of housing instability</p>	<p>Explore if the length of detention for this population can be decreased and how to best meet housing needs of those who are face housing instability</p>

# Take Aways

Data	Take Away
Most individuals who are incarcerated are there because of a felony and not a misdemeanor	Regardless of alternatives to incarceration for low level offenders, part of continued reform needs to focus on these individuals and what is needed for successful reentry
Challenges obtaining valid and reliable data to answer questions of interest	Answer questions with available data, make recommendations regarding data requirements, and work with the County on goals and timelines

# Advisory Group Discussion

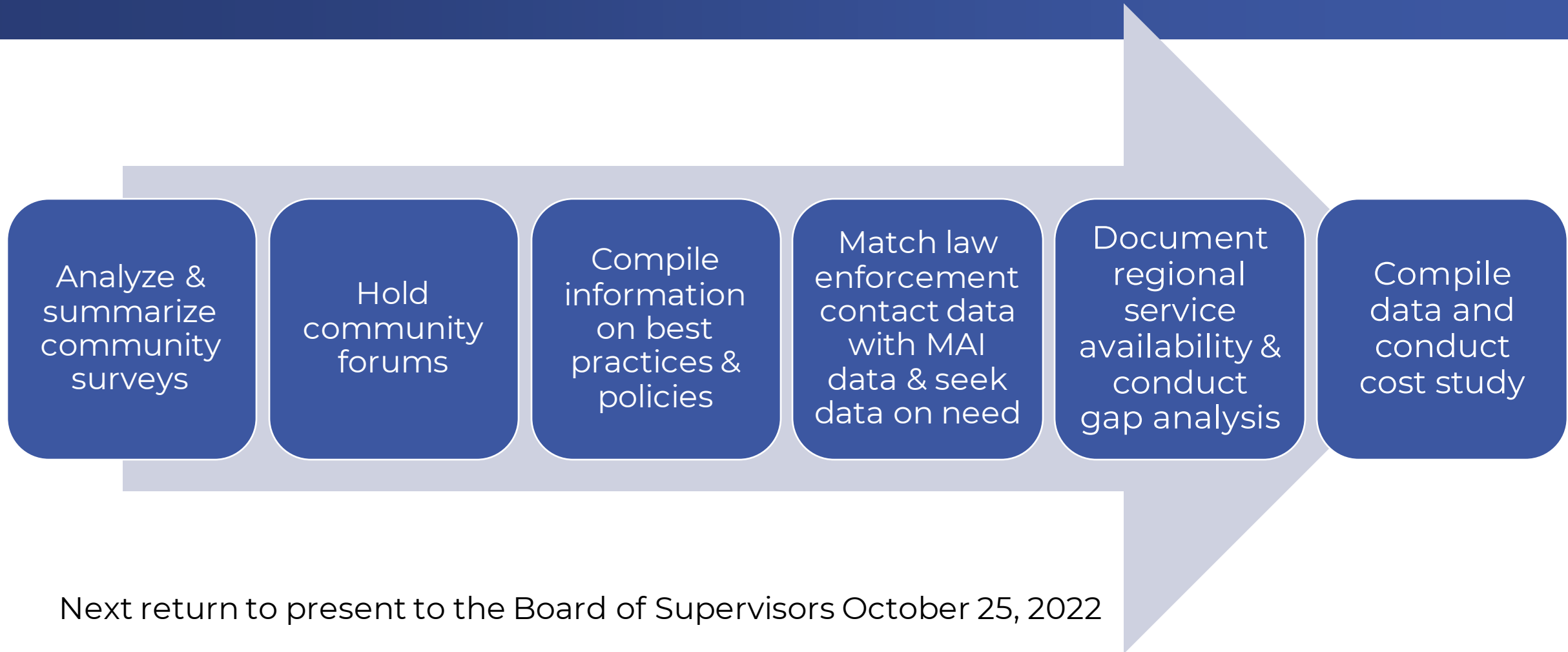
*Any Recommendations Related to  
Current Data, Comments Shared, and  
Need for Additional Research?*



# Update on Project Timeline

5:20-5:30

# Next Steps



# Upcoming Advisory Group Meetings

- June – date TBD – discuss Community Survey
- July – attend Community Forum(s) – dates TBD
- August and September – review other data compiled to date (e.g., desistence, needs assessment, cost analysis)

**Thank you!**

**SANDAG**