

# Santa Clara County Juvenile Justice Commission

## Resolution on Disproportionality in the Juvenile Justice System

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Whereas system penetration is correlated with harm to youth and society;

Whereas justice system contact often begins in the child welfare system;

Whereas after more than two decades of intense commitment, effort, and collaboration among many system partners, both government and non-profit, racial disproportionality in the system has increased (despite a laudable decrease in absolute numbers);

IT IS RESOLVED that the JJC shall support and actively promote initiatives fostering healthier ecosystems for our children, to disrupt the prison pipeline upstream of the dependency and justice systems, by advocating:

- Public and private investment in an organic community restoration and empowerment paradigm (reducing the need for enforcement and system services)
- Collective advancement of community-led, strength-based approaches centered in our communities and schools.

Adopted November 5, 2019

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Ron Hansen, Chair