



# Sentencing Commission

## Advancing Public Safety and Utilizing Best Practices

The San Francisco Sentencing Commission, an initiative of the SFDA, was created through local legislation to:

1. Analyze sentencing patterns and outcomes
2. Advise the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and other City departments on the best approaches to reduce recidivism
3. Make recommendations for sentencing reforms that advance public safety and utilize best practices in criminal justice.

## Multidepartment Representation

The commission, which launched in 2012, includes representation from the SFDA, Public Defender's Office, Adult Probation Department, Juvenile Probation Department, Sheriff's Department, Police Department, Department of Public Health, Reentry Council, Superior Court, nonprofits serving both victims and ex-offenders, a sentencing expert, and an academic researcher with expertise in data analysis.

## 3 Working Groups

To date, the Sentencing Commission has reviewed a wide array of data and heard from experts on a range of issues, including: local, state and national sentencing trends and legislative reform; models for recidivism reduction; young adult offenders; drug law reform opportunities; and others.

Ultimately, through this work, the commission will make recommendations that establish a sentencing system that retains meaningful judicial discretion, avoids unwarranted disparity, recognizes the most efficient and effective use of correctional resources, and provides a meaningful array of sentencing options.

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The Sentencing Commission has held **18** hearings since its launch in 2012

**13** members representing City Agencies, non-profit organizations, and sentencing and criminal justice research experts serve on the Commission

Generated action oriented recommendations resulting in successful program and policy implementation