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The Juvenile Hall Advisory Board (JHAB) declares and recommends the following to the Public Safety and Justice Committee and Board of Supervisors:

- The JHAB recognizes the commitment of Commissioners past and present to the Juvenile Detention Reform effort, as well as the significant contributions this Board has made to that endeavor since its creation;
- Commencing in 2008, the JHAB has struggled to find a unique voice to contribute to ongoing JDR efforts. Additionally, simple tasks such as reaching quorum and meeting committee work plan goals have become a challenge;
- The JHAB at this time recommends the disbandment of the JHAB because its efforts are duplicative of other vibrant efforts in Juvenile Detention Reform;
- The JHAB stresses the importance of parent, community and community based organizations (CBO) to the success of ongoing Juvenile Detention Reform efforts;
- The JHAB strongly urges CBO and community involvement in ongoing JDR efforts including the Juvenile Justice Systems Collaborative and Juvenile Justice Commission.; and
- The JHAB urges the Board of Supervisors to formalize connections between the JJSC and JJC.