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FJP Statement on Long Overdue Cash Bail Reforms in Los Angeles County

LOS ANGELES – [Fair and Just Prosecution](#) Executive Director Miriam Krinsky issued the following statement in response to the Los Angeles Superior Court’s implementation of a new bail system known as [Pre-Arrest Release Protocols \(PARP\)](#):

“This month, the Los Angeles Superior Court implemented changes to its bail schedule that will promote equity, fairness and public safety.

The research driving these changes is crystal clear – reforming cash bail does not jeopardize public safety and has actually been shown to *decrease* crime. That is not surprising when we consider that even short periods of pretrial detention have been shown to destabilize people and [increase their likelihood](#) of future criminal activity. Indeed, from New Jersey to Kentucky to Texas, we’ve seen that crime rates and rearrest rates consistently [stay stable or decline](#) in jurisdictions that pursue bail reform and move away from conditioning pretrial release on the size of someone’s bank account. And here in Los Angeles – where a similar bail schedule to what the court implemented was used during the pandemic – LAPD data showed [decreased crime rates](#).

We cannot let fear-mongering derail these long overdue reforms. Those opposed to common sense bail reform want you to believe that it will lead to increases in violent crime. But the system they seek to maintain allows rich people accused of violent crimes to buy their freedom and be back on the streets while poor people accused of nonviolent misdemeanors are forced to languish in the county jails where at least [37 people](#) have died this year. If those sounding the alarm about bail reform truly cared about public safety solutions, they would support the sound changes embraced by the Superior Court. Instead, we see them peddling misinformation intended to preserve a system that further destabilizes individuals and communities.

We commend the leaders in Los Angeles who are working towards a more fair and equitable criminal legal system, and we hope all members of our community will put people above politics and work together to craft proven solutions that promote safer and healthier communities.”

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