

# THIS IS HOW WE WILL #CLOSErikers by 2024!

## 1. SHRINK the jail system & improve conditions

From the current  
**12** New York City jails

To **4** proposed facilities  
citywide and a demolished  
Rikers jail complex  
(including The Boat)

From capacity to hold  
**15,000** people  
citywide

To capacity to hold less than  
**3,000** people citywide

From **10,600**  
correctional officers  
working in toxic,  
punitive roles

To a just transition with  
new living wage jobs  
that will support healing  
programs and communities  
across the city

From an isolated  
toxic landfill

To community-based  
facilities near family,  
services, courts, and  
lawyers, where supportive  
programs are prioritized

## 2. DECARCERATE New Yorkers

There are currently 7,800 people in New York City jails - the lowest population since the 1980s.

The proposed borough-based plan would result in 6,000 beds.

We believe we can decarcerate to less than 3,000 people in the next five years:

Decarceration Strategies	People Freed
<b>#FREEnewyork pretrial overhaul (bail, discovery, and speedy trial)</b> <small>*We will push for the options in Albany that guarantee release of as many people as possible with a focus on eliminating race- and poverty-based jailing.</small>	<b>Approx. *3,700 people</b>
<b>Diverting all people with serious mental health needs to treatment-focused settings</b>	<b>1,100 people</b>
<b>Replacing all city sentences (1 year or less) with alternatives</b>	<b>900 people</b>
<b>Revamp parole supervision system through #LessIsMoreNY campaign</b>	<b>Approx. 700 people</b>
<b>Decriminalization of gravity knife possession, sex work, turnstile jumping, and, for people on probation and parole, end testing for marijuana use</b>	<b>Approx. 100 people</b>
<b>Total</b> <small>*These strategies overlap in many cases, resulting in this total #</small>	<b>Approx. 5,000 people</b>

Sources: New York City Open Data and Vera Institute of Justice

## 3. #buildCOMMUNITIES

Closing Rikers and shrinking the criminal legal system and jail capacity will save the City at least **\$1.6 Billion dollars annually**. Additionally, we propose reallocating funds from the **\$7.3 Billion** now budgeted for the Department of Corrections, NYPD, Department of Probation, and District Attorneys – to fully resource community needs.

Our #buildCOMMUNITIES platform for justice reinvestment was built with directly impacted members, neighbors, and more than 30 partner organizations to demand investments that promote strong communities.

To learn more visit [closerikers.org](https://closerikers.org) and [bit.ly/buildCOMMUNITIES](https://bit.ly/buildCOMMUNITIES)

**##CLOSERikers #buildCOMMUNITIES**

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