

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
#FREEnewyork pretrial overhaul (bail, discovery, and speedy trial) *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.	Approx. *3,700 people
Diverting all people with serious mental health needs to treatment-focused settings	1,100 people
Replacing all city sentences (1 year or less) with alternatives	900 people
Revamp parole supervision system through #LessIsMoreNY campaign	Approx. 700 people
Decriminalization of gravity knife possession, sex work, turnstile jumping, and, for people on probation and parole, end testing for marijuana use	Approx. 100 people
Total *These strategies overlap in many cases, resulting in this total #	Approx. 5,000 people

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 and jlusa.org/buildCOMMUNITIES

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