

SAFETY AND JUSTICE CHALLENGE

Closing Remarks

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Convening themes revisited

Jail Populations Are Down

Since the initiative launched in 2016, SJC sites across the country have significantly reduced their jail populations.

SJC sites collectively reduced their jail population by 24% since the start of the initiative, resulting in 18,097 fewer people held in jail on any given day. While progress varies across sites, 15 sites reduced their jail population by 15% or more.



Sustaining Progress

Transforming Systems

*"A democracy cannot thrive where **power** remains unchecked and **justice** is reserved for a select few. Ignoring these cries and failing to respond to this movement is simply not an option — for peace cannot exist where justice is not served."*

- John Lewis

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EQUITY**

**Engaging
COMMUNITIES**

**Transforming
SYSTEMS**