# Realigning Realignment: Outcomes and Performance Measures for the

## Long-Term Success of California's Criminal Justice Realignment

## I. Executive Summary

This policy and budgetary analysis addresses the problem of insufficient information on ongoing implementation of California's criminal justice realignment, and its long-term implications for public safety. The methodology used in this analysis is based on *The Eightfold Path to More Effective Problem Solving*, which led to the formulation of an analytical framework to identify outcomes and performance measures. The findings recommend four outcomes and six performance measures to understand the local impact of criminal justice realignment. The goal is to use outcomes and performance measures as a strategy to satisfy State and county public safety obligations to taxpayers, while effectively managing budget cuts and reducing the cost of public safety. This analysis was prepared for the California Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee and the California Senate Office of Research.



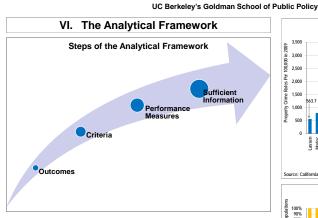
#### III. Research Question

How can policymakers identify outcomes and design a performance measurement system to evaluate the ongoing implementation of criminal justice realignment, and its long-term implications for public safety?

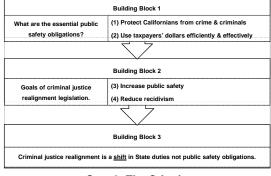
#### IV. Methodology

An analytical framework was developed based on *The Eightfold Path to More Effective Problem-Solving*. The analytical framework identified outcomes and performance measures to answer the research question. Quantitative data was collected from State statistical reports. Qualitative data was collected during interviews with State and county policymakers, experts, and analysts. A review of academic literature, State budget documents, and criminal justice legislation also informed this analysis.

V. Data Sources	
California Department of Justice	California Department of Finance
California Corrections Standards Authority	Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice



## Step 1: Identifying Outcomes

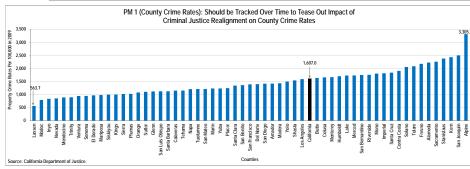


## Step 2: The Criteria

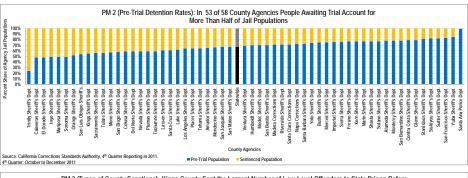
Correlation	Performance measure is correlated with outcome.
Data Availability & Quality	Data can be collected and is reliable.
Unintended Consequences	Likelihood a performance measure will create unintended incentives to manipulate data.
Implementation	What is the ease and cost of performance measure implementation?

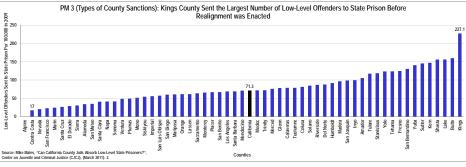
### Step 3: Identifying Performance Measures (PM)

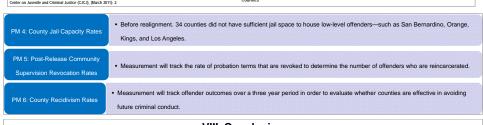




VII. Results







#### VIII. Conclusion

The performance measures recommended in this analysis will provide sufficient information on ongoing county implementation and the long-term implications for public safety. These performance measures are a strategy to efficiently meet state and county public safety obligations to taxpayers, while effectively managing budget cuts and reducing the cost of public safety.