

# Alternatives for the Juvenile Detention Center

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## Presenters

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## Objectives

- Review the current state of the Juvenile Detention Center
- Provide an overview of issues and challenges with the physical locations and their impact on residents and staff
- Discuss alternate options to consider
- Discuss the cost estimates and funding resources for this project.
- Review next steps and timeline for this project.

## County Goals



**Strengthen individual, family and community health, safety and well-being**  
through effective safety-net services, innovative programming, prevention and early intervention, and environmental stewardship.

## County Strategic Priorities

- ❖ *Residents First: Effective, Efficient and Accessible Operations*
- ❖ *Putting Well-being & Community at the Center of Justice System Transformation*

## Juvenile Detention Center



- 44-bed facility
- provides secure detention for males and females ages 10 through 17
- Youth of color comprise 92% of the Admissions (2021)
- Average length of stay – 16.2 days (2021)
- In 2022, of the 688 youth brought to the JDC, 460 were admitted
- 1 in 5 youth brought into JDC will stay 30 days or more

## Current Juvenile Detention Center – Concerns with Physical Plant



- Building does not meet best practices for juvenile detention
- Disjointed Layout - spread out over 4 floors
  - requires additional staff to ensure client safety and security
- The building needs significant updates.
  - Older structure and difficult to maintain
  - Rooms are dark and dungeon like.
  - Little natural light throughout the building
  - No green space.
  - No formal admissions area.
- Layout and location contributes to difficulty recruiting and retaining staff.
  - Metered parking for staff and families is challenging/prohibitive
  - Staff do not feel safe- assaults and other criminal activity outside the facility including theft from staff vehicles.
  - 70% staff turnover

## Option 1: 297 Century Ave

- Currently houses the Ramsey County Correctional Facility
- Newer Building and in better condition
  - There is more natural light.
  - There is ample green space for outdoor recreation.
  - Ample free parking for staff and families
  - Admissions area to keep incoming youth separate
- Safer environment for the youth and staff.
- Space to build diversion center
- Underutilized county space
- More opportunity to utilize best practices for youth detention
- Improved space for youth, staff and community



## Cost Estimates – 297 Century Avenue

<b>297 Century Planning (preliminary)</b>			
	SF	\$/SF	
First Floor	15,500	500	\$7,750,000
Second Floor	15,500	500	\$7,750,000
Roof/mechanical/sitework			\$3,875,000
Fencing			\$500,000
Gym (new)			\$3,000,000
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$22,875,000</b>
Contingency (20%)			\$4,575,000
Escalation to 2025 (20%)			\$4,575,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$32,025,000</b>

*\* Provided by Ramsey County Property Management*

## Option 2 – New Build?

*Opportunity to employ the most up to date best practices in juvenile detention*



## Estimated Timeline for Redesigned Juvenile Detention Center

Q2 2023	Community Engagement and selection of Pre-design Company
Q3 2023	Pre-design completed
Q3 – Q4 2023	Communication & Community Engagement
Q1 2024	Design-Build RFP & Award
Q2 2024	Design
Q4 2024 - Q1 2026	Construction

# Questions?



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