

Date: May 9, 2022

To: Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)

Fr: Laura Valdes, District Attorney Victim Services Program Manager

Re: Baseline of Victim Satisfaction Surveys

Background

CCP Victims' Rights workplan declared the importance of the victim notification and the need to identify a baseline measure to monitor the effectiveness of the victim notification process. This was to include victim populations affected by PRCS and 1170(h) populations.

Updates

In 2016, CCP approved and granted a victim advocate be added to the Victim Services Program, dedicated to serving our community affected by PRCS and 1170(h) offenders. The District Attorney Victim Satisfaction Survey was then modified to, not only capture the relevant information to assist the district attorney's office ensure victims were satisfied with the criminal justice experience, but also to document and develop a baseline for victims created by PRCS and 1170(h) populations.

This victim advocate expanded to not only cover the forementioned crime types but also absorbed further modifications created by realignment such as, Non-violent second strikers; Prop 57; expedited releases, new parole programs, Restorative Justice Program victim accompaniment, DRC trainings; executive clemency notifications and re-sentencings, amongst other duties. This was to ensure no victim was left behind as California law continues to be realigned. All Victims are provided the survey once the case has been sentenced and is encouraged to complete it to allow the District attorney's office knowledge of where changes are needed.

The baseline results reflect not just the original crime type established, but all crime types absorbed by the CCP advocate.

Next Steps/Recommendations

Based on the results and outcomes no next steps or recommendations will be sought at this time.