



To: Board of Supervisors. re: Justice for Violent Crime

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Criminal Justice via Civil Court System

Why aren't criminal justice penalties (jail/prison) available through the civil court system?

Can the City Council pass a law that allows people the option of misdemeanor level criminal justice penalties (jail/prison) available through the civil court system?

Having criminal justice penalties (jail/prison) available through the civil court system would greatly improve the lives of many women and children. A law allowing people and attorneys the direct right to misdemeanor criminal charges would result in a greater level of justice for all including those in the prisons.

FUNDING: The costs of this legislation could be supported by a small reasonable taxes on:

- 1) Attorney Organizations and/Attorneys
- 2) Entertainment Associations/ Sports Organizations and members
- 3) Medical Organizations and licensed MD's

These changes would allow people and attorneys to bring misdemeanor criminal charges that now are limited to approval by the Criminal Court System Attorneys. This could result in the crime rate and violences against women and children greatly decreasing.

1) Many crimes against people (especially women and children) that should result in criminal penalties including jail/prison are generally not brought to justice through the civil system. This is because criminal penalties including jail/prison are generally not available through the civil system. This is found especially in Family Court. The ability of an individual or attorney to bring a simple complaint through the civil court system for violence or crimes that results in criminal penalties (jail/prison) is missing.

2) The ability of licenced professionals (Teachers, Social Workers, Physicians/ Nurses, Security Guards, Prison Correctional Officers) or their attorneys to

bring a simple complaint through the civil court system that can result in criminal penalties (jail/prison) against a business/organization they work for that follows policies that violate the rights of people the business provides services for would greatly improve businesses and organizations -- especially the closed institutions of nursing homes and prisons

3) With a judge and small jury (3 jurors) the misdemeanor criminal court could also have the ability to refer the serious cases for mandatory felony charges to the District Attorney's Office.