



Justice Reinvestment

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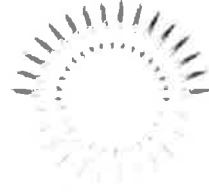
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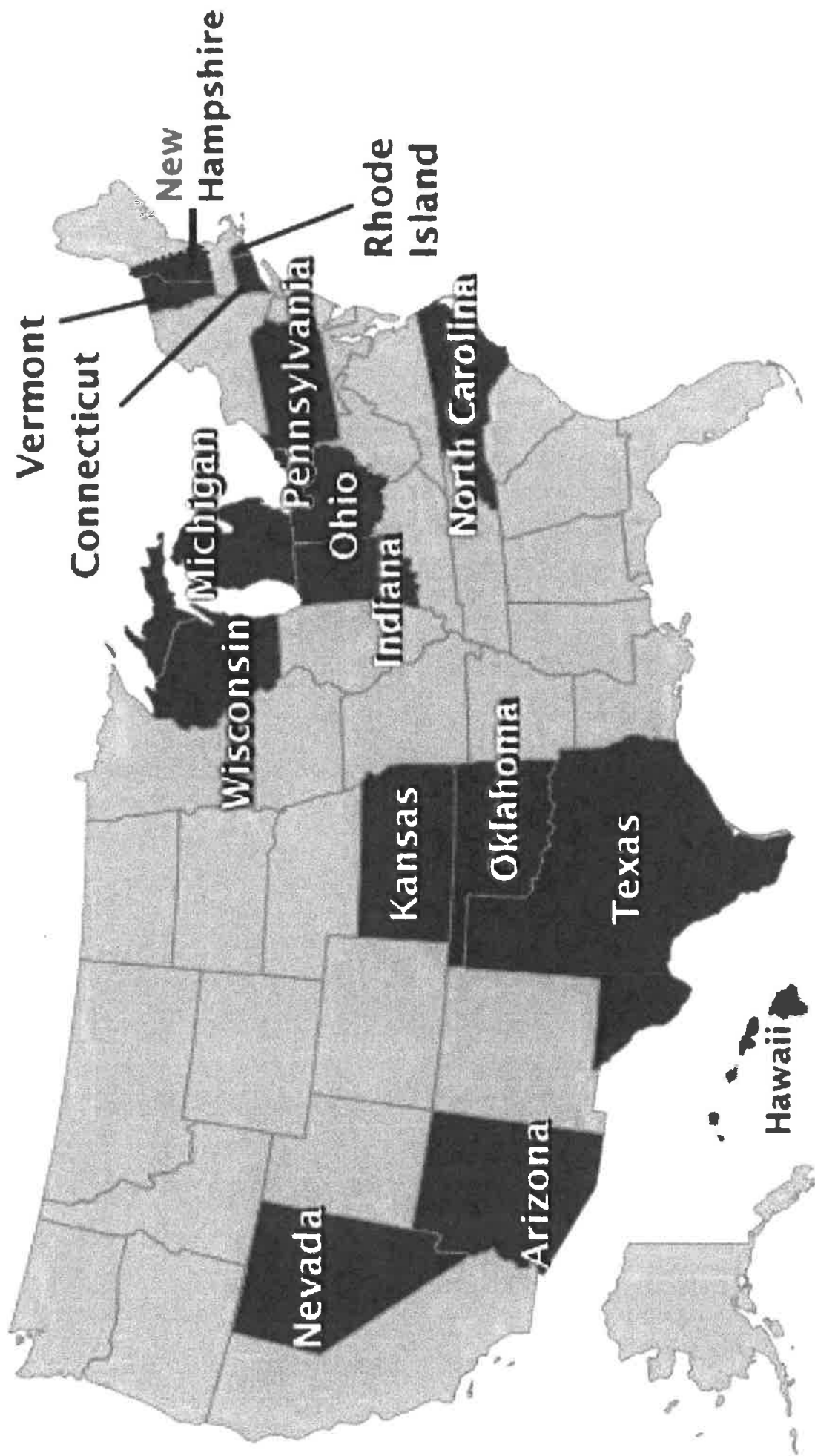
Funders and Partners

Justice Reinvestment

*a data-driven approach to reduce corrections spending
and reinvest savings in strategies that can
decrease crime and strengthen neighborhoods.*



Public Safety
Performance
Project



Justice Reinvestment Strategy

Bipartisan, inter-branch, bicameral structure

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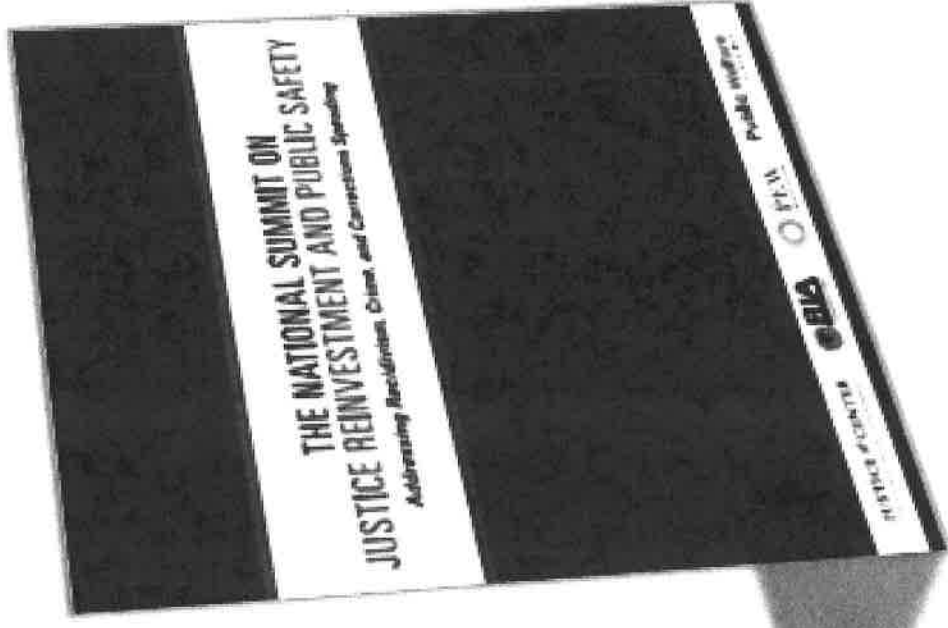
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Improved Public Safety Outcomes and Reduced Costs is Possible if Policies are Designed Correctly



1. Focus on the people most likely to commit more crime
2. Use programs proven to work & ensure they are high quality
3. Deploy supervision policies and practices that balance sanctions and treatment
4. Target places where crime and recidivism rates are the highest

Probation Reform Strategy



Better Identify Risks

Target Supervision

Swift and Certain

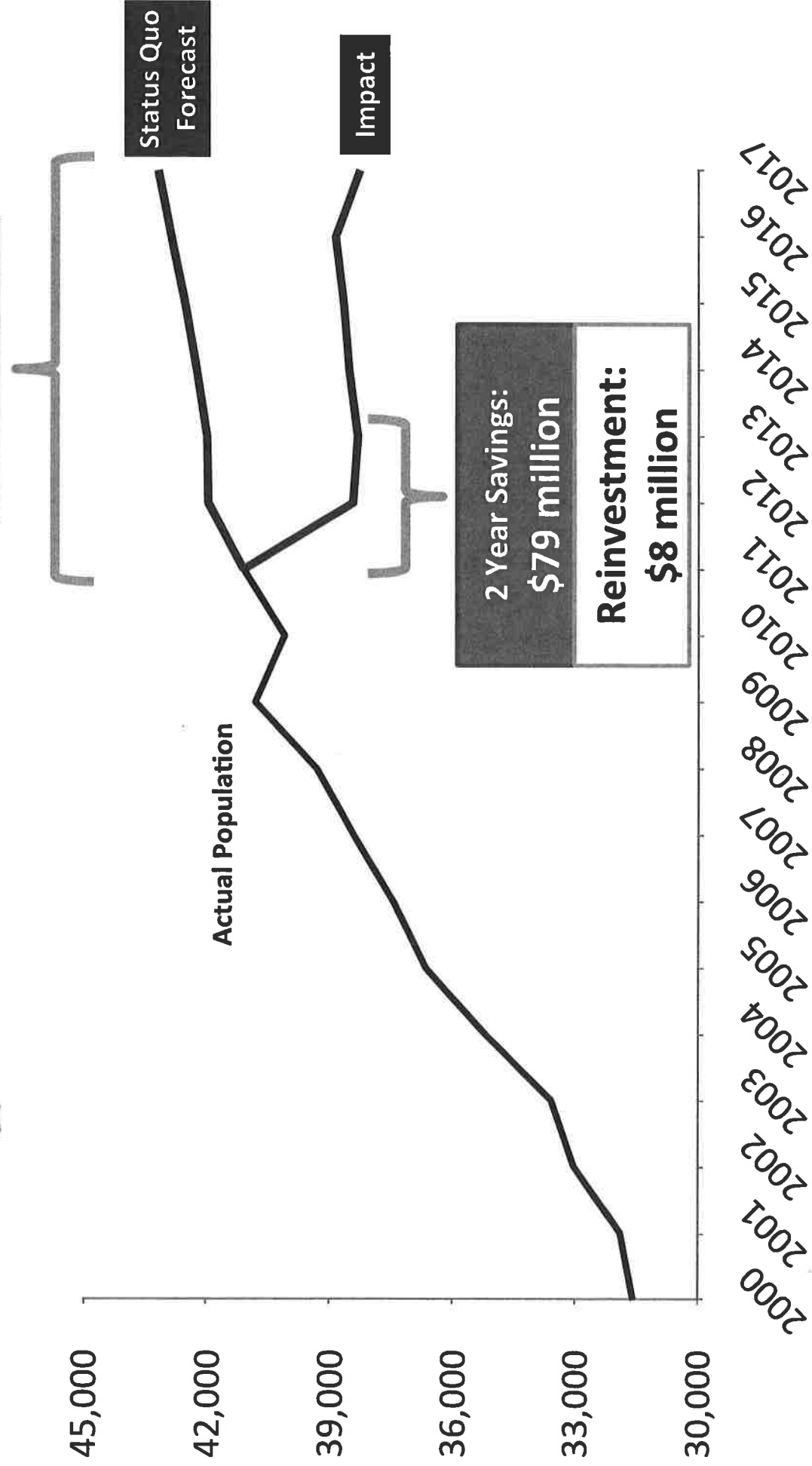
Accountability

State governments are facing BIG challenges

Budget Shortfall

Prison Population Growth Projected







4 Year Savings: \$78 million

Reinvestment: \$20 million



What *kind* of
technical assistance effort
did this require?



*Comprehensive data analysis included an examination
of 10 years of sentencing records*

17 months

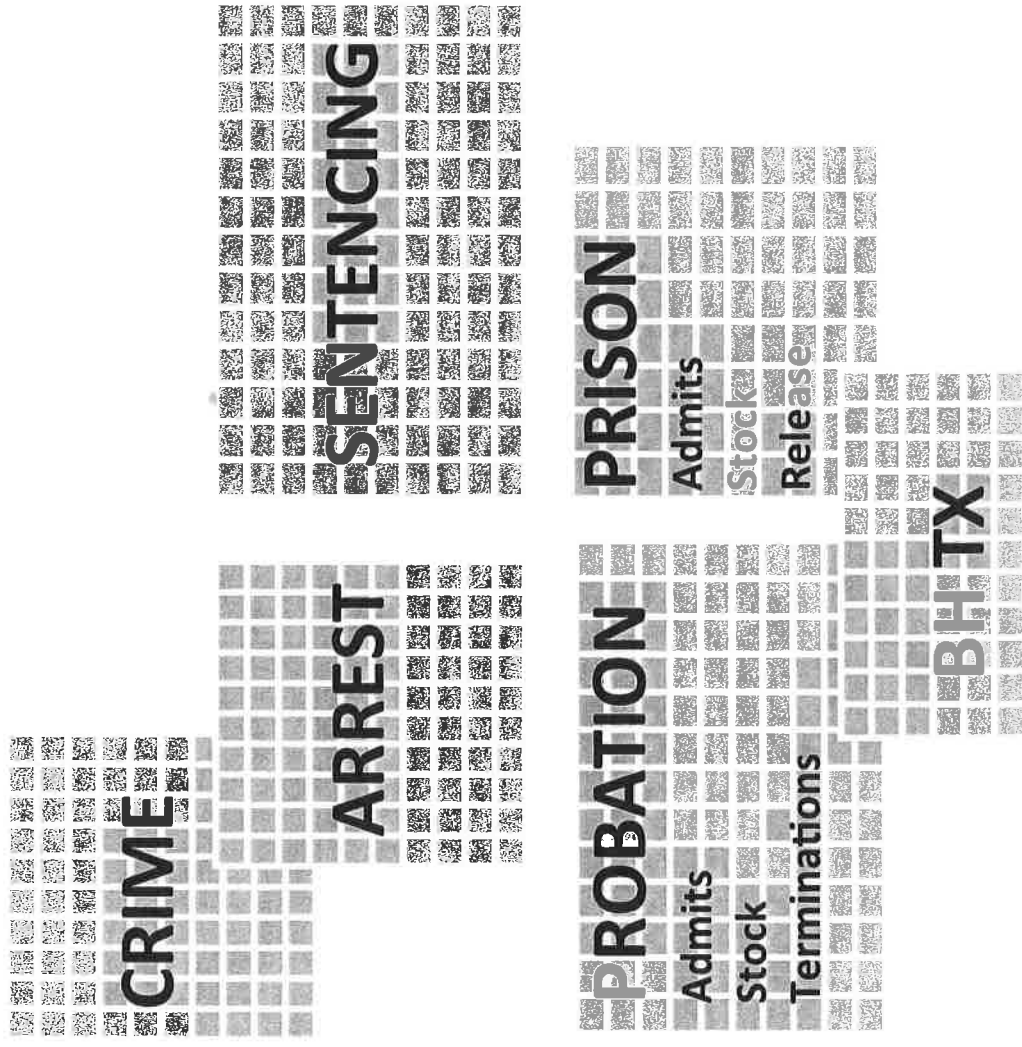
\$608,000

> 19 site visits

82 in-person meetings
(with state officials/stakeholders
in the last 12 months)

6 data sets x 5-10 yrs

~1275 hours of
data analysis





Engagement, Consultation, and Improved Collaboration

Prosecutors

Judges

Crime Commission

Sheriffs

Department of Corrections

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Victim Advocates

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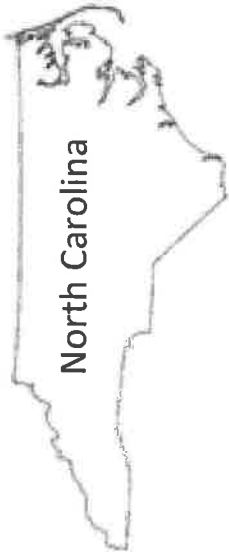
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Community Advocates

Treatment Providers

Dept. of Substance Abuse and
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Working with state policymakers required navigating a
completely different political landscape in 2011

Control of the
House & Senate

D → R

First time since
1898

2
published reports

9+
newspaper articles

4+
newspaper
editorials

Prison reform would be smart and save money

By Journal Editorial Staff, March 01, 2011

“We can save millions of dollars and make our streets safer, the researchers determined.”

“Some of our prison sentences are too harsh, others too lax and some of our sentencing and imprisonment policies are either out-of-date or counterproductive.”

House approves bill aimed at reducing prison population

By Josh Ellis, June 2, 2011

State House lawmakers advanced a bill that supporters say will reduce the state prison population and deter probation violations. The House tentatively passed the measure with a vote of 107-9.

... “The focus of [the bill] is not letting more people out of prison,” said Eddie Caldwell, a lobbyist for the N.C. Sheriffs Association. “It is keeping people from committing the violations that are sending them to prison.”



A bi-partisan group of policymakers from all three branches, as well as stakeholder groups, helped the approach in Ohio succeed despite huge changes in leadership

21 months

\$673,000

> 36 site visits

95 in-person meetings
(with state officials/stakeholders
in the last 12 months)

7 data sets x 5 years

~1070 hours of
data analysis

Governor



House Control

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DRC Directors

Collins > Moore > Mohr





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Ohio's multiple media markets generated numerous press inquires, positive coverage, and editorials in support

3

published reports

30+

newspaper articles

13+

newspaper
editorials

Dayton Daily News

State probation, parole system needs overhaul, a report says

Akron
Beacon,
Journal

Prisoner of soaring costs

Will Ohio finally curb its expanding and expensive prison system?

The Columbus Dispatch

Ohio House passes bill to save \$78 million in annual state prison costs

Key Takeaways

About Current State JR Efforts

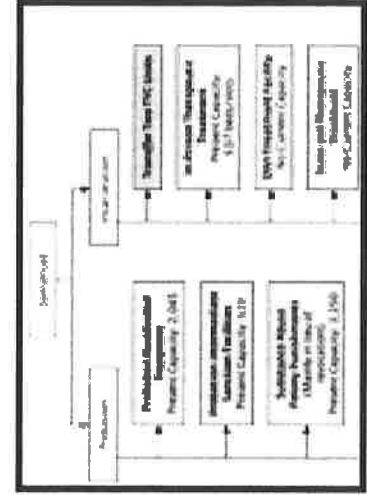
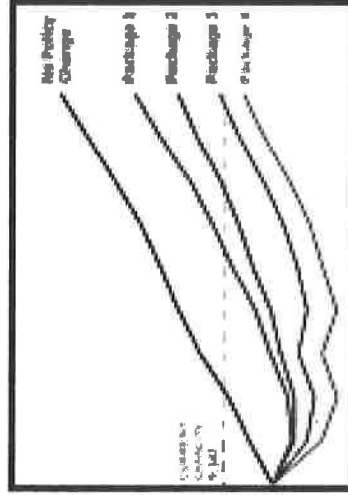
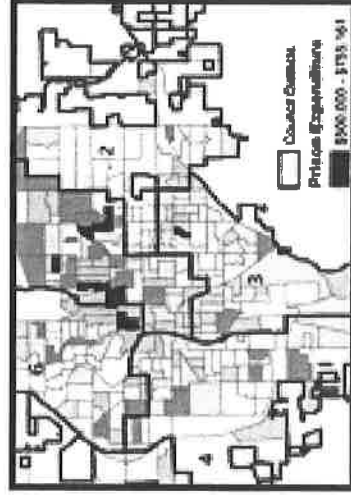
Intensity of the
approach

Focus on improving
public safety

Policies adopted
that benefit
all counties

Reinvesting, but
also improving how
\$ are spent

Comprehensiveness
of policy options



Thank You

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