

# Lancaster County Bail Reform Coalition

## A SURVEY

We advocate for fair and equitable bail processes and research-supported alternatives to cash bail. Thank you for participating in this survey. Your input will inform and help guide our advocacy.

Participant name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Every individual facing the possibility of incarceration should be represented by a private attorney or public defender during a preliminary arraignment.

\_\_\_ **Strongly agree** \_\_\_ **Agree somewhat** \_\_\_ **Disagree somewhat** \_\_\_ **Strongly disagree**

You may elaborate here:

2. The development of a countywide central booking system would help facilitate the scheduling of attorneys for all preliminary arraignments.

\_\_\_ **Strongly agree** \_\_\_ **Agree somewhat** \_\_\_ **Disagree somewhat** \_\_\_ **Strongly disagree**

You may elaborate here:

3. When considering bail, a judge should give special attention to a defendant's financial status and community connections in determining flight risk.

\_\_\_ **Strongly agree** \_\_\_ **Agree somewhat** \_\_\_ **Disagree somewhat** \_\_\_ **Strongly disagree**

You may elaborate here:

4. County-funded pretrial services, offering such assistance as an equitable risk assessment tool, would be of benefit to magisterial district judges when determining whether to impose bail.

\_\_\_ **Strongly agree** \_\_\_ **Agree somewhat** \_\_\_ **Disagree somewhat** \_\_\_ **Strongly disagree**

You may elaborate here:

5. For the sake of open government, transparency in imposing monetary bail should be improved.

\_\_\_ **Strongly agree** \_\_\_ **Agree somewhat** \_\_\_ **Disagree somewhat** \_\_\_ **Strongly disagree**

You may elaborate here:

6. For each defendant required to post cash bail, magisterial district judges should be required to create a public document stating the reasons they imposed cash bail and the reasons why they chose the amount to be posted.

\_\_\_ **Strongly agree** \_\_\_ **Agree somewhat** \_\_\_ **Disagree somewhat** \_\_\_ **Strongly disagree**

You may elaborate here:

7. Lancaster County should explore options for less restrictive alternatives to bail and incarceration.

\_\_\_ **Strongly agree** \_\_\_ **Agree somewhat** \_\_\_ **Disagree somewhat** \_\_\_ **Strongly disagree**

You may elaborate here:

8. Lancaster County should fund pretrial services to increase the percentage of people showing up for court proceedings.

\_\_\_ **Strongly agree** \_\_\_ **Agree somewhat** \_\_\_ **Disagree somewhat** \_\_\_ **Strongly disagree**

You may elaborate here: