

March 3, 2026

Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners  
5334 S. Prince Street  
Littleton, CO 80120

**RE: 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Community Corrections**

Commissioners Summey, Baker, Warren-Gully, Campbell, and Fields,

Douglas County is grateful for the support and partnership exhibited by Arapahoe County under the intergovernmental agreement executed one year ago regarding Community Corrections referrals. Arapahoe County's support aided in Douglas County's development of Community Corrections Board processes and referral protocols. We appreciate the ongoing Douglas and Arapahoe County dialog.

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners met recently with 23rd Judicial District Chief Judge Ryan Stuart, 23rd District Attorney George Brauchler, Douglas County Sheriffs Office representatives, and staff from the County's Community Justice Services Department. There is strong consensus from that discussion that the 23rd Judicial District pursue development of its own community corrections program to ensure long-term sentencing stability and local control.

Accordingly, on March 3rd, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners adopted a motion that:

- Acknowledged the importance of maintaining community corrections as a sentencing option within the 23rd Judicial District;
- Declared the County's intent to establish a community corrections program for the 23rd Judicial District and directed County staff to take necessary steps toward establishment of such a program, which may include a site selection process and request for proposals for facility operators.
- Directed County staff to negotiate in good faith for a reasonable extension to the existing IGA.

This process will necessarily take time and County resources. As such, Douglas County respectfully requests that the Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners grant a reasonable extension of the existing IGA to allow continued access to 18th Judicial District facilities, particularly for clientele that have a residential or occupational connection to the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. Immediate loss of access to 18th Judicial District facilities would create a substantial gap in sentencing options and system capacity. A transition period is necessary to responsibly plan, fund, and implement a community corrections solution for the 23rd Judicial District.

The IGA enacted last year afforded Douglas County and the 23rd Judicial District the opportunity to:

- Establish its Community Corrections Board, board processes and protocols, and establish victim impact and testimony protocols;
- Develop reimbursement and referral protocols with the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice;
- Understand the scope and scale of referrals to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Community Corrections Board and the community of origin of referred individuals;
- Conduct site visits to the recently constructed Community Corrections Facility in Boulder County;
- Develop a more complete understanding of facility cost expectations and potential operating structures;
- Conduct initial diligence on facility siting options.

The work completed in 2025 establishes a strong foundation for thoughtful decision-making and continued collaboration with regional partners including Arapahoe County as Douglas County forms a community corrections program for the 23rd Judicial District.

Sincerely,



Abe Laydon,  
Chair Emeritus

CC:

Commissioner George Teal, Chair  
Commissioner Kevin Van Winkle, Vice-Chair  
23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Chief Judge Ryan Stuart 23<sup>rd</sup>  
District Attorney George Brauchler Douglas County  
Sheriffs Office Community Justice Services  
Department