



Community Responses to Polling Results

Tanir Ami, CEO of Carestar Foundation: “I am delighted that we finally have the data to show that our state is ready to make significant changes to the 911 system. We know that the types of issues we are facing today are so different than they were when our system was designed, and Californian’s are clearly asking for services to be more responsive to what is really happening in our communities.”

Tasha Williamson, President of Exhaling Injustice: “As a former candidate for mayor of San Diego, I know that anyone in politics should be asking why there is overwhelming support for changing the current 911 system? How many lives can be changed or saved if we update this 911 system?”

Deborah Son, MSW, the CEO/Executive Director of the Family Violence Appellate Project: “The current system is not working. When the vast majority of public voices say that systems that are built to care are not doing that, then we need something else. There is a diversity of need that is simply not embodied by the current system, a system which mimics that which existed generations ago. When communities evolve, so must the mechanisms that support us.”

Courtney Davis, Founder of TabiMOMS: “Families need consistent access to resources within their communities. No person should have to carry the fear of being criminalized or feeling inadequate when they reach out for mental health services for their loved ones. At the same time, we demand transparency for how 911 systems collect their data so community organizations can help establish response models that are efficient, integrity-based and equitable.”