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## **Sustainable Justice 2030: Green Guide to Justice AIA Continuing Education Reporting Form**

**Course Description:** The Academy of Architecture for Justice of the American Institute of Architects (AIA AAJ) has developed this white paper, *Sustainable Justice 2030: Green Guide to Justice*, to give policymakers, owners, operators, architects, and planners the tools they need to connect the sustainable buildings being designed to the notion of a sustainable community, with an orientation to social justice and economic development. The *Green Guide to Justice* is intended to be a supplement to the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement and to be a model similar to other Green Guides for education, health, and other public infrastructure. This paper outlines a vision for a justice system in the year 2030 based on principles and practices that contribute to the sustainability of our society and protection of the planet.

### **Learning Objectives**

1. Illustrate how green justice buildings can serve a justice system as foundational elements of a sustainable society.
2. Explain the linkage between sustainable design, social justice, and economic development to ensure the full measure of the effectiveness of justice systems that serve our communities through a continuing viability.
3. Explain sustainable principles and practices for use in all buildings that form the justice system – courthouses, detention centers, and law enforcement facilities.
4. Discuss how to go beyond traditional reactive responses to proactive problem-solving that directly affect the planning and design of justice facilities.

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1. The core components of the justice system's built facilities are:
  - a. Prisons, Squad Cars, Banks, and Civic Centers
  - b. Courthouses, Border Crossings, and Military Bases
  - c. Police Stations, Courthouses, Jails, and Prisons
2. The paper addresses Sustainability as:
  - a. Reducing carbon footprint
  - b. Achieving levels of energy, water and natural resource use that can be carried on indefinitely
  - c. Addressing the needs of "people, planet and prosperity" so that all can be carried on indefinitely
3. Alternatives to constructing new detention and incarceration facilities that may promote greater system-wide sustainability include:
  - a. Home detention, work release, and remote monitoring
  - b. Problem-solving Community Courts
  - c. Reduced number of admissions through speedier intake and processing
  - d. All of the above
4. The planning process for a jail facility should *begin* with the question:
  - a. What security level is intended for the inmate population?
  - b. What location offers the most land area at lowest purchase price?
  - c. How small – rather than how – large should we build our new jail?
5. Designers can provide a sense of security and empowerment to courthouse occupants and visitors by:
  - a. Providing highly visible security personnel stations and abundant space for entry screening of all people entering the facility
  - b. Using design elements such as sectional relationships, historical references, and finish material selections that elevate the status of judges in relation to other users
  - c. Employing diversity and regional choices in materials selection, providing a clear building organization, and providing a variety of waiting areas of human scale.
  - d. All of the above
6. Detention facilities are best located:
  - a. wherever land cost is least
  - b. wherever NIMBY challenges are least likely to delay the project.
  - c. close to the communities that they serve and adjacent to the courthouse
  - d. in regional facilities where economies of scale in operating costs can be realized
7. In detention facilities, daylight and views to nature are important for:
  - a. Staff spaces
  - b. Detainee areas
  - c. Visitor areas
  - d. All of above
8. A sustainable justice system uses Whole systems thinking to
  - a. reduce cost and increase effectiveness
  - b. develop cooperative policies and procedures between police, courts and detention centers
  - c. improve outcomes for those who come into contact with the justice system
  - d. All of above
9. Green jobs training is most appropriate in
  - a. Prisons
  - b. Courthouses
  - c. Police stations
  - d. Border Stations
10. Sustainable Police practices align with a philosophy called
  - a. Call and response
  - b. Community policing
  - c. Book 'em Dan-o
  - d. Fort Apache