

# **Metro Jail Population Management Report**

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## ORDINANCE NO. 101 SERIES 2016

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE 2016-2017 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, SUPPORT, AND FUNCTIONING OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS VARIOUS OFFICERS, DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS, INSTITUTIONS, AGENCIES, AND OTHER METRO-SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES. (AS AMENDED)

The Director of Corrections and the Criminal Justice Commission are requested to develop and submit a plan for addressing jail overcrowding to the Budget Chair and Vice Chair and Council President by March 1, 2017.



# Report Sections

Nature of Jail Crowding

Historical Review of Local Jail Population  
Management Efforts

Role of Jail Policy Committee

Overview of 2016-2017 Jail Population Data

May 2016 Jail Policy Committee Recommended  
Actions



# Report Highlights

- Similar to numerous jurisdictions across the country, Louisville Metro has been grappling with jail crowding for three decades and based on that experience, there have been a number of lessons learned
- The Jail Policy Committee, along with various groups that have worked on jail population management issues over the years, have always focused first and foremost on public safety
- We have pursued strategies to reserve finite jail space for individuals who pose a risk to the community while developing non-jail options for individuals who can be safely managed in a less restrictive manner

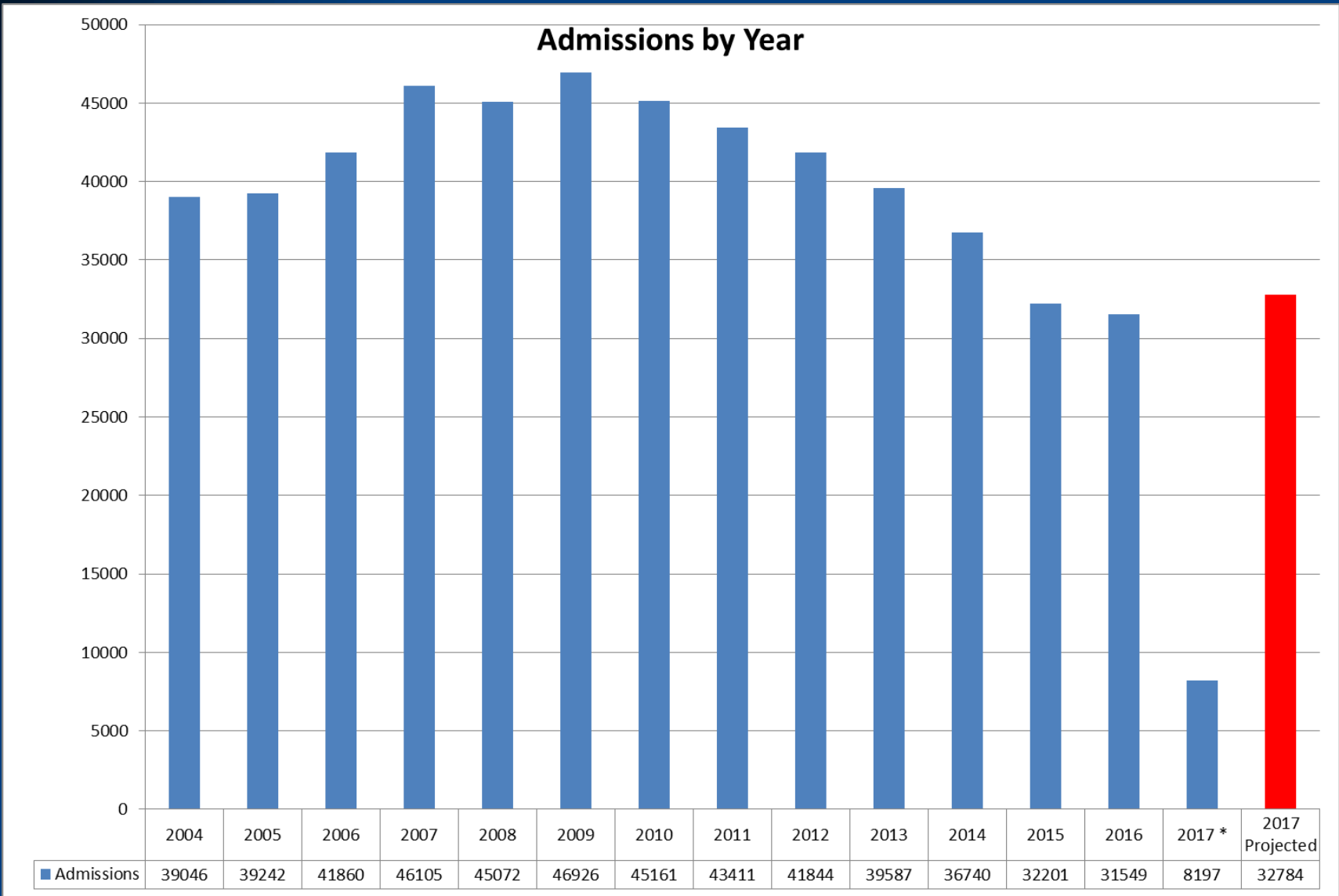


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- We have also implemented approaches to reduce unnecessary delays in criminal case processing
- Ultimately, we've learned that jail crowding is not created solely by the action of any one entity, but reflects the outcome of policy decisions made across the entire system and that jail crowding is not a problem to solve, but a condition to manage
- We've also learned that any effort to manage the jail population requires the participation and commitment of all criminal justice stakeholders agencies and representatives
- Since no single entity has the authority to mandate implementation of jail population management strategies, we have worked hard as a committee and been successful in building consensus and implementing agreed-upon actions

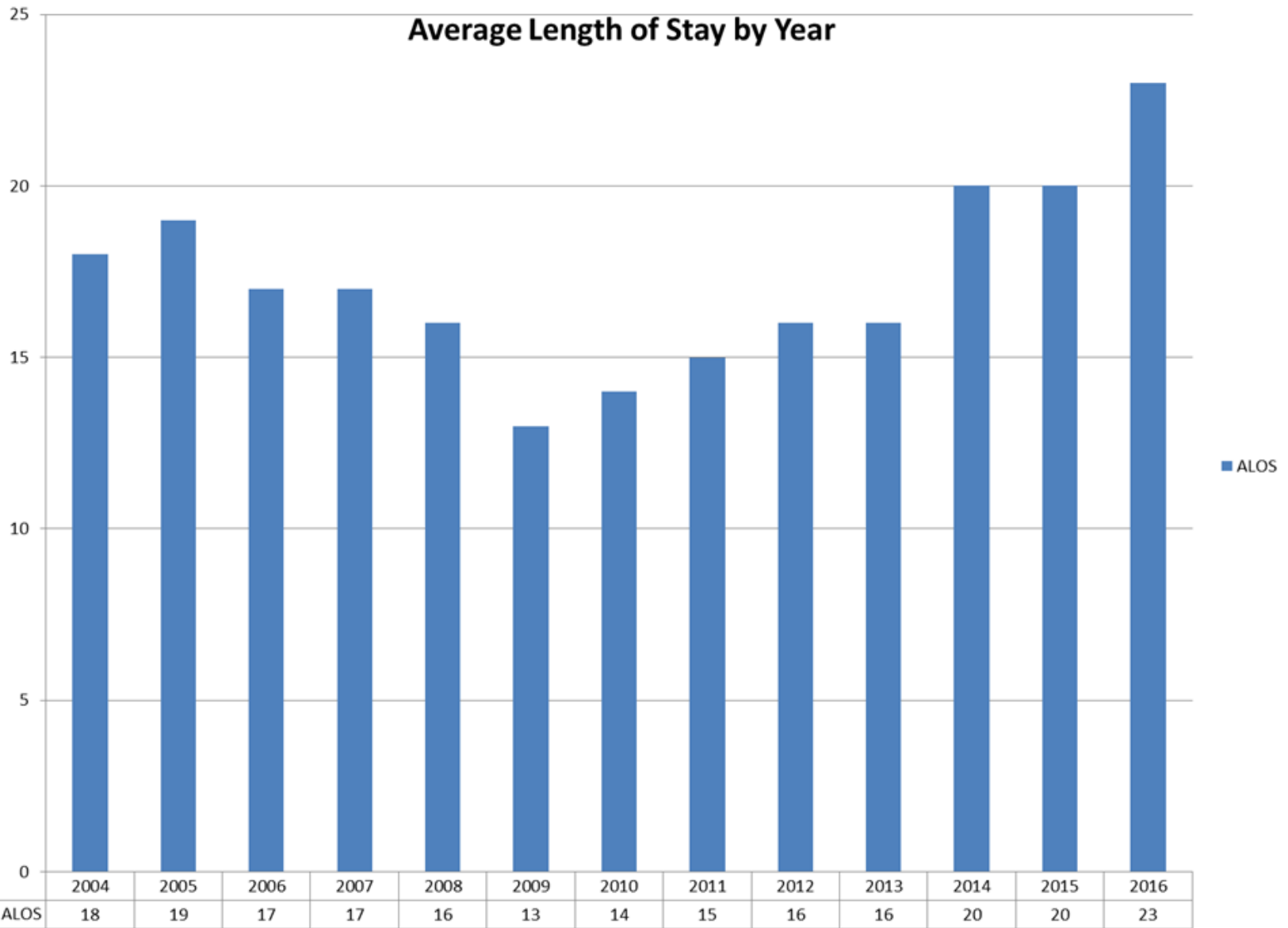


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\* January – March 2017  
2017 Projected based on current trend

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- Increase in the Number of State Inmates
- Significant Increase in the Number of Detoxing Inmates
- Reduction in the Pretrial Release Rate
- Increase in the Number of Serious Felony Arrests



# Jail Policy Committee Recommended Actions

- Revisit warrant mediation initiatives and consider including Failure to Pay Restitution cases
- Contact local law enforcement agencies to share the current list of citable offenses along with information on efforts of the Jail Policy Committee to promote use of citations by law enforcement in lieu of arrest where appropriate
- Request funding to add a part-time Jefferson County Attorney and Public Defender at Arraignment Court to expedite resolution of low level cases
- Implement an Administrative Release Pilot for bench warrants that has been used in Johnson and Pike Counties
- Conduct research to identify necessary components for establishing a local release mechanism to alleviate crowding similar to the past protocol used under the Federal Consent Decree



# QUESTIONS

