

Questions for City Council to ask the FJD during the Budget Hearings on 4/26/11

- 1. The FJD has a controlling vote on the Criminal Justice Advisory Board for the City of Philadelphia. Have they made the Board aware of the dramatic savings to be realized for the criminal justice system by increasing the investment in probation services* in the City of Philadelphia?**
- 2. During the last 10 years why hasn't the FJD increased the veteran* Probation Officers' salaries to make them more competitive with comparable agencies in order to retain staff and decrease probation officer turnover?**
- 3. What could City Council do to help the FJD stabilize and increase the workforce of the Probation Department thereby promoting public safety and offender rehabilitation in the City of Philadelphia while lowering prison costs through increased community supervision?**
- 4. When the FJD says that the shortage of Probation Officers may imperil the reforms that they are trying to make with a new supervision model*, don't they also mean that by not being able to implement the model properly, communities throughout the City Of Philadelphia will also be imperiled because public safety and offender rehabilitation will be negatively impacted?**

- 1. Probation v Prison Savings Flyer (see attached)**
- 2. Veteran Probation Officers are those who have worked in their position for 6 or more years.**
- 3. Legal Intelligencer article, Friday, April 15, 2011 (see attached).**