



# Colorado Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice

## Sentencing Reform Task Force

### Guiding Principles

- 1) Sentencing policy should encompass fairness, transparency, proportionality and consistency;
- 2) Sentencing should be consistent with the articulated purposes of sentencing as reflected in the criminal code, and related policies should be logical, understandable and transparent to stakeholders and the public;
- 3) Sentencing policies must be resource sensitive as they affect cost and public safety;
- 4) A continuum of sentencing options should be available, with imprisonment reserved for the most serious and dangerous offenders;
- 5) Sentencing policy should be based in part upon available justice and sentencing data;
- 6) Sentencing policy should reflect current needs and circumstances.
- 7) ***DRAFTING...sentencing and public safety statement***

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*The SRTF considers this statement of principles a "living document" that guides their work with revisions occurring as identified.*