

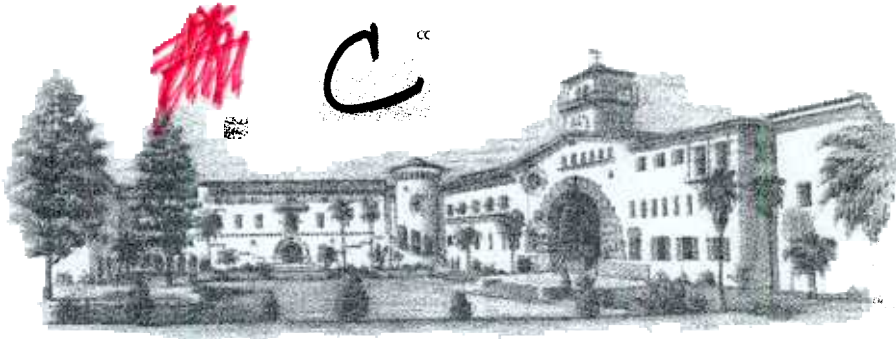
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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

July 26, 2005

The Honorable Clifford R. Anderson, III
Santa Barbara County Superior Court
P.O. Box 21107
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Santa Barbara County Grand Jury
Charles Foley, Foreperson
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Board of Supervisors' Response to the 2004-05 Grand Jury Report: "No Vacancy"

Dear Judge Anderson:

During its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2005, the Board of Supervisors adopted the following responses as their responses to the 2004-05 Grand Jury's report "No Vacancy". The Board of Supervisors thanks the Grand Jury for its efforts on this important matter.

FINDING 1:

The Main Jail, located in the South County, is overcrowded.

Response: The Board adopted the Sheriff Department's response as its response, (agrees with the finding).

RECOMMENDATION 1:

The Board of Supervisors should continue in earnest to build the North County jail.

Response: The recommendation has been implemented, through direction from the Board on April 12, 2005 to the CEO and Sheriff Department to "proceed with planning for a North County Jail at the Laguna Sanitation District site".

FINDING 2:

In 2004, 55% percent of the jail population was from the northern part of the county.

Response: The Board adopted the Sheriff Department's response as its response, (agrees with the finding).

RECOMMENDATION 2:

The Board of Supervisors should present to the public several workable solutions to fund and operate a North County jail.

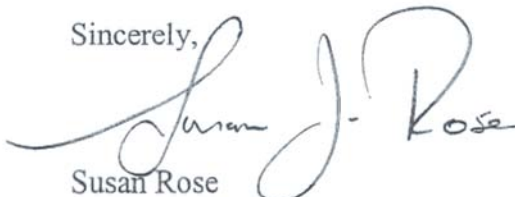
Response: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, prior to the County of Santa Barbara's annual operating budget process for FY 2006-07 that begins in November 2005. The CEO has begun a comprehensive project in order to study and provide workable solutions to finance, cost, acquire, design, construct and operate a North County Jail. Departments included on this complex project are the Sheriff, County Counsel, Auditor, General Services, and Treasurer.

FINDING 3:

The County Board of Supervisors has now directed the Chief Executive Officer to allocate funds for the land acquisition and studies needed to build a north County jail.

Response: The Board disagrees with the finding, with respect to directing the CEO to allocate funds now for land acquisition and studies. However, the Board has directed staff to proceed with planning for a North County Jail and to provide workable solutions to fund and operate a North County Jail as outlined in Recommendations 1 and 2.

Sincerely,



Susan Rose
Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Charles Foley, Grand Jury Foreperson 2004-05
Jim Anderson, Sheriff