

**AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND
REHABILITATION
AND THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA**

PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation are committed to work cooperatively to the fullest extent, consistent with state law, to reduce crime and combat the effects of recidivism by allocating resources to ensure comprehensive parolee reentry supervision and continuing services for returning parolees; and

WHEREAS, State law generally requires that a parolee return to serve his or her parole to the “county of last legal residence” prior to incarceration; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1700 inmates in prisons under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation reside in the County of Santa Barbara, California; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1137 parolees under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Adult Parole Operations reside in the County of Santa Barbara, California; and

WHEREAS, recidivism by parolees has a significant negative impact on public safety.

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE:

THAT the County of Santa Barbara is an appropriate location in which to place a California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation secure reentry facility, in cooperation with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Department; and

THAT the facility constructed pursuant to this agreement shall be specifically designed to combat the root causes of parolee recidivism through the application of evidence-based methodologies proven to enhance parole success; and

THAT reducing the causes and negative effects of recidivism will increase public safety and reduce the number of parolees from the County of Santa Barbara who must be returned to California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation institutions; and

THAT the County of Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Department will work in cooperation with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to address jointly issues of

parole success and recidivism in a proactive manner, thereby providing a unique opportunity to enhance public safety.

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES

This is a commitment by the undersigned to advance the following conceptual agreement in the mutual interest of improving public safety:

1. The number of adult offenders returning to the County of Santa Barbara (the "County") from state prison in calendar year 2005 was approximately 900 (*California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Offender Information Service Data Report*). Many of these returning offenders were in need of improved programs and services in order to reintegrate successfully into their communities. The number of adult offenders returning to the County during calendar year 2006 will likely be the same or more. During the first year of parole, the recidivism rate for County offenders returning to prison with new prison terms is 15%, and the rate of parole revocations is 47% (*Source: CDCR Facts*). These recidivists now pass through the Santa Barbara Jail and contribute to jail overcrowding.
2. There is a current need to increase the level of programs and services within the County and within state prisons housing returning offenders, including guidance, direction, training, housing, employment, intervention and preventative counseling, transportation, and supervision to enable adult offenders to be successful in their reentry into the communities of the County.
3. The CDCR and the Office of the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department shall work together toward the following goals:
 - a. Improve the reintegration of returning adult offenders from prison and from jail to the communities in the County of Santa Barbara, thereby reducing crime and recidivism.
 - b. Improve the coordination of current resources, services and programs to cause more effective and efficient deliveries of human services to the returning offenders.
 - c. Improve the intensity and quality of planning, placement and supervision of parolees in order to ensure offender accountability.
 - d. Increase, where necessary, services and programs, including but not limited to, needs and risk assessments, pre-employment training, employment placement, substance abuse prevention and intervention, group and individual counseling, interim and long term housing, transportation services to work and to prevention programs, mental health counseling, treatment and related support, and levels of supervision or surveillance.
4. The CDCR and the Office of the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department intend to jointly plan for a state constructed secure reentry facility, in conjunction with a new Santa Barbara County Jail, to house adult offenders. The facility should be designed and constructed to:

- a. House medium-level custody to lower level custody offenders;
 - b. Provide a maximum of 500-beds, both celled and dormitory style housing;
 - c. Support ample programming space for greatly improved reentry and reintegration services and programs;
 - d. Provide administration and office support space for various critical intervention needs of the housed offenders;
 - e. Provide space for medical, dental and psychiatric treatment in compliance with court-mandated standards;
 - f. Share infrastructure costs and services, to be determined at a later date by mutual agreement.
5. The CDCR will be responsible for securing the necessary legislative authority and funding associated with the planning, design and construction of such a facility, as well as for resources necessary to provide enhanced state supervision to parolees in Santa Barbara County.
 6. This Agreement of Cooperation is not intended to be legally binding or to impose legal obligations on either party.

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