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Sheriff Bill Brown Santa Barbara County Sheriff Department 4434 Calle Real Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Re: Endorsement of Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the State of California Corrections Standards Authority for Local Jail Construction Grant Funds

Dear Sheriff Brown:

I am pleased to offer this endorsement of the resolution that will be presented to the Board of Supervisors seeking authorization for the County to apply for grant funds towards the construction of a North County Jail Branch.

We are prepared to fully cooperate with the State in locating and providing a continuum of care for ongoing mental health and substance abuse treatment and crisis services for parolees and upon the conclusion of their period of parole through our existing Adult Mental Health Clinic at 500 W. Foster Road and our new Crisis and Recovery Emergency Services (CARES) program site at 212 Carmen Lane and other existing treatment facilities within the county.

As this project progresses, our department will work collaboratively with the Sheriff Department to seek appropriate funding to serve the needs of seriously mentally ill offenders within our community. We appreciate your early efforts to demonstrate your sensitivity to this longstanding concern and we look forward to joining you in the development of alternative sentencing programs designed to further reduce the presence of the mentally ill within our existing jail facilities.

Please feel free to call on me for additional support as the need arises.

Respectfully,

Ann Detrick, PhD., Director

cc:

Michael F. Brown, CEO James Rohde, Chair, Mental Health Commission