

# Lia Graham Public Comment

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For Departmental Item 7 - direction on design of renovations at the Santa Barbara Main Jail (Second District) and possible construction at the Northern Branch Jail (Fifth District), Project No. 20041

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I am sending this before the vote tomorrow on behalf of the prisoners of our county. I agree with this statement from Trinity Lutheran Faith Community,

"It is our understanding County Supervisors will decide among three options to address inhumane conditions in Santa Barbara's South County jail. The impetus for this is a federal Court mandates in the Murray lawsuit brought on behalf of jail residents against the County and County Sheriff. As a faith community that supports the work of CLUE-Santa Barbara, we support funding for the following option as the most humane and financially viable. This option will result support demographic projections for a reduction in the size of our jail population as we increase community-based alternatives that are a surer way to achieve long-term public safety, especially for those in jail whose principal problems are mental health or addiction much better addressed with treatment rather than jail. **We endorse and ask that you vote for the following option:**

**Add a housing pod to the North County Jail (not to exceed 256 new beds); retain and remodel 128 beds in the South County jail's Intake/Reception Center (RIC). "**

I also agree with this statement from CLUE,

"As a faith based organization, we support funding for "Option 1" as the most humane and financially viable.

We endorse and ask that you vote for "Option 1", to:

- Add one housing pod to the North County Jail (not to exceed 256 new beds);
- Retain/remodel 128 beds in the South County jail's Inmate Reception Center
- Develop strategies and funding for jail population management, including diversion and other community-based alternatives."

Thank you for listening and supporting doing the right thing to correct the inhumane conditions in SB's South County!

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