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Public Comment, Jail System Housing

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Attention Santa Barbara County Supervisors

I vote and pay taxes here. I understand the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is considering approval of over \$460 million to expand the North Branch Jail by 1½ Housing Units (384 beds). Given the fact that the county is facing a serious budget shortfall, this seems poorly advised. Money spent on incarceration would be more usefully spent for programs that help those arrested to get treatment and aid for mental health and addiction issues.

I call on the Board to limit the addition to just one housing unit (256 beds) at a savings of approximately \$147 million.

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