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From: Barbara Lotito [balotito@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2011 11:52 AM
To: Cohen, Robert
Subject: Dec. 6 supervisors' meeting with Sheriff Brown re: new jail

Dear Supervisors of Santa Barbara County,

I am writing to request that this afternoon as you discuss with Sheriff Brown the need for a new jail in Santa Maria that you all question the need for funding a new jail rather than funding treatment and job-training programs, shelters, immigration reform, and other supports for our ever increasing non-criminal segment of the prison population who are mentally-ill, addicts, homeless and/or undocumented workers.

Building a new jail is not the county's highest priority nor did it receive support from your constituencies at the ballot box. Please look at how county prisons are used to house so many vulnerable residents and ways to address their needs in the growing competition for financial support from government agencies before you endorse Sheriff Brown's plans.



Thank you very much for your time and attention,

Sincerely,

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