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Public Comment, Jail System Housing options

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Hello Supervisors,

I attended the meeting in which 30+ speakers (representing just as many social service and health care organizations) spoke earnestly and knowledgably about the need to financially support local health, social and public defender services.

They emphasized that building 1 pod would allow an extra \$100+ million to support the services that will help decrease the number of people in jail and the length of time they are in jail waiting for a public defender.

I do not know what your final decision will be, but according to the limited news available on this topic, it seems you are "leaning toward" building 1.5 pods.

Building an extra .5 pod should NOT be the goal or the cause for spending an extra hundred + millions.

The goal, as was stated eloquently by the speakers, should be to REDUCE the jail population and INCREASE the availability of social and public defender services.

I was inspired to send you this message after reading Mr. Welsh's column which stated succinctly and strongly that the County will lose millions of dollars of support for health and social services.

I think that reality should be your major concern.

Sincerely,

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