

Attachment B



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Via email: ist@ahpnet.com

California Department of State Hospitals
C/O Advocates for Human Potential Inc.

RE: Department of State Hospitals Incompetent to Stand Trial Diversion
Infrastructure Project

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is in support of the County of Santa Barbara's Department of State Hospitals Incompetent to Stand Trial Infrastructure (DSH-IST Infrastructure) project.

Santa Barbara County has seen significant growth in the number of individuals found IST on felony charges and has been a committed partner with Department of State Hospitals on creating solutions for these individuals in our community. The wait time for IST defendants to be placed in a State hospital bed places an increasing strain on our available resources, as well as results in the improper placement of individuals in jail. Santa Barbara County has formed a Department of State Hospital Collaboration Stakeholder Workgroup to address these issues. Amongst other solutions and initiatives, the DSH-IST diversion project provides critical funding to resolve the increasing pressure this has placed on the County's courts, law enforcement, and mental health services.

We are confident this endeavor will foster stability and well-being within our community.

Sincerely,

[Name, Title]
County Executive Office