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Public Comment - Group 1

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**From:** Lara Cooper <laraanncooper@gmail.com>  
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**To:** sbcob  
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Board of Supervisors,

Please review and hold accountable Sheriff custody staff and Wellpath provider staff for the recent deaths of inmates in custody at the Santa Barbara Jail. The deaths of Joseph Rose, Isaiah Johnson, and so many others should never have occurred, and **would not have occurred if leadership prioritizes mental health support and rehabilitation, instead of criminalization, for its residents in need of services.** Jail is no place for people with mental illness and/substance abuse disorders, as these individuals are particularly vulnerable to physical harm in custody and in need of specialized psychiatric care.

Sheriff Brown must address the Grand Jury's recommendations and provide corrective measures, and the board should not allow obstruction, as has happened with previous Grand Jury reports. Sheriff Brown, jail staff and private contractors like Wellpath must be held accountable for the health and safety of inmates, and it is your duty as supervisors to make sure the Sheriff and all involved in this facility uphold their social contract to the residents of this county.

Thank you,  
Lara Cooper

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