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Public Comment - Special Issues

From: Beamon, Daisy <Msb2827@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 9:31 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Departmental Budgets/Public Safety



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Sincerely,

Daisy Beamon She/her

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From: Susan Benson <ssbenson9@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 9:44 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: COMMENT: DEPT. BUDGETS/PUBLIC SAFETY

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Carpinteria resident
Departmental Budgets/Public Safety/Public Safety Special Issues

Dear County Supervisor Williams:

The insistent and committed national voice on making criminal justice transformational changes should be heard in Santa Barbara County at this time of budget decisions. I acknowledge and thank you and the Board for its "significant efforts to collectively improve criminal justice system...." as outlined in the budget meeting materials. I strongly urge you to prioritize criminal justice reform so that Santa Barbara may become a model for the entire state.

The heads and hearts of political leaders are often in the right place. It's the decimal points within line items that are not. I ask you to consider all of the following transformational criminal justice budget items in deciding Santa Barbara's 2021-2022 budget. While millions of dollars under discussion concern "bricks and mortar" the majority of funding is to develop programs that will build and rebuild the LIVES of our neighbors.

REDUCE:

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REALLOCATE:

--funds to support transition planning for jail residents returning to our community.

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INCREASE:

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OFFER:

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RECONSIDER/REPURPOSE:

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to screen and divert those who are appropriate for community-based alternatives.

I will continue to support you in your efforts in creating transformational change. I wish you strength and courage in voicing your convictions.

Sincerely,

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From: Judy Stevens Long <JLong@fielding.edu>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 10:49 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: letter in support of change

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Dear County Supervisor,

I am writing to express my support for proposals to improve racial justice in our County and I urge you to reduce the funding of the Sherriff's Department to bring it in line with departments of the same size elsewhere and reduce the number of persons incarcerated in the County.

I also want to urge you to divert some of the funds to the Public Defenders Office. It is insane that the Public Defender only receives 1.5 percent of the budget. We need to get more people out of jail, not into jail, especially where mental health issues and race are concerned.

I am very much in favor of civilian oversight of the Sherriff's department and increased funding for Behavioral Wellness and non-jail alternatives for persons with mental health problems and addiction.

I hope you will consider these issues a top priority in the coming budget year.

Sincerely Yours,

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From: Brett Long <glassowine@gmail.com>
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Brett Robert Long

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From: Manuela <slinkymanu@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 2:16 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public comment on "Departmental Budgets/Public Safety" and Public Safety "Special Issues"

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