

Ramirez, Angelica

Public Comment - Group 3

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From: Elizabeth Boyd <bethboyd44@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 4:47 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Improve racial justice and prioritize humane treatment for justice-involved people in our County.



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Dear County Supervisor,

I write to express my strong support to improve racial justice and prioritize humane treatment for justice-involved people in our County. I respectfully but firmly call on you to reallocate our criminal justice budget to advance transformational changes:

Permanently reduce Sheriff's Department funding to support a long term average jail population of approximately 550.

Reduce general funding for our Sheriff's Department by up to \$26.7 million and 165 FTEs to bring our Sheriff Department budget in line with comparable counties.

Reduce Sheriff's Department funding for traditional policing that doesn't reduce recidivism. Reallocate funds to community-based diversion and alternatives to jail, including more funds for the Behavioral Wellness Department to provide non-jail alternatives for mental health and addiction needs. Reallocate funds to support transition planning for jail residents returning to our community.

Increase funding for the Public Defender Department to expand holistic advocacy and culturally competent staff to improve advocacy across the racial/ethnic spectrum.

Reallocate funds to County CEO to expand and centralize data collection and analytics. Require Departments to provide evidence-based data for programs to reduce recidivism.

Offer a grant to the Sheriff's Department to expand jail internet and volunteer access -- including the award winning Freedom to Choose program that reduces recidivism.

Rethink plans for \$28M to refurbish the South County Jail. Reduce footprint to about 200 jail beds. Repurpose funds to build transitional housing to help stabilize eligible jail residents' re-entry into our community. Build a separate assessment center to screen and divert those who are appropriate for community-based alternatives.

Fund seed money to study a possible Civilian Oversight Commission to help assure Sheriff Department transparency and accountability, and deter police misconduct.

Transformational change requires courage. I will watch for you to vote for big change now. The commissioned KPMG studies and we, the people, will support you in this.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Boyd

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From: Ann Jaqua <annjaqua@cox.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 9:12 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Reduce jail size and increase community-based alternatives.

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Sincerely,
Ann Jaqua

Date: November 8, 2021

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From: Robin Schievink <robin.schievink@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 6:35 AM
To: sbcob
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Maura Mahon

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Daisy Beamon

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Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 10:02 PM
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From: Martha Siegell <mbsiegel@cox.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 9:56 PM
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Martha Siegell

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From: Rosanne Puff <rpuff@juno.com>
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Judith McDermott

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Sincerely,
Diane Niblack Fox

Date: November 6, 2021

Ramirez, Angelica

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Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 4:49 PM
To: sbcob
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Harold Carr

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Robert Huhn

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Martha Santrizos

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From: Peter Levine <peterlev99999@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 7:23 PM
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Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:30 AM
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Sincerely,
Cheryl Snell

Date: November 8, 2021

Ramirez, Angelica

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Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:24 AM
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Richard Appelbaum

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Mark Benson

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From: Karen Claydon <karencc@sbceo.org>
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Sincerely,
John Dennis Apel

Date: November 8, 2021

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Eugenia Hoyne <eugenia38@me.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 1:52 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Reduce jail size and increase community-based alternatives.

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Dear County Supervisor,

I write to express my strong support for changes to reduce the jail size and increase community-based alternatives so our jail holds only those who need to be there to protect the public.

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From: Susan Horne <susanhorne@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:14 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Comment on Agenda Item D-2

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From: Susan Horne, Health Educator

To: Board of Supervisors

Subject; Collaborative Improvement Efforts: Culture of Continuances

Date: 11-8 2021

Regarding the # 2 in the 14 Improvement Efforts- in the category of Discovery, I have been experiencing the frustrations of a “culture of continuances” in my niece’s life. She was arrested two years ago and her case is still not resolved. Meanwhile she still has to be ready to go whenever a court date is set. So, she cannot hold down even a part-time job.

To get to her hearing, she must get and pay for gas for her unreliable car to go to the distant court, find childcare for her two young children, and make it on time. Then – after waiting and waiting for her turn, her court appointed attorney (who keeps changing) often claims sickness or some flimsy reason for another delay.

Her life and her family have been in a tense and stressful suspension for two years!

I am so glad to see attention to the problem and hope for progress in a “culture of continuances” in Santa Barbara County. My niece lives in Redwood City, CA.