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I am submitting the attached letter and photos on behalf of my brother Mario Martinez for consideration at the 3/19/19 BOS meeting - agenda item A.29 Medical Grievences SB County Jail

Mario Martinez

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March 18, 2019

Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I wanted to bring to your attention the neglect for medical attention I received under the supervision of the Santa Barbara County Jail. My name is Mario Martinez, I am 34 years old and was admitted to the Santa Barbara County Jail – Lompoc Division on 01/17/19. I am currently under the care of Sansum Medical Facilities – Dr. Walker, Dr. Tate and Dr Chang for testicular cancer. I am also a diabetic and require medical care for that condition as well.

Immediately upon being admitted to the jail, a family member took my medication for cancer and diabetes to the jail. I was never provided any medication for either condition while incarcerated. While in custody I developed a Staph skin infection which I brought to the attention of the head jail physician on 2/16/18. My weakened immune system in conjunction with this condition requires prompt medical attention and antibiotics with the first signs of staph infection.

I was released on 02/28/19 at 11:00 P.M. and upon release I immediately was driven to the emergency room where they administered treatment throughout the night for the staph infection and released me in the morning. My condition did not improve and I was admitted to the hospital on 03/02/19 at 11:35 A.M. under the care of Dr. Sinkaset for staphylococcus aureus, cellulitus, H/O testis cancer/post radical ordhiectomy, on radiation, diabetis mellitus. Staph infections can cause a potentially life-threatening complication from infection that can damage organ systems and cause them to fail (photos attached).

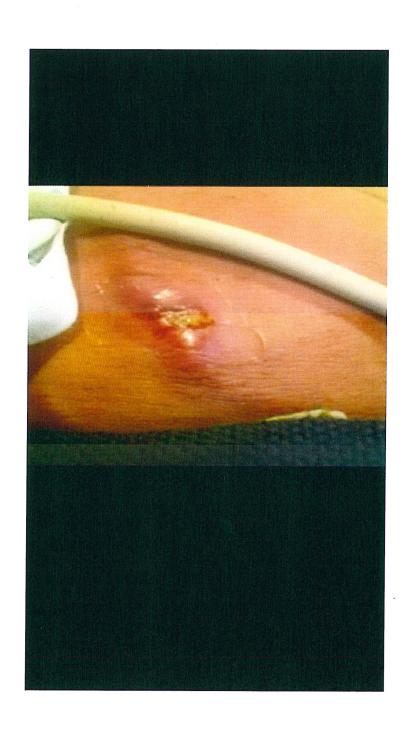
The care received in the Santa Barbara County Jail was inexplicable and the Sheriff needs to ensure inmates medical needs are taken care of while incarcerated. Staff

should be held accountable for allowing unsafe conditions in the jail. Infected inmates are likely to transmit the strain to other inmates and guards. I have attached photos for your reference.

Sincerely,

Mario Martinez





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