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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for taking on the responsibility of managing our County of Santa Barbara operating budget. I am writing as a constituent from North County. There are too many mental health treatment needs and gaps that I write to focus on just two current budget issues on your agendas this week.

First, we do Not need a jail expansion. The funds would be more productively spent offering non-punitive mental health services with the stability of residential dignity housing.

Before we fund more jail construction, we need measurable outcomes showing a reduced rate of recidivism. Let's track some actual rehabilitation support for at least a year on what we have now. Homelessness is a primary cause for crimes during rainy seasons.

The current co-response teams should have options to deescalate incidents with residential bed placements versus jail.

The purpose of this letter is to keep funding stable for a co-response team with a designated North County team please And for treatment bed options instead of jail, and No jail pod expansions approved.

We have waited up to four hours before and another time law enforcement left before their arrival.

A larger jail would have not helped my vulnerable son.

Please quit funding what does not end the cycle of recidivism. Many crimes are homeless related such as stealing food. My son got into someone's car that was running in their driveway just to warm up.

Sincerely yours,
Susan Klucker