

Ramirez, Angelica

Public Comment - Sheriff Group 1

From: Taylor Duguran <taydug16@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 1:54 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: End Mass Incarceration in SB County



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Dear Clerk,

I would like submit this comment regarding Item D1:

My name is Taylor Duguran and I support efforts to reduce incarceration because [choose a couple of reasons that are important to you]

Santa Barbara County's response to COVID-19 demonstrates that our County is capable of reducing incarceration and investing in community services that set people up for success and keep us safe.

I call on the Sheriff, District Attorney, and other County agencies to continue to keep the Jail population low.

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Charles Lopez <charlesglopez@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 2:55 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Supporting keeping our jail population low

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Hello,

My name is Carlos Lopez. I support efforts to reduce incarceration because incarceration does not reduce recidivism or set people up for future success in the community, and the United States has 5% of the world's population but nearly 25% of the world's prisoners. Incarceration disproportionately affects people of color, poor people, and people with mental illness, draining our communities of vital resources and perpetuating centuries old systems of oppression.

2. The County's response to COVID-19 demonstrates that our County is capable of reducing incarceration and investing in services that set people up for success, while keeping our community safe

3. I call on the Sheriff, District Attorney, and other County agencies to continue to keep the Jail population low.

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Carlos Lopez

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Geneva Lovett <genevadlovett@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 3:28 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Statement for tomorrow's board meeting

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My name is Geneva Lovett. I support efforts to reduce incarceration because incarceration disproportionately affects people of color, poor people, and people with mental illness.

Recidivism rates nationwide show that incarceration generally does not keep the population safer, and in fact pushes convicts farther away from their community and encourages further crime.

Many people can be held accountable for their actions in community-based programs which can be focused on reformative justice rather than retribution and useless punishment. Many people who are incarcerated have experienced trauma and adverse experiences that can better be addressed in a community setting.

Further, mass incarceration is expensive and takes away resources from other services to support the safety of our community. The United States has 5% of the world's population but nearly 25% of the world's prisoners.

The County's response to COVID-19 demonstrates that our County is capable of reducing incarceration and investing in services that set people up for success, while keeping our community safe

I call on the Sheriff, District Attorney, and other County agencies to continue to keep the Jail population low.

Thank you,

Geneva Lovett

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Geneva Lovett
415-418-4713

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Elizabeth Jahn <elizabethjahn@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 3:30 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Hearing for Public Safety Departments - Public Comment

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Hi there,

My name is Elizabeth Jahn. I support efforts to reduce incarceration because incarceration disproportionately affects people of color, poor people, and people with mental illness. Incarceration often fails to address the root causes of issues, and mass incarceration is expensive and takes away resources from other services to support the safety of our community. Other, more proactive and preventative methods (like social services or mental illness services) should be prioritized for funding - NOT the police/incarceration.

The County's response to COVID-19 demonstrates that our County is capable of reducing incarceration and investing in services that set people up for success, while keeping our community safe.

I call on the Sheriff, District Attorney, and other County agencies to continue to keep the Jail population low.

Best,
Elizabeth Jahn

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Taylor Dann <taylor@andrade4law.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 3:35 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Clerk of the Board : Supervisors' public safety meeting 6/9/2020

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1. My name is Taylor Dann, I support efforts to reduce incarceration because incarceration disproportionately affects people of color, poor people, and people with mental illness. Many people can be held accountable for their actions in community-based programs which give back to or improve the community, and mass incarceration is expensive and takes away resources from other services that support our community and community safety, and incarceration doesn't reduce recidivism, in fact incarceration often increases rates of recidivism.
2. The County's response to COVID-19 demonstrates that our County is capable of reducing incarceration and investing in services that set people up for success, while keeping our community safe
3. I call on the Sheriff, District Attorney, and other County agencies to continue to keep the Jail population low, and address issues of systematic police abuse of power, impunity and police brutality through means including having mandatory police body cams that are always on, a commitment to change the budget to include having trained mental health, drug counselors, and social workers, rather than merely the police responding to every call, and a civilian or non-police oversight board to investigate and review situation or allegations of police abuse, brutality, abuse of power, or even corruption. This would include holding these individuals accountable for their actions, and includes not just brutality, but lying, false statements, perjury and prevent these officers from false arrests and false charges being filed against individuals.

One idea is a program/s where designated trained officers accompany a social worker to calls that sound to be a psychological or mental health crisis or an option to have the officers on scene able to request such a team.

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Attorney at law

Ramirez, Angelica

From: suraviinc@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 3:55 PM
To: sbcob; virsingh13@gmail.com
Subject: Support of Zero Bail - PRISONERS HELPING PEOPLE

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Hi
My name is Viran David Singh

I support the efforts to reduce the incarceration but can we offer something back to society whom was hurt , thereby still holding the person accountable, and giving the inmates the opportunity to pay their debt to society , with honor. So they will not OWE society and having paid this debt, they will have a clean moral slate and fit back into society with better self esteem.

One way to achieve this is eg. If their bail would have been set for \$500, then at the rate of \$13 pay an hour labor cost, that is approximately 38 hours they owe.. They can "volunteer" to use up hours at different institutions and or businesses which can sign up to use this labor. The effect of this is a benefit to the business as we all are in desperate need of help due to being shut down so long due to the CV 19 pandemic, the inmate has an opportunity to learn a new skill, or demonstrate their ability to show off their skills so much so that they may be hired by that company when their time is done. I am sure that businesses will be willing to "feed " their "volunteers" during their time of service. I for one will participate in this program.

Or it could be simple where they go and help clean up the neighborhood, elderly's gardens , graffiti or parts of the City, cleaning up brush for the impending fire season or the beaches etc.

Lets us be part of their rehabilitation rather than then increase the possibility of their recidivism .

Lovingly Sent

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From: P Brady <brady.phyllism@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 3:57 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Phyllis Brady
Subject: Comment for Board of Supervisors Mtg (June 9, 2020)
Attachments: Statement Budget Priorities_Cty Bd Supervisors.docx

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Thank you for including my Comment in the Board of Supervisors Budget Hearings on June 9, 2020 (message in text below, and attached):

While the Board of Supervisors decide funding allocations, please deliberate that Policing is a vital, visible representation of institutional structures, problems, and policies. To build trust and improve community-oriented peace-keeping, I advocate that we *prioritize* our county's Police Departments, not under-fund nor undermine them.

One key consideration for creating and sustaining safe, fair and professional police forces is to recruit and compensate well-educated police officers. Research shows that college-educated police officers are more likely to:

- Have the communication and social skills necessary to deal successfully with many different types of people
- Practice resourcefulness, reasoning, problem-solving
- Think independently and as teams
- Focus on community access, safety and protection, averting militarization
- Develop relationships with business owners and residents to fight crime
- Better understand policing and the criminal justice system
- Better comprehend civil rights issues and historical, systemic barriers from multiple perspectives
- Be open to fresh information, proactive anti-bias training, and mental health support

Our institutions have under-served people of color for centuries. Police departments (with, largely, conscientious peace officers) are a conspicuous proxy for our societal inequities, and vented frustration and anger. We must protect our communities and police officers by addressing struggles of our impoverished populations - and the misperceptions and racism that these struggles invoke. Our community leaders, such as yourselves, need to listen attentively and collaborate with those who face ongoing social, economic and institutional disenfranchisement and discrimination. We need real comprehensive transformation with practical solutions, starting at the local level.

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-Phyllis Brady