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From: Irene Cooke <irene.cooke@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 1:33 PM
To: sbcob; Steve Lavagnino; Roy Lee; Laura Capps; Joan Hartmann; Supervisor Nelson
Subject: NBJ Expansion

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Honorable Supervisors,

I urge you to reconsider and revise your April 1 vote on the North Branch Jail expansion, as suggested by the diligent community advocacy of CLUE and LWV.

Please request a CEO report comparing the costs of revising the NBJ expansion from 1.5 to 1 housing unit. The remaining 0.5 housing unit would be replaced by continuing use of the certified beds in the South Branch Jail's NW Wing, saving taxpayers \$44M!

The fiscal, practical and moral considerations are clear. Please listen to the wise counsel of these respected community groups; choose courage over inaction. Seize this opportunity to make a more fiscally responsible, humane decision for Santa Barbara County.

Respectfully submitted,
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From: michalcathy <michalcathy@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 12:19 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Revised jail expansion decision

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The facts as of June, 2025 are clear—fiscally, practically, and morally:

- The **SBJ's NW Wing is available now, with 108 certified beds.**
- **1 NBJ housing unit + SBJ's NW Wing = 856 total county jail beds**, exceeding the County's projected 10-year jail population need.
- The NW Wing already includes **3 Behavioral Health Units**, a key component of the NBJ 1.5 housing unit decision.
- Avoids unnecessary permanent construction and preserves flexibility for future reductions.
- Buys time for the new **Jail Data Analysis Committee** to complete its work. It will support more effective policies and practices that reduce harm to people impacted by the current criminal justice system.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Judy Farris <judymfarris@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 6:50 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Urgent Request: Report on Revised Jail Expansion Decision

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Sincerely,
Judy Farris
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