



# County of Santa Barbara

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Minute Order

May 16, 2023

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**Present:** 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE, GENERAL SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 23-00492

**RE:** HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding direction on design of renovations at the Santa Barbara Main Jail (Second District) and possible construction at the Northern Branch Jail (Fifth District), Project No. 20041, as follows: (EST. TIME: 1 HR.)

- a) Receive and file a report on conceptual options for renovations at the Main Jail and new construction at the Northern Branch Jail;
- b) Regarding the Main Jail, direct staff to proceed with a minimized renovation plan that addresses the Inmate Reception Center, makes Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, and eliminates use of other beds, as detailed in the report;
- c) Regarding the Northern Branch Jail:
  - i) Direct staff to proceed with obtaining designs for Option 1 (new construction of one pod for a total jail system of 728 beds) and prior to final design, return to the Board with targeted diversion strategies to addresses jail population management, sustainable jail staffing, and identified savings or other revenues to fund the strategies; or
  - ii) Direct staff to proceed with obtaining designs for Option 1.5 (new construction of 1.5 pods for a total jail system of 859 beds); or
  - iii) Direct staff to proceed with obtaining designs for Option 2 (new construction of 2 pods for a total jail system of 984 beds);
- d) Provide other direction as appropriate; and
- e) Find that these actions are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 as a feasibility and planning study for possible future actions that have not been approved, adopted, or funded, and direct staff to file a notice of exemption on that basis.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY



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*HEARING TIME: 1:25 PM - 3:57 PM (2 HR. 32 MIN.)*

Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lavagnino, seconded by Supervisor Nelson, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Received and filed;

b) Approved;

c) i) No action taken;

c) ii) Approved and directed staff to proceed with obtaining designs for Option 1.5 (new construction of 1.5 pods for a total jail system of 859 beds);

c) iii) No action taken;

d) Directed staff to return to the Board with targeted diversion strategies to address jail population management, sustainable jail staffing, and identified savings or other revenues to fund the strategies; and

e) Approved.

The motion failed by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 2 - Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

**Noes:** 3 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Capps, and Supervisor Hartmann



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A motion was made by Supervisor Hartmann, seconded by Supervisor Capps, that this matter be acted on as follows:

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b) Approved;

c) i) Approved and directed staff to proceed with obtaining designs for Option 1 (new construction of one pod for a total jail system of 728 beds);

c) ii) and iii) No action taken;

d) No action taken; and

e) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Capps, and Supervisor Hartmann

Noes: 2 - Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino