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Dear Clerk of the Board --

Please distribute the attachment to individual Supervisors prior to tomorrow's Board Meeting.

I have not yet seen the agenda.

The attachment is in reference to decisions that will be discussed and voted upon regarding the County jail.

Thank you for your service.

Debbie McQuade

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To the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara:

Dear Supervisors,

As the Program Director of the Fr. Virgil Cordano Center, a community day center for folks who are homeless, I see daily men and women who have recently been released from jail, have no place to live, and exhibit recognizable signs of mental illness. Often these are folks whom we have come to know well over a period of months, serving them on a regular basis prior to their incarceration.

Credible research from diverse authorities have concluded that for people who are mentally ill, jail serves no good purpose. Many of their crimes – often not yet proven – are misdemeanors. Others are non-violent felonies. The better intervention, the more humane intervention, the more successful intervention is community-based treatment through local social service agencies and nonprofits. These organizations have the best interest of these people in mind as well as the greater interests of the Santa Barbara community itself which has been increasingly vocal in its request for treatment and not punishment.

After studying the options available to you, our representative Supervisors, we ask that you choose the following: Add a housing pod in the North County Jail (not exceeding 256 additional beds); retain and substantively remodel 128 beds in the South County Jail Intake/Reception Center.

This is the compassionate, fiscally sound and intelligent response to the current jail challenges. We are counting on you to support the well-documented work of CLUE and the Women League of Voters to reduce our large jail population in this way that makes sense for all of us. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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From: Deborah McQuade <deborah.mcquade@sv-sb.org>
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Dear Clerk of the Board –

Please distribute to the Members of the Board the attached statement prior to Tuesday’s Board Meeting. I have not yet seen the agenda, but this letter is in reference to the changes in County Jail size and services.

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