

Alexander, Jacquelyne

---

**From:** sbcob  
**Subject:** FW: Vote to End Unjustly Incarcerating the Mentally Ill



**From:** Jeannette Love [mailto:jenblove9@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 15, 2016 6:12 PM  
**To:** Farr, Doreen; Wolf, Janet; Adam, Peter; SupervisorCarbajal; Lavagnino, Steve; sbcob  
**Subject:** Vote to End Unjustly Incarcerating the Mentally Ill

**To:** Chair, Adam and Supervisors Carbajal, Wolf, Farr, and Lavagnino

**Re:** Capital Needs Report, Department of Mental Wellness

I live in Santa Barbara County and I join CLUE SB in requesting you to reduce the number of people with mental illness who are incarcerated in our county jail. The practice of jailing people with mental illness, often many times on minor offences, must stop.

This is an urgent call to action!

1. Fully fund and approve the Housing and Recovery Action Team (HEART) proposals for increased supportive housing and treatment for those in the community with mental illness.
2. Identify how many in the jail with mental conditions could be better served in current and new housing and treatment aligned with their diverse needs. Follow through on your interest in supportive housing and treatment instead of jail. Set up a system of accountability and leadership.
3. Provide leadership to foster collaboration among community partners to commit enough housing units and beds each year so that our county can eliminate the practice of incarcerating people with non violent mental illness. Provide monitoring and regular reporting of progress.

**I am hopeful you will take action this year to end this unjust system of incarcerating people with mental illness, instead of providing more effective supportive housing and treatment.**

This will result in reduced recidivism and more jail capacity. It is a complex challenge that will require a coordinated effort of the departments, organizations, and jurisdictions involved.

Thank you.

Rev. Jeannette Love

---

Serving the Catholic Church of the Beatitudes