



October 3, 2014

County of Santa Barbara
Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, Ca 93101

SUBJECT: Letter of Opposition AB900, Pilot Project Stabilization Agreement for the Northern Branch Jail AB 900 Phase II Project; Third Supervisorial District

Dear Board Members:

As a contractor, I am writing to oppose AB 900. This bill marks a dangerous precedence that should not exist in law, the mandate of a Project Stabilization Agreement (PSA).

Project Stabilization Agreements (PSAs) end open, fair and competitive bidding on public work projects, denying the vast majority of contractors (over 80%) the opportunity to bid on work. Studies indicate that projects cost an additional 13-15% when built under a Project Stabilization Agreement. That could increase the North Branch Jail Project by an additional \$3.75M.

All contractors with the appropriate license and skilled workforce who can meet performance-based requirements should be able to bid and be awarded any taxpayer funded projects. To do otherwise blatantly discriminates against the majority of the hardworking California construction workforce.

To learn more about PLA's visit: www.thetruthaboutplas.com.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, and I look forward to your opposition of this bill.

Sincerely,

SPECIALTY CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Rudolph C. Bachmann
President