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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I support Supervisor Steve Lavagnino's Agenda item (A-49) that would direct County Executive Officer Mona Miyasato to contact the State of California and determine whether SB 1022 grant funds could be used for alternative purposes.

This almost \$40 million of funding is a "Construction of Criminal Justice Facilities" grant. Could these funds be used to expand the north county jail for additional inmates, rather than for the STAR program? Alternatively, could these funds be used to build new facilities in south county in place of the existing jail, much of which should be replaced?

Even with construction of the north county branch jail, Santa Barbara County will have to spend tens of millions of dollars in the coming years on jail facilities. It makes sense to see whether the SB 1022 funding could be used for this purpose.

Sincerely,
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