

ATTACHMENT 5.

CONFLICT SOLUTIONS CENTER

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

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To whom it may concern:


I am writing this letter to express our support of Conflict Solutions Center of Santa Barbara.

We have had the opportunity to work with Conflict Solutions Center mediators on a number of small claims cases. We recognize the value of mediation and the way in which it can assist resolving issues in small claims court. This services has provides a vital and useful alternative for resolving disputes with our clientele. We appreciate the high level of service they provide and recommend that this service remain an option for resolving small claims cases.

Sincerely,



Krista Mather



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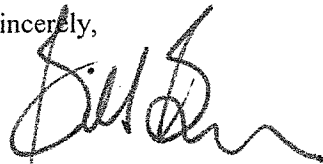
Dear Kimberly:

I support the concept of restorative justice and recognize Conflict Solutions Center's (CSC) work over the last decade in promoting the use of, and providing Restorative Justice services in Santa Barbara County. The Sheriff's Office has worked directly with CSC's staff and advocate for any financial support that could expand the use of Restorative Justice in our county.

The State of California has joined other states over the past decade in an effort to identify a more effective, proactive response to crime and delinquency. Documented evidence indicates that a balanced and restorative justice process works. They strengthen offender's senses of responsibility and connections to the community. It is through this process that offenders come face to face with the consequences of their actions. They are given the opportunity to repair the harm to their own sense of self-worth. More importantly, restorative justice gives the victims a real opportunity to be heard, to obtain closure, and to heal.

The balanced and restorative approach to justice holds community safety as the paramount purpose of the justice system. Our current overburdened criminal justice system cannot solve the many issues that face our youth today. I am pleased to continue our support of the Restorative Justice program and look forward to our continued association and partnership.

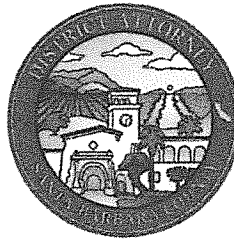
Sincerely,



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April 25, 2013

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Re: Conflict Solutions Center's Restorative Justice Request for Support

I am writing to indicate my support for Conflict Solutions Center's request for a grant to assist in continuing to facilitate and coordinate the Restorative Justice principles and practices in North Santa Barbara County. I believe that this program has and will continue to enhance our current Juvenile Justice System.

Restorative Justice has proven to be an effective way to respond to some juvenile crimes in a manner that increases public safety, helps to heal victims, and reduces recidivism.

Restorative Justice also offers an important, meaningful and effective alternative to the Juvenile Justice System, in that its goals are the re-integration of youth, direct accountability, and community involvement.

The Restorative Justice Partnership Initiative (RJPI) is a result of several years of coalition building and collaborative working relationships between Law Enforcement, Probation, the District Attorney's Office, our Victim/Witness Division, and the Public Defender's Office. Conflict Solutions Center has recognized the need for community education and involvement to get us to the point where we are now—in partnership to provide Restorative Justice services through CSC's RJPI. Our office is interested in strengthening our collaboration with the RJPI toward continued implementation of Restorative Justice practices in Santa Barbara County.

I ask that you consider funding this very worthwhile effort.

Sincerely,

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