

Motion 14 - YES - Cancellation of Design-Build Contract with McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.

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Dear Supervisor Hahn:

In January the San Pedro Democratic Club signed on to the JusticeLA campaign to reduce jail populations and work towards alternatives to incarceration. Your vote to cancel the women's jail in Lancaster at that time was greatly appreciated. We are writing again to urge you to vote YES next Tuesday, August 13, to support a motion by Supervisors Solis and Kuehl to CANCEL the \$1.7 billion dollar construction contract to build a new mental health jail.

We need decentralized community-based service and care settings for people suffering from addiction, anxiety and other mental health problems. We have plenty of jails throughout the county to handle those who are a danger to society; what we lack is community based mental health.

The Los Angeles Times reports [one in three](#) LA County jail inmates have been diagnosed with a mental health problem and urges you to reconsider this mega jail project disguised as a mental health facility. The McCarthy construction contract must be halted now in order to allow for robust alternatives addressing the need for mental health to be fully considered and implemented.

Thank you for your consideration in support of alternatives to incarceration that would result in proper treatment for our mentally ill and addicted neighbors, not further criminalization.

Sincerely,

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