


County of Santa Clara
Board of Supervisors
Supervisorial District Two
Supervisor George Shirakawa



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DATE: June 9, 2009

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: 
George Shirakawa
Supervisor, District 2

SUBJECT: Public Safety and Justice Committee - May 7, 2009

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept report from Public Safety and Justice Committee relating to meeting of May 7, 2009. (Shirakawa)

Possible actions:

- a. Accept Committee agenda items 5-7, 9-11, and 13 as Board information only.
- b. Accept inspection report from the Santa Clara County Juvenile Justice Commission, dated November 2008, on Santa Clara County Juvenile Hall and response from the Probation Department. (Item 8)
- c. Approve recommendations relating to the spending plans under the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act (SACPA) Program and Substance Abuse Offender Treatment Program (OTP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-2010. (Item 12)
 1. Accept report on the FY 2010 preliminary state allocations available for the SACPA (\$3,470,972) and OTP (\$834,863) programs.
 2. Approve the SACPA and OTP Spending Plans.
 3. Direct the Administration to redirect the 3.0 FTE existing staff from SACPA program to County General Fund administrative services in the Department of Alcohol and Drug Services, and reduce \$392,448 in the County General Fund contract treatment expenses with no net budget impact.

4. Adopt resolution approving the FY 2009-10 SACPA County Plan and OTP Application; and delegate authority to the County Executive, or designee, to submit and execute any documents necessary for implementation. (roll call vote)

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Committee met on May 7, 2009 and acted under the consent calendar to forward the SACPA and OTP recommendations (Item 12) to the Board, accept the Probation Department report on the ranch waiting list (Item 5), and accept the quarterly report from the Department of Correction report on housing revenue (Item 9).

The Committee took no action on the recommendations (Item 6) from the Advisory Commission on Consumer Affairs (ACCA) relating to improvement of transparency in the local court system. The Committee heard from the Presiding Judge of Superior Court that full implementation of such a recommendation is a resource issue. The State provides resources for the local court system, not the County. The other recommendation (Item 7) from ACCA relating to banning advertisements of negative amortization loans was held to a date uncertain pending review by County Counsel. It has subsequently been scheduled for the August 6th meeting of PSJC.

The Juvenile Justice Commission's inspection report of Juvenile Hall (Item 8) was discussed and accepted. Supervisor Shirakawa followed up with Probation on the JJC's recommendation regarding the need for additional mobile communication devices to aid Juvenile Hall staff when physical restraint of a minor seems eminent. Probation responded that equipment upgrades are pending and that Facilities and Fleet recently provided Probation with its own communication channel. Overall, the report was very complimentary of the Probation Department and Juvenile Hall staff.

The Committee accepted the findings (Item 10) from Harvey Rose Management Auditors on the Department of Correction's costs to house State and Federal prisoners. It concluded that "based on the \$11.1 million net benefit, the County should continue to house State and federal prisoners if it has room to do so." As stated by the Acting County Executive, this puts to rest the long-standing question of whether it is prudent to house other jurisdiction's inmates for revenue.

The Office of Women's Policy reported on the recommendations from the Domestic Violence Safety and Accountability Audit (Item 11). The OWP and Domestic Violence Council (DVC) will be working with law enforcement to implement four recommendations: develop standardized training curriculum on response to DV, standardize a regular training schedule across the county, and provide a laminated card as a quick reference for field officers. The last recommendation to develop a county-wide protocol for the use of interpreters at the scene of a DV incident will return to PSJC in December 2009 after working through the Police Chiefs Association and the DVC.

Lastly, the Acting County Executive verbally reported that the FY 2010 Recommended Budget includes funding to purchase the parcel from VTA necessary for the Santa Clara Family Justice Center Project. A draft agreement will be heard at a VTA Committee on May 28th.

ATTACHMENTS

- SACPA/OTP Budgets

- Budget realignment request_DADS
- Resolution