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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

SENATE BILL 1022
GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 15820.92 - 15820.926

On September 25, 2012, the Board of Supervisors requested that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department provide a written report on the impact Senate Bill 1022 (SB 1022) will have on the Los Angeles County, and the time line in accessing the funds allocated in SB 1022.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me or Assistant Sheriff Cecil W. Rhambo, Jr., at (323) 526-5065.

Sincerely,

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SHERIFF

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

BACKGROUND

Senate Bill 1022 (SB 1022) is a trailer bill that went into effect immediately after it was signed on June 25, 2012. It added and amended several sections of the Government Code to authorize counties to submit plans to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for financing of an "adult local criminal justice facility" as defined by, "any custodial housing, reentry, program, mental health, or treatment space necessary to manage the adult offender population consistent with the legislative intent described in Sections 17.5 and 3450 of the Penal Code under the jurisdiction of the sheriff."[1]

The BSCC plans to authorize up to $500 million in revenue bonds, notes, or bond anticipation notes to finance the acquisition, design and construction of approved facilities Statewide. Participating counties must contribute a minimum of 10 percent of the total project costs.

The BSCC will determine the funding criteria. Funding consideration will be given to counties that are seeking to replace existing compacted, outdated, or unsafe housing capacity, or are seeking to renovate existing or build new facilities that provide adequate space for the provision of treatment and rehabilitation services, including mental health treatment. Funding preference shall be given to counties that are most prepared to proceed successfully with this financing in a timely manner. The determination of preparedness to proceed shall include, but not be limited to, counties providing documentation of adequate, available matching funds authorized by the County Board of Supervisors from a source or sources compatible with this financing authority as determined by the State Public Works Board in its sole discretion.

TIME LINE

The BSCC has announced that the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) for SB 1022 will be co-chaired by Sheriff Leroy Baca and Sheriff Dean Growdon of Lassen County Sheriff's Office. The first mission of the ESC is to appoint the final five members. Once the ESC is formed, they must develop guidelines to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP). Once issued, the RFPs must be reviewed and voted on. This process may take several months and has not yet begun. The $500 million is likely to be broken up based on large, medium, and small counties. The ESC has not issued any potential filing dates or milestones at this time.

SHERIFF'S INTENTIONS

Currently, Sheriff Baca is looking at using any potential SB 1022 funding for upgrading and refurbishing the Mira Loma Detention Center (MLDC) to be used as a rehabilitative and reentry center. This would not be a "release" center, but a facility in which inmates would participate in Education Based Incarceration classes and work with case managers to assist them with a community discharge plan. This program would include treatment for co-occurring disorders identified as mental health and substance abuse issues, and assist in transitioning to release or to a residential program.

Located next to MLDC is the High Desert Hospital, which is closing in the near future. Potentially, Los Angeles County could repurpose this facility and use it as a rehabilitation center.

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Conceptually, a program could be developed between the Sheriff's Department, Superior Courts, and the Department of Public Health utilizing this onsite rehabilitative center.

Currently, MLDC is a medium security, dormitory style environment capable of housing approximately 1,040 inmates. The facility has many infrastructure challenges and has buildings with build dates going back to the 1940s. The suggested upgrades to MLDC would be to create an environment conducive to education, treatment, and vocational training.

SUMMARY

The submission process for SB 1022 is expected to be similar to AB 900 and may take several months to finalize. The MLDC plan is strictly conceptual at this time and should be considered a long-term plan. Should the Board of Supervisors agree to move forward with this funding process, we will work closely with our Health and Mental Health providers to develop additional options and locations. Should you have any questions, please contact Assistant Sheriff Cecil W. Rhambo, Jr., at (323) 526-5065.