



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
3.		Favor	Andrew Harms	
			Hector Ramirez	
			Jessica Sanchez	
			Jorge Rivera	<p>Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Jorge Rivera, and I am writing on behalf of the Healing and Justice Center regarding Item #3, which addresses conditions inside Men's Central Jail (MCJ).</p> <p>First, we would like to express our gratitude to Supervisor Solis for her ongoing leadership and unwavering demand for the closure of MCJ without a new jail replacement.</p> <p>The antiquated state of MCJ and its deplorable conditions are well-documented. These circumstances are detrimental to any health or healing efforts, which are crucial for achieving true public safety in Los Angeles County.</p> <p>We call upon not only the Board but also internal stakeholders present today, as well as external stakeholders such as the Courts and other cities, to take action. Jail closure can only be accomplished when all parties are at the table, working collaboratively towards this goal.</p> <p>The Healing and Justice Center strongly supports the closure of Men's Central Jail. We believe this step is essential for creating a more just and rehabilitative system that truly serves our community's needs.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Jorge Rivera Healing and Justice Center</p>
			Luis L Vargas	
		Oppose	Monisha Parker	<p>Dear Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I am writing to you today to express my concerns regarding the ongoing conditions at Men's Central Jail in Los Angeles County and to discuss potential ways to improve the facility and our overall jail system. It is acknowledged by many that the current state of this facility requires urgent attention to ensure the safety and well-being of all individuals who are</p>

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incarcerated, as well as the community at large.

If the decision is made to close Men's Central Jail, we must closely evaluate the implications of such actions. Operating without adequate facilities could lead to an overcrowding crisis in other jails or, as I fear, exacerbate the issue of crime by displacing offenders into neighborhoods without proper rehabilitation programs. It is essential that we address this situation holistically, rather than hastily closing facilities that play an integral role in our justice system.

To strengthen the county jail system and improve conditions, I propose the following initiatives:

1. Comprehensive Assessment of Needs: Conduct detailed assessments on the conditions at Men's Central Jail, including health services, mental health support, and programming for inmates. This analysis would help identify specific areas that require immediate attention and resource allocation.
2. Enhanced Mental Health Services: Many individuals within the jail system suffer from mental health issues. Implementing robust mental health support, including access to professionals and therapy options, can lead to decreased recidivism rates and better rehabilitation outcomes.
3. Rehabilitation Programs: Develop comprehensive rehabilitation programs aimed at providing inmates with education, vocational training, and life skills workshops. This would not only mitigate the chances of reoffending but also help individuals reintegrate into society successfully.
4. Community Collaboration: Engage with local community organizations and stakeholders to create pathways for support once individuals are released. This could include job placement programs, housing assistance, and ongoing mental health services, which would help alleviate the cycle of incarceration.
5. Safety and Sanitation Improvements: Immediate upgrades to ensure the safety and sanitation of the jail must be prioritized. This includes regular inspections and maintenance of facilities, as well as improved access to health care for all inmates.
6. Training for Staff: Implement ongoing training programs for correctional officers and staff that emphasize de-escalation techniques, mental health awareness, and cultural sensitivity.
7. Utilization of Technology: Explore the use of technology to streamline processes, enhance security, and improve communication within the facility, which can create a more controlled and safe environment for both staff and inmates.

By focusing on these key areas, we can work towards creating a more effective and humane jail system that prioritizes rehabilitation over

				<p>punishment. It is not enough to simply house individuals; we must also ensure they are given the tools and support to thrive once they are released back into society.</p> <p>I urge the Board of Supervisors to consider these recommendations seriously in your discussions about Men's Central Jail and the future of our jail system in Los Angeles County. I firmly believe that a commitment to improving conditions will foster a safer community and a more just system overall.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.</p> <p>Sincerely, Monisha Parker</p>
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