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Public Comments Submitted via E-mail
Agenda Item VI.

1. Mark Schmidt

The history of SB 823 shows how bad this law is. It does nothing to safeguard the public, or rehabilitate the criminals. It does enrich the advocates for the bill. I urge the supervisors to implement SB 823 in a manner that properly safeguards the public, especially the victims. The victims will not be comfortable having their assailants housed nearby. And member of the public in close proximity to where the criminals housed will not be safe. I urge the supervisors to not be swayed by terms such as juvenile and offender and realize these are for the most part hardened criminals. Also the so-called "therapeutic environment" (especially with eventual removal of law enforcement) is not appropriate for the criminals and most certainly does not safeguard the public. While SB 823 is now law, I urge the board to house these criminals in facilities where the county can safeguard the public and work with your counterparts in other counties to get this bad law repealed and the criminals sent back to state custody where they belong.