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**Jail Plan:**

The Jail Plan and Alternatives to Incarceration board letter seeks actions intended to address the county's growing jail population, among other things, through a comprehensive approach. The total estimated cost of the capital project associated with the jail plan, if approved, would exceed \$1 billion. However, the plan, as currently presented, does not include several important elements necessary for the board to make informed decisions about a project of this magnitude.

In order to consider a jail plan, the board should have the benefit of a comprehensive and thoroughly vetted needs assessment including a simple, yet full and accurate, description of the existing custody facilities, profile of current inmate population, average daily population, number and types of beds, trends, and analysis of the interrelation between the different components. For example, Table 1 in the board letter shows that Twin Towers Correctional Facility has a "rated bed capacity" of 1,766 high security beds and 478 medium security beds. However, under the "proposed rated bed capacity" it has zero high security beds and 2,244 medium security beds without any rationale for the change.

The board letter proposes to have a total of 1,348 beds dedicated for female inmates (1,156 beds plus 192 medical/mental health beds). This proposal provides no justification or rationale for the total beds proposed given that there are in excess of 2,400 female inmates currently in custody.

Additionally, the board letter seeks 30 days to initiate an analysis of the Mira Loma Detention Facility which has been vacant for 112 days (since November 27, 2012), and it seeks 90 days to provide programmatic assumptions, some of which presumably form the very basis of the jail plan and future needs.

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Management of the jail system and inmate population is highly complex and dynamic which partly explains why the jail plan has been on and off the board's agenda for over six years without meaningful action. It is also undeniable that the board has reacted to deficiencies in previous iterations of the jail plan by approving motions to seek clarity and find solutions, such as exploring alternatives to incarceration.

The county cannot proceed in a piecemeal fashion given the size, scope and cost of this important project.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Executive Officer, in consultation with the Sheriff, Public Works and the Chief Executive Officer, to immediately retain an independent consultant from the Master Services Agreement or the as-needed architect/engineering consultants list, which allows access to subject matter experts. The independent consultant shall provide the board with a comprehensive report in 60 days, which, at a minimum, contains the following:

1. A description of existing facilities, number and types of beds;
2. A profile of the existing inmate population by classification;
3. A trend analysis that projects the need for beds by security classification type over the next ten, twenty and thirty years;
4. Jail plan options and related assumptions which include one-time and on-going funding needs; including state funding options; and,
5. A timeline/delivery schedule which includes swing space during construction.

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