

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** Supervisor Ashley and Supervisor Stone

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** May 30, 2013

**SUBJECT:** IMPRISON II (Incarcerate More Prisoners Responsibly In Satisfying Overwhelming Need)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors adopt a plan to meet current and future jail capacity needs.

**BACKGROUND:** The County of Riverside currently has 3,906 jail beds. The Sheriff has identified, through his Strategic Plan, a need for an additional 4,000 jail beds by 2020 and a total of 13,500 by 2050. With additional impacts from the AB109 early release of prisoners from our jails, it is imperative that the Board of Supervisors develop a plan for short, medium and long-range capital projects to meet these needs and provide for the safety and security of our residents.

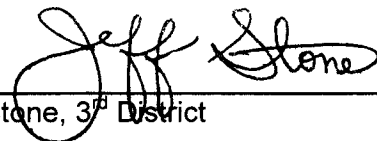
In the short-term, we are preparing to undertake construction for 1,250 beds within the year through the jail expansion in Indio. The companion piece to this Form 11 is a Banning MOU for expansion of the Larry Smith Correctional Facility. This facility has the potential of 1,600 additional beds. These two expansions could bring an additional 2,850 of the 4,000 beds identified by the Sheriff thereby meeting short-term needs.

Other potential sites for expansion would be the Southwest Justice Center from 1,500 to 3,000 beds though this would require acquisition of land.

Further expansion of the Robert Presley Center by approximately 900 beds is desirable, as more beds will be needed by the expanding court operations in the City of Riverside. The expansion site is currently utilized by the Sheriff's Administration and Riverside Police Department. This property is already owned by the County of Riverside.

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These expansions at Southwest and Robert Presley would result in an additional 2,400 to 3,900 beds for a total of 9,156 to 10,656 beds thereby meeting the County's medium term needs.

According to the Sheriff's projections, we will need 13,500 beds by 2050 so the need for a new Detention Center in the mid-county area between 2,844 and 4,344 units will be required to meet the long-term need by 2050. The County will continue to grow beyond 2050 and the Mid-County Detention Center will provide ample capacity to meet those needs.

We respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors join us in recommending we continue construction of the 1,250 bed Indio Facility, and initiate the construction of 400 - 1600 more beds as soon as possible at the Larry Smith Correctional Facility. Finally, we should continue to construct additional beds at Smith, Southwest Justice Center and Robert Presley Center followed by the Mid-County Detention Center until we achieve the total number of beds required by 2050. It is desirable to expand existing facilities located near Court facilities. Additionally, grant funding is easier to obtain for expansion of existing facilities. The county should continue to pursue the Mid-County Detention Center, completing all environmental and design work so that it is shelf ready in the event state or federal grants become available in the future for "new jail construction" separate and distinct from "jail expansion."