



County of Santa Cruz

Sheriff-Coroner

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Jim Hart
 Sheriff-Coroner

April 13, 2015

Agenda: April 21, 2015

Board of Supervisors
 County of Santa Cruz
 701 Ocean Street, Room 500
 Santa Cruz, California 95060

RE: Fencing Project

The Sheriff's Office, working with the General Services Department, is recommending an emergency requisition to install fencing along the back of the Main Jail to increase the security of the facility and ensure the continuity of operations. This letter is to provide background information and recommend that your Board approve fencing in the amount of \$47,925.

As your Board is aware, the Corrections transportation garage is used daily to safely transport inmates to and from jail for court appearances, medical transports, special operations, and freight deliveries. The garage is accessed from Blaine Street.

On March 2, 2015, following and in conjunction with the Highway 17 demonstration and closure, protestors blocked the driveway from Blaine Street to the garage, requiring Sheriff's deputies to clear a path for an inmate transportation van returning with inmates from court appearances. There have also been incidents within the last year wherein protestors walked to the garage doors, pounded on the doors, and caused disruption. Recently, Sheriff's Office Corrections has had two incidents where vandals threw objects at or into the jail inmate patios, and damaged county and personal vehicles.

The proposed fence would be installed along the county parking lot perimeter line behind the jail, parallel to Blaine Street, and connect to the existing security fence perimeter at the end of the parking strip behind the jail. The fence would create a buffer zone offering more security for inmate patio areas, create a secure parking area and allow the safe transport of inmates. It would be made of wrought iron, consistent with the existing fence to avoid any negative visual impacts.

The Sheriff's Office has worked with the General Services Department and has received approval to use Abacherli Fence Company to install the fencing at a cost of \$47,925.

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It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board approve fencing along the county parking lot perimeter line behind the jail parallel to Blaine Street and authorize the Auditor-Controller to process payment in the amount of \$47,925 to Abacherli Fence Company.
Sincerely,

Jim Hart
Sheriff-Coroner

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

cc: Sheriff
CAO
Auditor

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Proposal
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Proposal Submitted To: Bill Kersten		Phone: 454-4822		Date: 3-4-2015	
Co. of Santa Cruz General Services		Job Name & Location: County jail, Water St., Santa Cruz			
1200 Emeline Ave.		Estimator: Rod			
Sants Cruz, Ca. 95060		Cell: 246-2250		Email: William.kersten@santacruzcou	
We hereby submit specifications and estimates for:					
Footage	Appx. 364'	Line post	2 1/2"	Gate frame	2"
Height	7'	End post	2 1/2"	Top rail	1 1/2"
Fabric	Orn. Iron	Gate post	8", 3"	Pickets	3/4"
<p>Black-Pre-Galvanized Orn. Iron</p> <p>Match fence-curved picket top</p> <p>Automation: Liftmaster CSL24V Motor Key pad on gate post(2) Knox Switch(Fire Dept.) Photo Beam 2-Safety Loops Maglock</p> <p>Transmitters-\$28.00 Each</p> <p>Ground Track for Rollgate</p> <p>Add \$4,650.00 for 14 ga. Pickets(heavier)</p>					
					Refer to Drawing
					16 Ga. pickets
WE PROPOSE hereby furnish material and labor-complete in accordance with above specifications, for the sum of:					\$47,925.00
PAYMENT to be made as follows: Payment on completion			AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:		
Abacherli Fence Co is not responsible for damage to underground services. Any cost incurred in collection of monies due to the company shall be the liability of purchasers, including reasonable attorney's fees and all costs of collection.			Note: this proposal can be withdrawn by us if not accepted with 14 days		
ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL -The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.					
If proposal is accepted, please sign and return.			SIGNATURE AND DATE:		



Alicia Murillo

From: cdbbosmail@co.santa-cruz.ca.us
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 11:48 AM
To: CBD BOSMAIL
Subject: Agenda Comments

Meeting Date : 4/21/2015

Meeting Type : County Board of Supervisors

Item Number : 22.00

Name : Sylvia Caras

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Phone : Not Supplied

Comments :

More fencing and more restrictions on assembly sites are repressive, like SCPD's BearCat purchase. More militarization, more fear, more sheep.

My wish would be to not have this fence built. And it seems opaque to have this on the consent agenda.

Alicia Murillo

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Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2015 2:54 PM
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Meeting Date : 4/21/2015

Meeting Type : County Board
of Supervisors

Item Number : 22.00

Name : Courtney Hanson

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Comments :

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Today we learned that Sheriff Jim Hart is proposing to build a seven foot tall, 364-foot long gated iron fence around the Santa Cruz County Main Jail parking lot, which would cost \$47,925 to complete. This proposal will be on the agenda this Tuesday, April 21st. The parking lot where the fence would be built is an area that has been used in the past by community members for public assembly and political demonstrations.

We are deeply concerned by Sheriff Jim Hart's proposal for a few reasons. For one, \$47,925 is a large amount of taxpayer dollars to spend restricting First Amendment rights. The intention behind demonstrations like those cited by Hart have been held to let inmates know that community members outside care about their wellbeing and their conditions of incarceration. The few noise demonstrations that have occurred in the past few years were minor disruptions and to our knowledge have never threatened the security of the jail or those inside of it.

Community members, specifically those formerly incarcerated, have consistently expressed appreciation of this effort and the ways that it breaks through the isolation and shame that can arise from imprisonment.

We feel this fence proposal is an extension of the trespassing ordinance (Chapter 10.24) that was passed on February 10th, 2015. During that time, we expressed concerns through public comment, a widely signed petition, and letters sent to Board members. Our concerns were addressed when the Board asked the Sheriff to specify that the ordinance did not

intend to stifle free speech and the freedom to assemble, and only concerned the area of the jail already fenced off. Our collective concerns that were validated at that meeting are resurfacing with this proposal.

Freedom of assembly is a First Amendment right and if the proposed fence were to be constructed, it would not deter activists from assembling in that area. Providing for the physical and mental health of inmates and available educational resources should be the Sheriff's top public safety priority.

In order to maintain safety and stability inside and outside of the jail, an open, transparent, and accessible process of community input and participation is essential. Because the fence would be ineffective in its stated purpose, we encourage the Sheriff and the Board of Supervisors to prioritize spending \$47,925 on long term solutions to challenges faced by our criminal justice system, such as the Prudent Care for Incarcerated Seniors program. We urge you to reject the Fencing Project and encourage more community dialogue around concerns Sheriff Hart may have regarding protests.

Thank you for your consideration,

Members of Sin Barras
Tash Nguyen
Courtney Hanson
Leslie Potenzo

Alicia Murillo

From: cbdbosmail@co.santa-cruz.ca.us
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Meeting Date : 4/21/2015

Meeting Type : County Board of Supervisors

Item Number : 22.00

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Comments :

Please approve the Sheriff's request for fencing along the County parking lot. The fence is required for safety of the inmates, jail employees, Correctional Officers and the surrounding neighborhood. The fencing will help alleviate the issues of vandalism and danger to those in the area. Please keep Public Safety as your #1 priority.

Alicia Murillo

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Comments :

Please support Sheriff Hart's request for a fence at the Blaine Street jail.