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Hi Supervisors,

I do not consider the potential major loss of rights in an already restrictive setting to be routine. Not sure why this is on consent. The inclusion of this and the Valley Center plan on the consent calendar is reprehensible and this will not be tolerated.

I notice that this program only applies to felons. So do we need 25 beds? Do we have that many crazy felons? After all, most felons plan their crimes, so 25 beds seems excessive. And this is a \$12 mil contract – a lot of taxpayer money down the tubes. I also see that we are paying per diem from January 1 although it is March 11.

Why, too, is this program only in the San Diego jail?

And while it's nice for the State to give us a big grant for this, the State is running a big deficit, so I would get alternative funding ready.

I would suggest modifying this and not approve right away.

Regards,

Paul Henkin