



SACRAMENTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SCOTT R. JONES

Sheriff

July 27, 2020

Hon. Russell Hom, Presiding Judge
Sacramento Superior Court
720 Ninth Street, Department 47
Sacramento, CA 95814

Hon. Russell Hom,

On June 30, 2020, the Sacramento County Grand Jury issued the 2019-20 Final Report. I want to preface this response by first acknowledging the work completed by the 2019-20 Grand Jury in producing this report. This report included findings and recommendations based on the Grand Jury's investigation into the County of Sacramento's reluctance to accept \$80 million in related funding from SB 1022.

I could not agree more with the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations regarding this matter. The 2019 *Mays* Consent Decree is clear and abiding, regarding the improvement and expansion of RCCC facilities for medical, mental health, educational, and vocational training opportunities. Without new capital improvements to RCCC, the County of Sacramento will be unable to meet the expectations set forth in the *Mays* Consent Decree.

As indicated in the Final Report, a failure to accept the SB 1022 funding will not absolve the County of Sacramento from eventually being required to find other funding sources to complete the facility's necessary improvements. The proposed SB 1022 construction is specifically designed to improve the current conditions and services for inmates at RCCC and is not intended to increase population capacity. A crucial element of this issue is the understanding that these improvements are required and obligatory. Utilizing available grant funding makes good fiduciary sense and will allow us to meet legally required commitments.

Again I would like to acknowledge the work of the Grand Jury and express appreciation for the time and effort they committed to underscoring the importance of this issue.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott R. Jones".

SCOTT R. JONES, SHERIFF