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April 1, 2014

Mayor Joe Gunter  
City of Salinas  
200 Lincoln Avenue  
Salinas, CA 93901

Re: Letter Dated February 24, 2014 on Relocation of Monterey County Youth Center

Honorable Mayor Gunter:

Thank you for your letter regarding the inclusion of the Monterey County Youth Center as part of construction of the new Juvenile Hall facility. As indicated in your letter, the County has been awarded conditional grant approval from the State to construct the new Juvenile Hall facility. We concur that the request to consider inclusion of the Youth Center as part of the construction of the new Juvenile Hall facility has significant merit and commend the City for support of this request. This is something that has been discussed in the past with community members by several Board Members and is part of the discussion that will take place along with the feasibility study and scope of work that will be necessary to design and build the facility if the grant is awarded.

We suggest that Monterey County and the City of Salinas continue working jointly with community stakeholders to assess the feasibility of relocating the Youth Center in the vicinity of the new Juvenile Hall facility. To complete this task, a site plan assessment will have to be completed to determine if there is enough of a footprint in this area to accommodate both facilities. If the site plan and community assessment support feasibility of site consolidation, significant additional project funding would be required. We believe a partnership between the City of Salinas and Monterey County will increase the likelihood of obtaining funding from State and other grant sources. We hope that the City of Salinas will want to also be included in part and we would ask that as a stakeholder and partner; that the City also contributes funding to be included in the design and build aspect of this new and innovative facility.

Assistant County Administrative Officer Manny González has been designated as point of contact in working collaboratively with City of Salinas. Mr. González can be reached at 831-796-3593. We again thank you for your letter, and look forward to jointly exploring this exciting opportunity together as partners.

Sincerely,

Lou Calcagno, Chairman  
Monterey County Board of Supervisors

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