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RE: June 20 CIC Meeting and Monterey County Jail Adaptive Reuse

Dear Mr. Holm:

This letter request follows up on my June 23rd e-mail to Benny Young requesting something in writing indicating that Monterey County would entertain working with a private developer to rehabilitate the Old Jail for new uses. At the last CIC meeting, Supervisor Potter suggested that he would be willing to have dialog with prospective development partner(s), or words to this effect.

As you can imagine, without something in writing from Monterey County expressing a willingness to seriously explore redevelopment options, it would be very difficult for those in the preservation community go and seek developers or funding and to elicit serious interest in adaptive reuse. Those of us interested in preserving the property don't own the building, we don't have a lease on the building and otherwise have no formal association with the structure.

Without having the ability to demonstrate a relationship to the property, no qualified developer or funder would take a reuse request from any of us seriously. In working with Yaz Emrani, the former Public Works Director some years ago, we previously requested an MOU or some other reliable confirmation from the County confirming a willingness to entertain redevelopment discussions. Mr. Emrani left the County's employment and the Old Jail reuse was placed on the back burner until last year.

By way of this letter, I would respectfully request that the Resource Management Agency provide a written confirmation expressing a willingness to explore both adaptive reuse and funding options for the property. I believe such a good faith effort will go a long way towards determining whether or not there is private sector interest in preserving this National Register property.

Sincerely,