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JOEL R. PANZER 701 PAJARO STREET SALINAS, CA 93901

Subject:

Old Jail Adaptive Reuse

Response to June 29, 2016 letter

Dear Mr. Panzer:

This is a response to your letter dated June 29, 2016 regarding the June 20, 2016 Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) presentation of the Monterey County Jail Adaptive Reuse. Your request to obtain something in writing indicating that Monterey County would entertain working with a private developer to rehabilitate the Old Jail for new uses has been considered. County respectfully denies that request at this time because the full Board has not considered all of the options. Your request is duly noted and will be included as an option for the Board to consider when they are presented all of the options.

I should note that any option other than preserving the old jail would require an Environment Impact Report (EIR) with a full range of alternatives in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). On June 20, 2016, the Capital Improvement Committee supported fulfilling the completion of the Government Center Master Campus Plan by directing the Resource Management Agency to prepare an EIR for a County project at the Old Jail site. There is currently no funding for this project (EIR). The ability to produce an EIR that includes a full range of alternatives will be dependent upon funding in the next fiscal year.

Staff is preparing an item for the Board agenda with a target date in mid-September. The focus will be for the BOS to consider a project description for the EIR. The timeframe for beginning and processing an EIR offers time to formulate additional alternative approaches that could be brought forth to the County for consideration.

Sincerely

Director, Resource Management Agency

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