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Rehabilitation Detention Facility Hall of Justice Jail Replacement Project

SF Planning Commission Hearing

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Hall of Justice Jail Replacement Project Background – Why now?

- HOJ is seismically deficient uninhabitable after a major earthquake. There is a 63% chance of a 6.7 or greater magnitude earthquake striking the Bay Area by the year 2036 (United States Geological Survey)
- Constructed in 1958, it is second to SF General Hospital in total regular occupancy with more than 3,000 individuals using the facility on a daily basis.
- Current conditions of County Jail #3 &4, outdated facility, unsafe linear housing units, with minimal program, medical and mental health support space.
- In Capital Plan since 2006 under the Justice Facilities Improvement Program - A comprehensive strategy to relocate all current occupants out of the HOJ.
- Eligible for State Financing of up to \$80 Million



Proposed Scope – Based on Controller's Forecast

- Construct a new maximum security facility with 384 beds (more than 50% smaller, from existing 828 to 384 beds)
- Facility will be a modern, to-State standard direct supervision facility similar to County Jail #5 to include:
 - Supportive Services' Program Spaces: counseling, classrooms, computers and vocational training
 - Increased safety and security through Podular Housing Units
 - Medical and Mental Health Unit appropriate to heightened need for much improved facilities
- \$240 million general fund debt Total Project cost (including purchase of property)



Replacement Jail in San Francisco – Pros and Cons

PROS

- Eligible for State Financing of up to \$80 Million*
- Minimal safety risks during movement of inmates to Courts
- Ease of access to inmates by friends and family
- Increased safety of inmates and staff with new podular housing
- Second least expensive scenario studied with best value to City, protects against future population spikes and provides flexibility for inmate classification (Mentally III, Gang, Sexually Violent Predators, etc.)

CONS

\$14.5 Million cost in Real Estate Acquisition

*State Financing Senate Bill 863 – Up to \$80 Million available to large counties seeking to replace or renovate old detention facilities to add program space and medical and mental treatment



Replacement Jail in San Bruno – Pros and Cons

PROS

\$14 Million cost saving in Real Estate Acquisition

CONS

- Significantly more costly than building the same number of beds in San Francisco, due to delay from new environmental review process that would incur greater escalation in the cost of construction
- No possibility of State Financing of up to \$80 Million
- Reduced ease of access to Inmates by friends and family
- Increased safety risks during transportation for Inmates and SFSD staff
- Cost/delays of possible challenge from San Mateo County and neighbors regarding expansion of San Bruno Jail



No Replacement Jail

Consequences

- County Jail #4 would be uninhabitable after a major earthquake event
- Overcrowding would lead to Federal Consent Decrees and Fines
- □ Failure to meet minimum jail standards, CCR Title 15
- Continued lack of supportive program and treatment space
- Compromised Safety of staff and inmates
 - Increased likelihood of inmate on inmate violence
 - Increased threat to staff safety



Question: Why not utilize CJ #6 for the replacement?

- Given the number of required beds 384 the following would need to occur:
- Extensive remodel of CJ #6 for 256 secure rated beds and associated non-housing support and inmate program spaces.
- New multi-story building for 128 secure rated beds and associated non-housing support and inmate program spaces.
- Alterations to HOJ to provide bridging spaces for inmate in-transit.
- Fund the Transportation and Security related logistics of moving inmates from San Bruno to SF Courts and the movement of court officers to and from San Bruno.



- Provides a safe, secure, and humane environment for inmates and staff, and aligns with the Sheriff's rehabilitation objectives and mission.
- Constructing a replacement jail decreases liability of cost in temporary jail housing if the Hall of Justice becomes uninhabitable.
- Completing environmental review by July increases the City's opportunity for up to \$80 million dollars in state funding under Senate Bill 863.



Proposed Site for Rehabilitation Detention Facility





Stacking Diagram





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