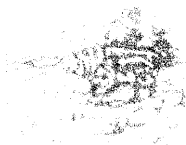


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AGENDA: January 24, 2006

January 6, 2006

Board of Supervisors  
county of santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Avenue  
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**SUBJECT: Deferral on Status Report – Gemma**

Dear Members of the Board:

On September 13, 2005, a status report was submitted to your Board on the interagency planning effort with Gemma, a local not-for-profit agency, dedicated to providing reentry services and transitional housing to women leaving the Sheriff's Blaine Street facility. Your Board directed the Probation Department, the Human Resources Agency and the Health Services Agency to provide a subsequent status report on this date. The county agencies have been meeting regularly with the Gemma Board to identify county resources that could assist the program. Recent discussions on the development of Gemma have led to the consensus opinion **by** the interagency planning group that the program would benefit from a partnership with a community based agency experienced in delivering residential services. Discussions between Gemma and the Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center, are presently occurring to explore the feasibility of such a partnership. Given that the outcome of these discussions will influence the program design, the potential funding structure of Gemma and the county agency recommendations, the planning group suggests that the Gemma status report be deferred so that information regarding these recent developments can be included.

It is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that your Board defer this status report to the March 21, 2006 meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith A. Cox".

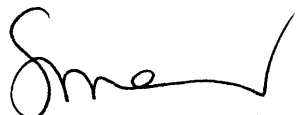
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