

Board of Supervisors



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER • REDWOOD CITY • CALIFORNIA 94063-1655
WEB PAGE ADDRESS: <http://www.co.sanmateo.ca.us>

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARK CHURCH
JERRY HILL
RICHARD S. GORDON
ROSE JACOBS GIBSON
ADRIENNE J. TISSIER

JOHN MALTBIE
COUNTY MANAGER
CLERK OF THE BOARD

(650) 363-4853
FAX: (650) 599-1027

March 11, 2007

Ms. Shirley La Marr

Pony: PH 173

Dear *Shirley* Ms. La Marr,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, thank you very much for supporting the San Mateo County Women's Criminal Justice Summit, February 22, 2007. A collaborative effort, the Women's Criminal Justice Summit brought together powerful presentations valuing evidence-based criminal justice reforms, need for gender-responsive programming and facilities, an inspiring look at successful local programs, culminating in an hour-long facilitated participant discussion on strategies our community needs to consider to improve outcomes for women and their children in the criminal justice system. These strategies include:

- Support funding for community-based reentry and transitional services: health care, housing, job training, substance abuse and mental health treatment with coordinated case management;
- Enhance training to integrate gender-responsive strategies throughout the correctional system from assessment, treatment programs and facilities;
- Expand alternative sentencing options;
- Coordinate policy, programs and services that support children and families of incarcerated women; and
- Establish an inclusive community stakeholder women's criminal justice system reform-working group charged with developing a strategic action plan, oversee its implementation and report outcomes.

Again, thank you for your support of the San Mateo County Women's Criminal Justice Summit. On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, we look forward to working with you to accomplish the important work begun at the Summit.

Sincerely,

Rose
Rose Jacobs Gibson
President of the Board

C: Honorable Board of Supervisors
John Maltbie, County Manager
Dave Boesch, Assistant County Manager
Mary McMillan, Deputy County Manager