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CITY COUNCIL
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Members in Session:

On Tuesday, July 28, 1981, you were presented some statistics by Police Chief John Kearns concerning the efforts of the State Department of Corrections to open a community correctional center in Sacramento.

The statistics, while I believe them to be accurate, represent a somewhat distorted picture of the adult parolee population in Sacramento. I would also like to point out that our efforts to respond to community concerns over parolees in this area are not favorably represented in these statistics.

The most current data with respect to our effort to control the influx of parolees into Sacramento is as follows:

MALE FELONS RECEIVED FROM SACRAMENTO COUNTY*

<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>
370	390	395	381

MALE FELONS PAROLED TO SUPERVISION - SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>
558	493	373	430

* Dept. of Corrections Offender Information Services 5/21/81
** Includes approximately 100 cases supervised in Yolo, Placer, Nevada and Sierra Counties.

These figures indicate that our effort to control the release of other county of commitments to Sacramento have made notable progress. In 1980 we rejected 229 cases for parole to Sacramento County via our screening procedure.


Chief Kearns indicates that 446 parolees were arrested in 1980. It is indicated that this is an increase of 44% in one year. It should be noted that arrests are not always indicative of criminal involvement. This statistic includes both youth and adult parolees and there is no indication as to the number of arrests which are actually adults; however, the statistics on recidivism should certainly give one a clue (Youth Authority 45% - Adult parolees 26%.)

My concern over the number of parolees coming to Sacramento is as great as yours and I have personally been involved in the screening process. However the opening of a re-entry facility in Sacramento will not increase the number of parolees to be supervised here. We are concerned with a group of individuals (inmates) who within 90 days are to be released to the community. The opportunity to prepare for this inevitable release can only be enhanced by release through a community re-entry facility.

Local law enforcement will receive complete cooperation in the identification of all participants, as is the case with our present facility. The establishment of such a facility will give local law enforcement and the Parole Division an opportunity to observe the adjustment of these inmates prior to their parole release and thus to identify potential problem individuals.

I can only urge you to reconsider your position as indicated at the Council meeting of July 29, 1981. I also request that you maintain a neutral position pending our effort to establish such a facility, until a vendor has been identified and a proposed site selected.

Respectfully submitted,


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District Administrator