

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Roy Wilson

SUBMITTAL DATE:
June 30, 2009

SUBJECT: Vocational and academic training program for parolees to reduce recidivism

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Chairman to send a letter endorsing the concept of a three-pronged "Riverside County Parole Project" aimed at reducing the revolving door of recidivism.

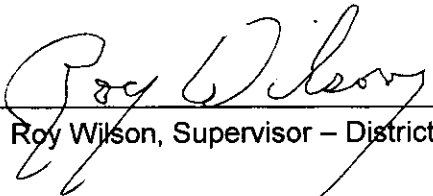
BACKGROUND:

In December 2007, a group of four distinguished and experienced citizens produced a proposal for a comprehensive program for prospective and current parolees, aimed at reducing recidivism and the resultant crime and need for jail space in Riverside County. The three facets of this program are:

- 1) A "Community Education and Employment Training Service Center (CEETSC)," which parolees would enroll in voluntarily in order to receive vocation and academic training and for social and family services. The goal is to enable parolees to get a job with a living wage, giving them a chance to avoid recidivism.
- 2) A "Parolee Day Reporting Center (PDRC)," which, unlike the CEETSC, is mandatory. The PDRC is a small parolee service center sought by the California Department of Corrections, and parolees are referred to it when their Parole Agents feel that they are in imminent risk of recidivism. The PDRC is operated at the same site as the CEETSC.
- 3) An "Inside-Outside" program, which teaches basic skills to prisoners while they are still incarcerated, and continues, seamlessly, that education once they are paroled. The objective is to transform parolees into "taxpayers" instead of "tax recipients."

Reducing recidivism and helping former inmates to become productive citizens is a worthwhile endeavor. The proponents of this program have many years of law enforcement and parole reform experience. This level of knowledge and experience sets this proposed program apart from other similar programs.

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Some of the proponents of this program are:

Frances Hesselbein, Retired CEO of the National Girl Scouts of America, and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient

Robert Presley, Retired Secretary of the Youth & Adult Correctional Agency, former Undersheriff of Riverside County and retired California State Senator

D.O. "Spike" Helmick, Thirty year member of California Highway Patrol, the last nine as Commissioner

Larry Bowler, Retired Sacramento County Sheriff's lieutenant and former California State Assembly member.

This item was submitted last year and referred to Sheriff for review. The sheriff has completed his study and now supports the program.
