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Adolfo Gonzales, Chief Probation Officer

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Linda Penner, Chair
Board of State and Community Corrections
2590 Venture Oaks Way
Sacramento, CA 95833

Dear Chairwoman Penner,

On April 9, 2015, the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), conditionally awarded the County of San Diego \$4.5 million for the construction of a new Youth Development Center outside of the East Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility from Senate Bill 81 funding. The San Diego County Probation Department (Probation Department) anticipated those funds being utilized to improve family engagement, rehabilitative programs, and career technical education.

However, over the past two years, the Department has been undergoing a long-term, strategic review for resource allocation and facilities prioritization to address and support the continued decline in custodial youth. The Department is working to shift future strategic facility planning to Kearny Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility, a centrally-located facility that is more accessible to families and other visitors and a priority included in the County's Capital Improvement Needs Assessment. A combination of unanticipated challenges associated with the original facility location and design and the development of a new, long-term strategic facility planning direction led to our determination that the San Diego County Probation Department will relinquish the \$4.5 million conditional award.

As the Chief Probation Officer, I deeply value the collaboration and assistance that the BSCC has provided in the SB 81 project and all other endeavors. We look forward to future opportunities that will strengthen both of our agencies.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Matt Strickland, Supervising Probation Officer, at (858) 514-3227 or Matthew.Strickland@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adolfo Gonzales".

ADOLFO GONZALES
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

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