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October 19, 1982

City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Proposition 2 (County Jail Capital Expenditure Bond Act of 1981) on November 2, 1982 Ballot

SUMMARY

It is recommended that the Council approve a resolution in support of Proposition 2 and direct the City Manager to advise local newspapers, radio and television stations of the Council's action.

DISCUSSION

Attached hereto is a report dated October 19, 1982 to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors recommending their endorsement of Proposition 2 relating to County Jail capital funding. The report outlines the impact of Proposition 2 and the need for County Jail funds in Sacramento, and concludes that passage of Proposition 2 is likely to result in allocation to Sacramento County of funds needed for construction of a new main jail.

Because City prisoners are housed in the County Jail, it is in the interest of the City to encourage passage of Proposition 2.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the attached resolution in support of Proposition 2 urging all voters in the City to vote "yes" on Proposition 2, and direct the City Manager to advise

**APPROVED**  
BY THE CITY COUNCIL

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OFFICE OF THE  
CITY CLERK

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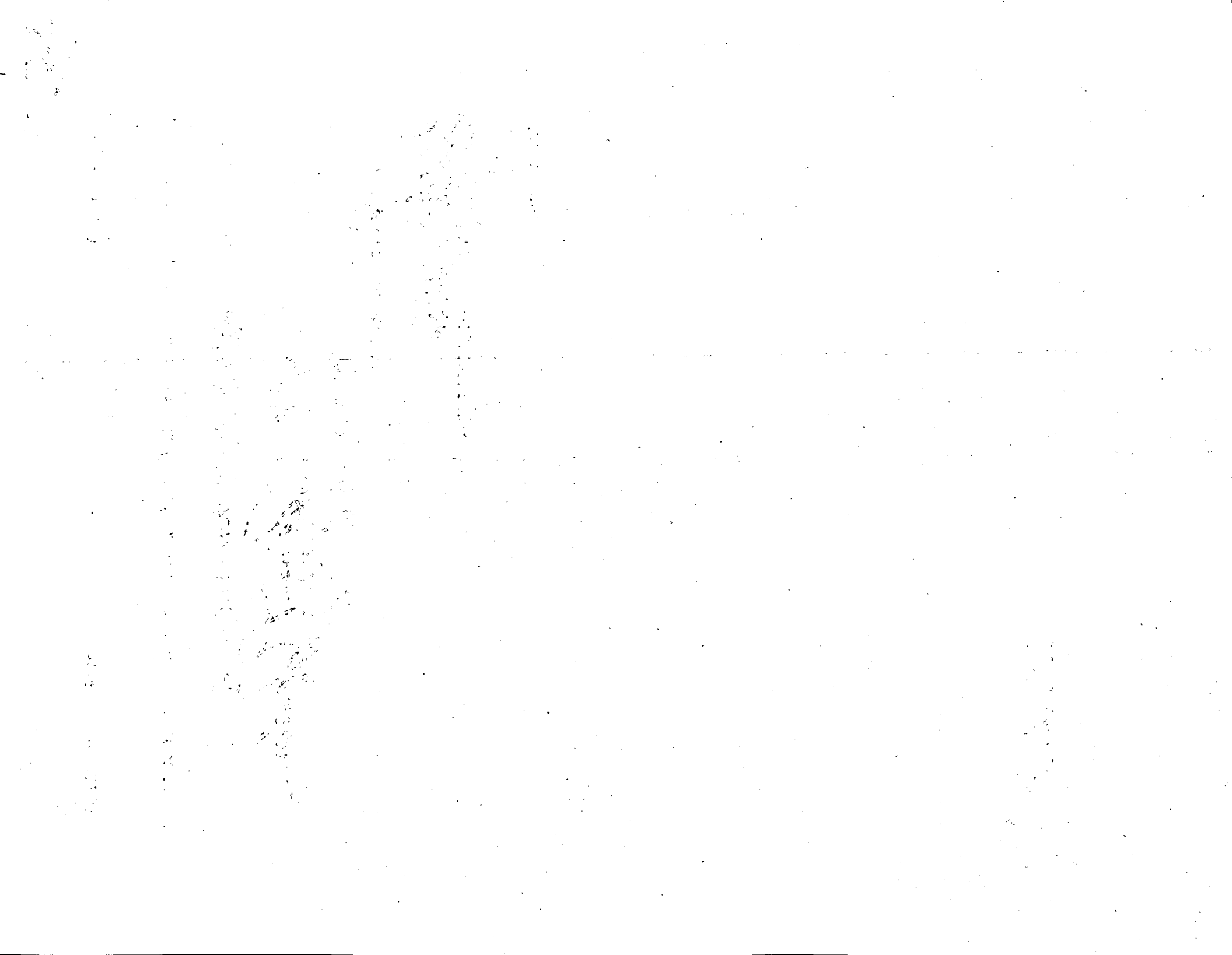
  
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Recommendation Approved:

  
Walter J. Slipe, City Manager

Attachment

October 26, 1982  
All Districts



COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
CALIFORNIA

October 19, 1982

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Brian H. Richter  
County Executive

Duane Lowe  
Sheriff

Subject: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 2, NOVEMBER 1982

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that your Board approve the attached Resolution in support of Proposition 2 on the ballot for the General Election on November 2,, 1982, and direct the County Executive to advise the local newspapers and TV stations of the Board's action on this proposition.

DISCUSSION:

Your Board is well aware of the severe overcrowding in the Sacramento County Main Jail which has resulted in assaults on inmates and staff and in several suits against the County. Your Board is also aware of the Consent Decree with the Federal Defender which was ordered implemented on September 18, 1981 which requires the County to make a good faith effort to build a new main jail as soon as possible. With the assistance of a State Grant in the amount of \$3,500,000 which was received in April, 1982, Sacramento County is currently working with the architectural firms of Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum and Nacht & Lewis in the design of the new main jail. Design will be completed by the end of 1983 and the County will be ready to proceed with construction if adequate funding can be provided. It is currently estimated that it will require approximately \$81,000,000 to complete the construction of the new main jail.

Proposition 2 in the November election will provide \$280,000,000 statewide for the construction of county jails. Proposition 1 in the June election was for state prisons and did not provide any funding for county jails.

If Proposition 2 in the November election passes, the State Board of Corrections will allocate funds to counties statewide to assist them in the construction of county jails using the same procedures they established for allocating the 40 Million Dollars they were allocated in the 1981 - 82 fiscal year. These funds are allocated to counties based on the need to resolve serious overcrowding problems, on the past efforts and expenditures to solve jail problems and on the current county use of alternatives to incarceration. Based on prior ratings when competing for state grant funding, Sacramento County would have a good chance of being allocated a substantial funding grant for the new main jail which would drastically reduce the use of county fiscal resources for the new main jail. Without substantial assistance from some state or federal grant, it is extremely doubtful that Sacramento County could proceed with the construction of a new main jail in the near future. It is therefore extremely important to the citizens of Sacramento County that Proposition 2 in the November election be passed.

It is, therefore, recommended that your Board authorize the Chairman to sign the attached resolution in support of Proposition 2 and urge all voters in the County and in the State of California to vote "yes" on Proposition 2 in the November 1982 election.

Brian H. Richter  
County Executive

Duane Lowe  
Sheriff

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# RESOLUTION NO. 82-747

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

OCTOBER 26, 1982

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 2 (COUNTY JAIL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BOND ACT OF 1981) ON NOVEMBER 2, 1982 BALLOT

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OCT 26 1982

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

WHEREAS, the Sacramento County Main Jail, which is used to house pretrial detainees, has been severely overcrowded for the last five years; and

WHEREAS, severe overcrowding may lead to assaults on inmates and staff and may create an unsafe and unconstitutional environment for jail inmates; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Defender filed a class action against Sacramento County alleging that Sacramento County's Main Jail is severely overcrowded and does not meet minimum standards for safety and other constitutional standards; and

WHEREAS, as a result of said class action, Sacramento County has agreed to a consent decree ordered executed by the Federal District Court on September 18, 1981, which requires Sacramento County to reduce the number of inmates in the Sacramento Main Jail; to improve the food service, sanitation, medical facilities, recreation, visiting opportunities and other operating programs, and to make a good faith effort to build a new main jail as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for effective law enforcement, punishment of criminals, and protection of all citizens that jail space be adequate for the detention of persons charged with crimes who are a danger to the community or who are not likely to appear for trial and to house convicted criminals who are sentenced to jail; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has approved for presentation to the voters of California in the November 1982 election, the County Jail Capital Expenditure Bond Act of 1981 (Proposition 2) to authorize the sale of \$280 million in bonds for County Jail Construction; and

WHEREAS, if Proposition 2 passes, the State Board of Corrections will allocate jail construction funds to counties like Sacramento to help the counties build new jails; and

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WHEREAS, Sacramento County cannot use local financial resources for construction of a new main jail without severely restricting the normal basic governmental services which the County is responsible for providing to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the passage of Proposition 2 in November 1982, and the allocation of substantial funding to Sacramento County for the new main jail will enable Sacramento County to proceed with the construction of a new main jail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

That the Sacramento City Council supports the passage of Proposition 2, urges all citizens to support the passage of Proposition 2 to help Sacramento complete construction of a new main jail at the earliest date, and urges all voters in the City of Sacramento to vote "Yes" on Proposition 2 in the November 1982 election.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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