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As a result of the Governor’s Public Safety Realignment Program, counties are now responsible for the incarceration of thousands of inmates who were formally held in state prisons. Los Angeles County is presently housing over five thousand such inmates and that number is increasing over time. The Board of Supervisors, along with the Sheriff and CEO, are developing a plan to increase jail capacity and improve the quality of future facilities which will be built to meet the County’s new obligation. It is evident, however, that increasing jail space alone will not be sufficient to cope with the increased inmate population. We need creative additional strategies that further the goals of community safety, deterrence, and rehabilitation.

One such strategy is to provide a continuum of resources providing rehabilitative oversight during incarceration and after release. To this end, the Los Angeles County Sheriff has implemented a series of programs under the rubric of Educational Based Incarceration which provides inmates with the prospect of beginning their road to rehabilitation while serving time in our County Jails. The Sheriff has also developed risk assessment and treatment assessment tools which will identify those inmates who could benefit from serving the remainder of a given sentence in some form of rehabilitative facility. By carefully choosing those inmates who have proven receptive to

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this approach, while screening for community risk and inmate post release needs, the Sheriff maintains that he can identify inmates to serve a portion of their sentence in a rehabilitative setting.

There will never be sufficient jail space to fulfill the burden that the State has placed upon Los Angeles County. It is essential that our County begin to explore prudent, innovative, and carefully thought out alternatives to incarceration that can be crafted in a manner that insures public safety.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Sheriff, in cooperation with the CEO and Probation, provide this Board with a written report within the next thirty days that includes:

- 1) A detailed description of the Sheriff's assessment tools that will be used to identify inmates who could serve a portion of their jail sentence in a rehabilitative program.
- 2) Identification of the universe of inmates from which the Sheriff would select candidates to serve a portion of their sentence in a rehabilitative program. This should include: the nature of the charge, the sentence rendered, time remaining on the sentence and any other criteria that will be employed by the Sheriff to qualify the inmate for this program.
- 3) Identification of the facilities and rehabilitation programs that are or may in the future be available to be utilized for this effort.
- 4) Identification of potential funding sources and a cost analysis for such a program.