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Miraloma Park Improvement Club

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Norman Yee, President, and Members
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall, Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear President Yee and Members of the Board:

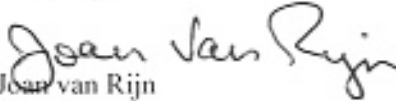
On behalf of the Miraloma Park Improvement Club and our approximately 500 members, I am writing to express opposition to the closure of the San Francisco Juvenile Justice Center prior to the completion of the Mayor's Juvenile Justice Reform Blue Ribbon Panel process.

It is commendable that both the Board of Supervisors and Mayor are motivated to improve services to San Francisco's youth involved in the juvenile probation system. As you know, these youth, as a population, are economically disadvantaged, lack appropriate family support, and are at high risk for further engagement in both juvenile and adult probation systems. These young people urgently need the best support services that the City can provide.

We are favorably impressed with the composition of the Juvenile Justice Reform Blue Ribbon Panel: senior representatives of the Human Rights Commission, Juvenile Probation, the Public Defender's Office, other relevant City departments, the Superior Court, San Francisco Unified School District, and a member of the Board of Supervisors, as well as juvenile justice advocates, community-based service providers, and individuals and youth with firsthand experience in the juvenile justice system. Our expectation is that the Panel's findings will be based upon careful research and will lead, in turn, to meaningful reform of San Francisco's juvenile probation system and to optimized positive opportunity for San Francisco's high risk youth.

We urge you, therefore, to support the Blue Ribbon Panel process by rejecting any proposals to close the Juvenile Justice Center prior to completion of the Panel's study and findings. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Joan van Rijn
President

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