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William P. Siffermann, Chief Probation Officer
City and County of San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department
375 Woodside Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94127

Dear Chief Siffermann,

I write to formally request your participation in a Facilitated Informational Interview and Dialogue at the Stanford Law School Martin Daniel Gould Center for Conflict Resolution Programs on Saturday, February 26, 2011, from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

The event planned for February 26th will be facilitated by Serena Alvarez, Esq. as part of a consensus building process being undertaken by County, City, Court, Faith and Community stakeholder leaders working toward systems transformation in the criminal justice area. Civil rights organization, La Raza Roundtable, has provided leadership for this consensus building process to address Latino overrepresentation, based on recommendations received from the Harvard Negotiation and Mediation Clinical Program, and with training being provided to participating stakeholders by the Stanford Law School Gould Center for Conflict Resolution Programs. Essential to our consensus process is the effective gathering and exchange of information, particularly information deemed salient to participating stakeholders. An opportunity to directly inquire and learn about the Juvenile Probation Department you lead will be useful as we continue evaluating our community interests and needs.

As you may be aware, a number of Santa Clara County community and justice system stakeholders have expressed an interest in the development of a distinctive model of probation services for juveniles in Santa Clara County. To the credit of Santa Clara County Chief Probation Officer, Sheila Mitchell, our Probation Department is presently undertaking a collaborative effort with the San Jose Police Department to develop a Direct Referral Program for youth, similar to the model identified in the City of Morgan Hill. In addition to these efforts, there is serious interest in the structural and cultural framework of the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department. I would greatly appreciate you granting the courtesy of this Informational Interview and Dialogue, much like the visit you graciously provided to a delegation of Santa Clara County stakeholders last August and similar to the dialogue stakeholders were able to engage with representatives from the Morgan Hill Police Department.

As we strive to improve outcomes for our youth, Santa Clara County is looking inward and outward. Your willingness to permit our inquiry and exploration will be appreciated and is valued. Please confirm your attendance to Serena Alvarez, who has already been in contact with you by phone and email, as she will provide you with all the details you need for the event. I look forward to gathering information and learning from you.

Sincerely,

Dave Cortese
President, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors



La Raza Roundtable

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Building Consensus for Transformative Systems Change Facilitated Stakeholder Training & Dialogue

Hosted by the Martin Daniel Gould Center for Conflict Resolution Programs
Stanford Law School

List of Confirmed Participants:

Convener of Consensus Building Process, La Raza Roundtable

✓ Victor Garza, M.A.

Chair of La Raza Roundtable

✓ Rev. Deacon Sal Alvarez, M.S.W.

Chair of La Raza Roundtable Summit on Latino Overrepresentation

Consensus Building Process Facilitator

✓ Serena Alvarez, Esq.

Invited Guests

William P. Siffermann, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer and
Allison Magee, Director of Administrative Services,
San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department

Participating Stakeholder Group Leaders

- ✓ Assembly Member Paul Fong, State of California, 22nd State Assembly District
- ✓ Board President Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara, District 3
- Supervisor Mike Wasserman, County of Santa Clara, District 1
- ✓ County Executive Dr. Jeff Smith, County of Santa Clara, Office of County Executive
- ✓ County Counsel Miguel Marquez, County of Santa Clara, Office of County Counsel
- ✓ Chief of Police Chris Moore, City of San Jose, San Jose Police Department
- ✓ Supervising Judge Patrick Tondreau, Superior Court of Santa Clara County, Juvenile Court
- ✓ Deputy City Manager Norberto Duenas, City of San Jose, Office of City Manager
- Director Albert Balagso, City of San Jose, Department of Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services
- ✓ Reverend Monsignor Francisco Rios, Diocese of San Jose, Deanery 6, St. John Vianney Catholic Church
- ✓ Reverend Monsignor John Sandersfeld, Diocese of San Jose
- ✓ Director Linda Batton, Office of Social Ministries, Diocese of San Jose