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John Updike,
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Dear Mr. Updike:

Seventy (70) Oak Grove is used by the San Francisco Sheriff's Department (SFSD) to house the 5 Keys Charter High School and the Community Programs Division.

5 Keys Charter School

Founded in 2003, by then Sheriff Michael Hennessey, the San Francisco Sheriff's Department Five Keys Charter School holds three charters through the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD). This allows the school to operate inside the county jails as well as at thirteen sites throughout the community (in partnership with community-based organizations and adult probation) for transitional aged youth and adults without a General Education Diploma (GED) or high school diploma.

The Five Keys Charter School offers a range of educational services both in and out of custody. These services include high school completion courses; GED preparation and testing; adult basic education; English as a second language; basic literacy classes and vocational training. They also provide assessment and educational services in partnership with the Mayor's Interrupt Predict and Organize Program and is contracted with the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development to provide educational assessment and/or advisement to San Francisco Access Points. The school provides direct services to one-third of the inmates in the county jail system and serves fifteen hundred community students each year. Annually, the Five Keys Charter School awards one hundred diplomas, GEDs, and Certificates of Completion.

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Approximately forty-eight (48) students receive regular instruction at the 70 Oak Grove location, with additional students reporting via independent study. The administrative offices of the school are also housed at this location.

Community Programs Division

The mission of the Community Programs Division is:

1. To serve as a gateway to recently incarcerated individuals, connecting them with services that can help them rebuild their lives
2. To reduce recidivism
3. To make San Francisco a safer city by rehabilitating chronic drug users and felony offenders

Community Programs that are based at 70 Oak Grove include NoVA (the No Violence Alliance), the SWAP (Sheriff's Work Alternative Program), Electronic Monitoring and PREP (Post Release Education Programs).

NoVA (The No Violence Alliance)

The No Violence Alliance Project (NoVA) seeks to prevent violent crime on an individual basis by identifying persons with a history of violence and providing post-release intensive case management, housing assistance, and support for the successful community re-entry.

A voluntary program, it provides a variety of rehabilitation services through individual case managers. During 2013, NoVA's active caseload averaged 133 clients per month. The clients report to 70 Oak Grove on an intermittent basis for orientation, evaluation, and completion.

Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP)

The Sheriff's Work Alternative Work Program (SWAP) provides offenders with the ability to perform meaningful community service as a consequence of their crime. SWAP workers participate in a variety of public works, such as greening the city and graffiti abatement, and have the opportunity to participate in education-enrichment programs such as the Five Keys Charter School.

Approximately 61 individuals per month fulfill their commitment to the community via SWAP. All SWAP participants report directly to 70 Oak Grove for their assignments. SWAP placements occur seven days a week.

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Electronic Monitoring

The San Francisco Sheriff's Department Electronic Monitoring program is an alternative to traditional custodial confinement for sentenced and pre-sentenced prisoners who meet the eligibility requirements. By participating in electronic monitoring, the returning citizen maintains the ability to work and communicate with family and the community, while at the same time remaining under the supervision of the sheriff's department.

To be considered for electronic monitoring, current charges must meet eligibility criteria excluding certain violent and sexual charges. Priority is given to candidates who have demonstrated active participation in sheriff's programs while in custody.

Approximately 67 clients a month participate in electronic monitoring. Specifically, approximately 40 persons are evaluated at 70 Oak Grove each month. Approximately 28 clients are oriented and equipment placed at 70 Oak Grove, and 24 clients come in for completion and removal of equipment each month. There is a failure rate of approximately three clients per month, and those clients were brought to 70 Oak Grove in preparation for re-incarceration.

Electronic Monitoring participants are strongly encouraged to participate in the post-release programs conducted at 70 Oak Grove Street and the Women's Resource Center. In some cases, additional services such as residential treatment and mental health referrals are incorporated into the mandatory conditions of the program.

For electronic monitoring participants, the release date remains the same as if time were being served in custody, incorporating all available credits.

Post Release Education Programs (PREP)

Post Release Education Programs (PREP) are re-entry services with intensive case management, education, employment training and counseling. Interventions include ManAlive violence intervention classes, cognitive behavioral change groups, substance abuse classes, life skills and parenting classes.

SFSD Rehabilitation Service Coordinators provide direction and support to community based collaborators who provide the following services. According to the Sheriff, the average daily population of persons served at 70 Oak Grove is 129.

Respectfully


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