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**Ross Mirkarimi
SHERIFF**

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Reference: 2014-164**

**Ms. Kate Howard
Mayor's Budget Director
City Hall, Room 288
San Francisco, CA 94102**


Dear Ms. Howard:

I write to advise you of a recent failure of the security camera and control panel system at County Jails 1 & 2 and how such a failure endangers the inmates and sworn staff in these facilities.

Section C of the Administrative Code Section 6.60 defines an emergency as a "sudden, unforeseeable and unexpected occurrence involving a clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of or damage to life, health property or essential public services." The recent failure of the security camera and control panel system at County Jail #1 and #2 is clearly such an emergency. Without this security camera and control panel system, the department cannot monitor the ingress and egress of personnel in the jail or monitor the safety of sworn staff supervising inmates in the housing areas. As per Administrative Code Section 6.60, I am requesting approval in writing for emergency repairs, work and contracts in excess of \$250,000. Furthermore, as per Administrative Code 21.15, I am requesting approval in writing to "enter into a contract directly in the most expeditious manner necessary in order to respond to the emergency."

If you have any questions related to this request, please feel free to contact my Chief Financial Officer Bree Mawhorter at (415) 554-4316.

Respectfully,


ROSS MIRKARIMI
Sheriff

cc: Undersheriff Rocha, Assistant Sheriff Miyamoto, Chief Deputy Gorwood, Bree Mawhorter, Mohammed Nuru, DPW

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