AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION AND THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA

<u>PURPOSE</u>

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation are committed to work cooperatively to the fullest extent, consistent with state law, to reduce crime and combat the effects of recidivism by allocating resources to ensure comprehensive parolee reentry supervision and continuing services for returning parolees; and

WHEREAS, State law generally requires that a parolee return to serve his or her parole in the "county of last legal residence" prior to incarceration; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1852 inmates in prisons under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation reside in the County of San Mateo; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1100 parolees under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Adult Parole Operations reside in the County of San Mateo, California; and

WHEREAS, recidivism by parolees has a significant negative impact on public safety:

NOW THEREFORE DO THE PARTIES AGREE:

THAT the County of San Mateo is an appropriate location in which to place a California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Secure Reentry Program Facility (SRPF) in cooperation with the County of San Mateo; and

THAT the facility constructed pursuant to this agreement shall be specifically designed to combat the root causes of parolee recidivism through the application of evidence-based methodologies proven to enhance parole success; and

THAT reducing the causes and negative effects of recidivism will increase public safety and reduce the number of parolees from the County of San Mateo who must be returned to California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation institutions; and

THAT the County of San Mateo and its elected officers, in cooperation with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, plan to address jointly issues of parole success and recidivism in a proactive manner which provides a unique opportunity to enhance public safety.

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES

This is a commitment by the undersigned to advance the following conceptual agreement in the mutual interest of improving public safety:

1. The number of adult offenders returning to the County of San Mateo (the "County") from state prison in calendar year 2006 was approximately 618 *(California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Offender Information Service Data Report).* Many of these returning offenders were in need of improved programs and services in order to reintegrate successfully into their communities. The number of adult offenders returning to the County during calendar year 2007 will likely be the same or more. The recidivism rate for County offenders returning to prison with new prison terms is 15% and parole revocations is 47% during the first year of parole. These recidivists pass through the San Mateo County Jail and contribute to jail crowding as well.

2. There is a current need to increase the level of programs and services within the County and within the state prisons housing the returning offenders including guidance, direction, training, housing, employment, intervention and preventative counseling, transportation and supervision to enable adult offenders to be successful in their reentry into the communities of the County.

3. The CDCR and the County of San Mateo and its elected officers shall work together toward the following goals:
   a. Improve the reintegration of returning adult offenders from prison and from jail to the communities in the County, reducing crime and recidivism.
   b. Improve the coordination of current resources, services and programs to cause more effective and efficient deliveries of human services to the returning offenders.
   c. Improve the intensity and quality of planning, placement and supervision of parolees in order to ensure offender accountability.
   d. Increase, where necessary, services and programs, including but not limited to needs and risk assessments, pre-employment training, employment placement, substance abuse prevention and intervention, group and individual counseling, interim and long term housing, transportation services to work and to prevention programs, mental health counseling, treatment and related support, and levels of supervision or surveillance.

4. The CDCR and the County of San Mateo and its elected officers shall jointly plan for a state constructed secure reentry facility in conjunction with a new San Mateo County Jail to house adult offenders. The facility should be designed and constructed to:
   a. House adult offenders of various custody levels, with higher level offenders to be considered on a case-by-case basis.
   b. Provide a maximum of 500 beds, both celled and dormitory style housing;
   c. Support ample programming space for greatly improved reentry and reintegration services and programs;

    d. Provide administration and office support space for various critical intervention needs of the housed offenders;

    e. Provide space for medical, dental and psychiatric treatment in compliance with court-mandated standards;

    f. Share infrastructure costs and services to be determined at a later date by mutual agreement.

5. The CDCR will be responsible for securing the necessary legislative authority and funding associated with the planning, design and construction of such a facility as well as for resources necessary to provide enhanced state supervision to parolees in the County.

6. This Agreement of Cooperation is not intended to be legally binding or to impose legal obligations on either party.

Date:_____   _____
                                      GREG MUNKS, SHERIFF

Date:_____   **COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**

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                                      ROSE JACOBS GIBSON, PRESIDENT
                                      BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Date:_____   **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION**

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                                      JAMES E. TILTON, SECRETARY

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