

# **Solano County Board of Supervisors propose Parolees release on to the streets of Vallejo**

As a result of the high court's ruling to ease over crowding in the prisons, county jails are now being responsible for incarceration. The Solano County Board of Supervisors are proposing releasing these parolees from inside the jail on to the streets of Vallejo.

The Vallejo police force is understaffed and overworked. The community cannot afford a burdensome program, whereby the Bureau of Justice statistics reveal 67 percent of released prisoners will be re-arrested within three years. Those with the highest re-arrest rates are robbers (70 percent), burglars (74 percent), and auto thieves (79 percent).

Repeat persistent offenders are known as recidivists. These individuals have a tendency to choose a lifestyle independent from our laws. A recidivist is a person who constantly commits crimes and seems unable to be cured of criminal tendencies. Recidivists believe they have the right to take other people's property, with their pretense seeming to be, "How else do we get what we need?"

The following are my opinions and recommendations.

\* If the Solano County Board of Supervisors continues to pursue Vallejo as being the release site for the parolees/reintegration program or any other burdensome programs, it shows intent by the Solano County Board of Supervisors to do harm to citizens of Vallejo. Their actions to push these programs onto the streets of Vallejo shows their intent as being extremely malevolent or malicious.

\* The supervisors are fully aware that law enforcement in Vallejo is understaffed and overworked without the man power necessary to apprehend criminals.

\* The supervisors have full knowledge that additional burden on law enforcement will:

\* Compromise the psychological well being of law enforcement officers and citizens.

\* Negatively impact the relationship between law enforcement and the community.

\* Impair the ability further of understaffed and overworked law enforcement officers to serve, protect and apprehend "prison educated" career criminals. Citizens experience difficulty in being able to report crimes since the:

\* Police department office hours have been cut back.

\* Crime reporting mandates requires a victim of a crime to use a computer to file a crime report, thus discriminating against seniors, disabled and low-income individuals who can't afford a computer.

\* The police department does not have a drop box, so that when the department office is closed, a victim of a crime can come to the police department lobby to fill out a crime report.

\* In an attempt to justify the expense of rehabilitation and claim the attempt to rehabilitate as a successful endeavor:

\* The study on gathering statistics for recidivism is faulty, excluding into the equation that there are so few police officers to apprehend criminals.

\* The statistics fail to consider the crimes committed in the cold case files that are unsolved.

\* The statistics fail to document the increase in the number of crimes that are reported to police dispatch without a formal crime report.

So, over all, the reporting of statistics fails to accurately document the detrimental impact of criminal activity in our community.

I submit the recidivism statistics are not true and correct.

The crime rate is already escalating and we should not have to accept insolence and intrusion as a way of life from those who belong in jail, people who disrespect us as a community, have live a lifestyle independent from our laws, wreak havoc in our neighborhoods, and invade our residences and take property we have worked for.

My suggestions are as follows. There needs to be oversight of these repeat offenders by private contractors who are licensed and insured criminal surveillance team that will:

\* Accurately account for the bounty -- money they acquire to be able to afford to drive a car

\* To check compliance on the location of the residence for pedophiles to help our children from being victimized.

\* Assist in a plan for their early release, where the felons would sign a waiver of the right that we pay for their legal counsel, in exchange with input and an agreeable design of a credit and debit system, worked out by felons in details that would be fair and easily understood. They would be given "legal credits" and can obtain more credit for getting a job and for doing community service.

Their credits would be used in lieu of a public defender. The credit would be debited and used as restitution for infractions with the discretion and oversight from a designated judge so that it will be fair. When they exhaust their credit, they go back into incarceration.

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