

**TOWN OF
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

AGENDA MATTER

Subject Item:

RE-ENTRY FACILITY FOR NORTH APPLE VALLEY

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The County of San Bernardino Sheriff's Department is working on submitting a site for a re-entry facility to be located in the High Desert. The site they submit must be land that they have immediate control of and can be built on immediately in order to gain as many points as possible, not only to fund the construction of the facility, but also the related tracking and release program. It is a very competitive process and a possible 300 points can be obtained. Since the County owns 90 acres of land in north Apple Valley immediately adjacent to the Juvenile Detention Facility, it is the Sheriff's intent to submit this site to the State.

The timeframe associated with the State funding is very short. All applications must be received by March 18, 2008. We are under a very short deadline to look at the information. If the Sheriff's Department has a letter, they will get more points and qualify for \$100,000,000. It is for this reason that Sheriff Penrod is requesting a letter from the Mayor and Town Council regarding its position on locating this type of facility in north Apple Valley.

Recommended Action:

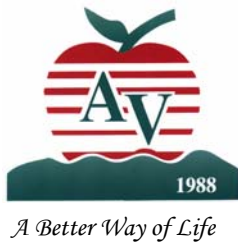
That the Town Council ratify the attached letter.

Proposed by: James L. Cox

Item Number _____

T. M. Approval: _____

Budgeted Item Yes No N/A



Town of Apple Valley

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February 1, 2008

Gary Penrod, Sheriff
Sheriff's Department
655 East Third Street
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0061

Dear Sheriff Penrod:

In 1999, the Town of Apple Valley and County of San Bernardino discussed and agreed upon a Juvenile Detention Facility in north Apple Valley. The site was included in the Law and Justice Center concept which included a 1000-bed Adult Detention Facility, Family Courts and, potentially, offices for the District Attorney, Public Defender and the County Probation Department. It was unanimously agreed that if this concept became a reality, it would have a very positive impact for north Apple Valley.

Since the County already owns 90 acres of land in north Apple Valley and because of the State's needs and mandates to construct a re-entry, low security facility immediately, the north Apple Valley site continues to be the logical choice. It is the Council's opinion that the anticipated benefits of a re-entry facility, particularly infrastructure, jobs and expansion of the County's Law and Justice Center as mentioned above, would offset any negative perceptions that almost always come with the siting of correctional facilities.

Thank you for giving the Town of Apple Valley an opportunity to comment on the benefits a re-entry facility would have for north Apple Valley.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Jasper
Mayor

cc: Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt
First District