

FIVE DEMANDS & SOLUTIONS- SANTA CLARA COUNTY JAILS- PRISONER HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT

I. End: Meaningless classification reviews and biased appeal process.

Solution:

- A. Incorporate classification practices of other jurisdictions (CDCR, Alameda County, etc.)
- B. Establish independent oversight and review of inmate appeal process, jail conditions, practices and policies.
- C. Safeguard all due process protections.

2. End: Placement in solitary confinement when there exists no serious rule violation to merit such placement.

a. Prohibit the use of long-term/indefinite solitary confinement.

b. Prohibit the use of solitary confinement based solely on gang allegations, affiliation, validation, etc.

Solution:

- A. Follow the classification and housing practice of other jurisdictions (CDCR, Alameda County, etc.)
- B. Allow all inmates a genuine opportunity to be downclassified and properly integrated into the general population.
- C. Determine classification/housing of all inmates based on individual behavior.

3. End: Policy/practice of denying inmates adequate clothing.

Solution:

- A. Establish policy that promotes proper hygiene.
- B. Provide two sets of tops. and bottoms, three sets of underclothes, and sufficient clothing exchange.

4. End: Jail profiteering and exploitation of prisoners and their families through contract bidding of commissary vendors based on kick-backs and political incentives for campaign contributions.

Solution:

- A. Set commissary prices equal to or cheaper than those set in CDCR.
- B. Approve more packaging vendors to create a competitive and fair market.

5. End: Recidivism and misappropriation of Inmate Welfare Funds.

Solution:

- A. Expand and provide constructive programming and privileges for all inmates regardless of classification status.
- B. Create opportunity to engage in meaningful self-help treatment, work, education, and other activities related to having a sense of being a part of a community in preparation for re-entering society for all inmates.
- C. Reallocate Inmate Welfare Funds toward education and rehabilitation programs.