

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Honorable City Council
FROM: Hugh R. Riley, Assistant City Manager 
DATE: July 12, 2006 (CC Meeting of 7/19/06)
SUBJECT: Consider Taking a Position Opposing SB 1589 (Romero) — As Amended

SUMMARY:

On June 28, 2006, the Assembly Committee on Public Safety passed SB 1589 with a new amendment mandating the State Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to find an alternative use for the Ventura Youth Correctional Facility located outside Camarillo. After transfer of the current female juvenile population out of the facility, options for alternative use shall include housing male wards of the juvenile justice system or low level offenders from the adult inmate population.

DISCUSSION:

Prior to the author's most recent amendment, SB 1589 was a measure designed to mandate the Division of Juvenile Justice to explore options for providing specialized programming outside of division facilities for high risk or high need juvenile offenders.

In the amendment by Senator Romero dated June 21, however, a new provision was added requiring the Department of Corrections to find an alternative use for the Ventura Youth Correctional Facility upon transfer of the female juveniles who currently occupy the facility. The options for alternative use "shall include housing male wards of the Division of Juvenile Justice or low level offenders from the adult inmate population." The Ventura Youth Correctional Facility is the only facility in the state named in the amendment and subject to this additional requirement.

The amendment to SB 1589 and its latest Committee passage coincide with Governor Schwarzenegger's call for a Special Session of the Legislature to address prison overcrowding. SB 1589 has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations with a hearing scheduled on August 9, 2006.

RECOMMENDATION:

A MOTION to *Strongly Oppose* SB 1589 (Romero), As Amended.