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Dear Councilmember Buscaino & City Planning Staff Member Inzunza,

At a recent public meeting of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council, the following resolution was passed by the Board of Directors:

## **SUPPORT OF CF 19-0742 RE. DRAFT ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT PRIVATE DETENTION CENTERS**

**Whereas** the purpose of detention centers is to help and rehabilitate juveniles and protect the community. Various studies and public testimony have documented the inadequate access to legal, medical, and mental health care resulting in physical and emotional trauma and other long-term effects of private sector detention centers. Private sector centers are for-profit businesses whose purpose is to maximize profits for its shareholders. Their goals are different and incompatible with rehabilitation. When it comes to incarcerating people, giving this responsibility to for-profit businesses is a bad idea.

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the draft ordinance to prohibit private detention centers (CF 19-0742) and urges its quick approval (Council File 19-0742).

Please contact Robin Rudisill, Chair of the CSPNC Planning Committee; at 310-721-2343 should you have any questions related to this letter and resolution.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board

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