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Re.: Old Monterey County Jail meeting September 12, 2008

Dear Mr. Mitre:

We want to thank you again for your visit on September 12, 2008; it was a pleasure meeting with you, Meg Clovis, Historian, Monterey County Parks and Gordon Siebert, the Architectural Services Manager to discuss your and our concerns about the Old Monterey County Jail.

The Old Monterey County Jail, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and on the California Register of Historical Resources, is very significant in the history of California; especially in the connection with Cesar Chavez and the Farm Worker's Labor Movement as we all know.

We are concerned about information expressed in the body of the meeting minutes of the Monterey County Board of Supervisor's Capitol Improvement Committee dated November 6, 2008. In the minutes it is stated that the County and OHP discussed an alternative consisting of retaining the administration wing and the significant features identified in the Carey & Company 2002 report. "This alternative allows for the demolition of non-historic additions as well as the original main jail-block." (Page 1) We are concerned that there is a misinterpretation.

We wish to reiterate that our intent for the interpretation of the interior cell block^{is} it is necessary to retain more than one jail cell to not forgo the ability to adequately interpret the Old Jail's history. The Secretary of Interior Standards applies to the interior of the Old Jail as well as to any exterior work equivalent to a Historic Tax Credit Project in order to achieve an adaptive re-use project focused on the interpretation of the Old Jail's history.

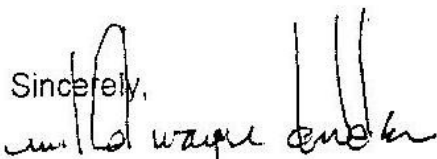
From a letter authored by Mark Edwin Norris, Designer and attached architectural drawings we recently learned that it appears that the jail-block structure supports the upper floors, thereby constituting a unique structural system. If this indeed is so, some further studies would be needed to determine if any of the portions of the jail-cell structure could be removed for your rehabilitation project.

We also suggested during our meeting that we would provide assistance to the County to inquire where within the United States successful jail rehabilitations have occurred as

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you were seeking possible re-use strategies for the historic Monterey County Jail. We are attaching the received responses to our inquiries with this letter.

Please contact us at your earliest convenience if you have any further questions as we know you are in the process to generate an EIR for the project per CEQA Guidelines. Please distribute this letter as appropriate.

Sincerely,


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State Historic Preservation Officer

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Mark Edwin Norris

Enclosures:

