



GREATER STOCKTON
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

July 10, 1995

Mr. George Barber, Chairman
San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors
San Joaquin County Courthouse
222 E. Weber Avenue, 7th Floor
Stockton, CA 95202

Re: Criminal Justice System Action Plan - Support

Dear Mr. Barber:

The Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce urges the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors to accept and adopt the recommendations contained in the Criminal Justice System Action Plan produced by Dr. Alan Kalmanoff of the Institute for Law and Policy Planning.

We are particularly interested in the implementation of the entire set of Stage I recommendations in the action plan, and in your adoption of the justice system oversight group which would include members of the private sector.

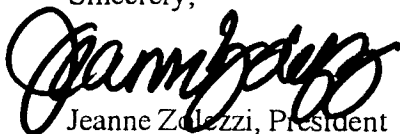
Dr. Kalmanoff's work, completed in collaboration with representatives from all areas of city and county government, the judiciary, and law enforcement, is comprehensive, accurate, and contains a road map to collaborative management and system-wide streamlining that will save the criminal justice system in San Joaquin County.

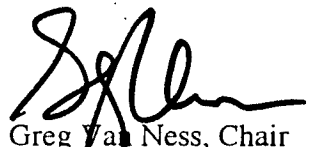
The recommendations in the action plan are not without controversy or political pain to implement. That is why we feel very strongly that the board should move forward with all 17 of the stage I recommendations, so as not to appear to be side-tracked by political considerations in a process that is so vital to all citizens of this county.

In addition, we believe that the oversight group, including credible members of the general public, will be able to assist in generating support for many of the difficult but highly necessary steps such as enacting a half-cent sales tax, re-evaluating the 12-hour shift policy for deputy sheriffs, and the restructuring of the population management system and jail use policy at the county jail.

Please rest assured that the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce will provide support for this process at every step, as we have throughout the entire system evaluation.

Sincerely,


Jeanne Zolozzi, President


Greg Van Ness, Chair
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Nancy Trumpler, Chair
Crime Task Force