

Exhibit A

IMPORTANT NOTICE

CLASS ACTION REGARDING SANTA BARBARA COUNTY JAIL: Mental Health Care, Medical Care, Disabilities, Restrictive/Segregation Housing

Murray, et al. v. County of Santa Barbara,
C.D. Cal. No. 2:17-cv-08805-GW-JPR

Murray v. County of Santa Barbara is a federal class action lawsuit challenging certain conditions at the Santa Barbara County Jail. The conditions addressed in the lawsuit include mental health care, medical care (including dental care), disability access and accommodations, and use of restrictive/segregation housing.

The lawsuit claims that:

1. Prisoners in the jail are being deprived of their rights under the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution; and
2. The County does not comply with federal and state disability law, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and California Government Code Section 11135 at the County Jail.

The Court has issued an order that all people incarcerated in the Santa Barbara County Jail are covered by the lawsuit (“the Class”). You are a member of this main Class if you are incarcerated in Santa Barbara County Jail. The Court also certified a Subclass of people with disabilities who are incarcerated in the Santa Barbara County Jail.

You are not required to do anything at this time. The Court will decide whether or not to issue an order regarding the conditions in the jail facilities after a trial or, if there is a settlement, after determining whether to approve that settlement.

Any settlement or final judgment entered in this case will be binding on all people in the Class and Subclass. The Court has appointed attorneys to represent the Class and the Subclass.

This action does *not* seek money damages for inmates and none will be awarded.

This action does not involve any claim for individual relief, and attorneys for the class offer no opinion as to any inmate's ability to pursue a case for money damages or other relief.

The parties have agreed to obtain reports from subject matter experts based on their independent analysis of the jail's mental health care, medical care, disability access and disability accommodations system, and custody operations. The parties will be meeting to discuss a possible settlement.

You can view the class action complaint by requesting it from jail staff.

If you would like more information about this case, or if you have any information that you wish to communicate to the Class attorneys, you may contact:

**Disability Rights California
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