



**CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF ATWATER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2378-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ATWATER SUPPORTING REQUEST FOR POLICY
CHANGES BY THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF PRISONS
TO PROVIDE SAFER WORKING CONDITIONS TO
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

WHEREAS, the recent and tragic death of Correctional Officer Jose Rivera while working at the United States Penitentiary-Atwater (USP – Atwater) has raised serious concerns about the working conditions and policies at the USP – Atwater; and

WHEREAS, the Correctional Officers working at USP – Atwater are seeking and do deserve support for a safe working environment; and

WHEREAS, local communities surrounding USP-Atwater deserve a reasonable level of protection from inmates confined in USP-Atwater; and

WHEREAS, the working conditions identified by the USP – Atwater Correctional Officers would require the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to change their current policies to better protect Correctional Officers and the local community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Atwater as follows:

Section 1. That the Federal BOP should immediately implement policy changes to better protect Correctional Officers working in United States Penitentiaries and the public in surrounding local communities.

Section 2. That serious and immediate consideration should be given to the issuance of up to date, properly fitted and certified stab resistant vests, as well as other non-lethal equipment, including, but not limited to, such items as tear gas (OC), Asp, baton, or Tasers.

Section 3. That Maximum Security Housing Units at USP – Atwater should be staffed so as to assure the safest working environment possible for USP-Atwater Correctional Officers.

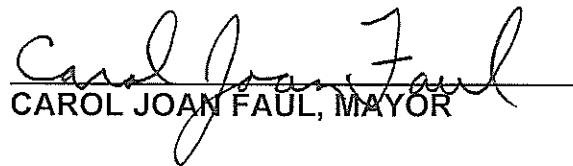
Section 4. That USP-Atwater and BOP should acknowledge that USP-Atwater does, in fact, contain a maximum-security level facility and Administration should be forthcoming in advising the surrounding communities and the media regarding security issues and criminal acts within the facility.

Section 5. That this body hereby formally supports appropriate Federal legislative action to be taken to implement the foregoing.

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted this 14th day of July, 2008.

AYES: Crabb, Frago, Rasmussen, Rivero, Faul
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

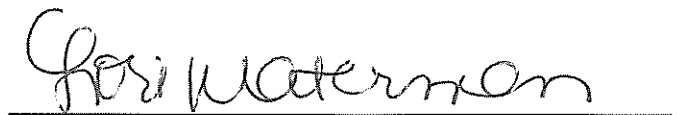
APPROVED:


CAROL JOAN FAUL, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JEANNA DEL REAL, CITY CLERK

"I, Lori Waterman, Assistant City Clerk of the City of Atwater and as such Ex-Officio Clerk of the City Council of the City of Atwater, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true, correct, and complete copy of the original of such resolution, which is on file in my office.


Lori Waterman, Assistant City Clerk of the City of Atwater, and Ex-Officio Clerk of the City Council of the City of Atwater, State of California."