

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF MERCED, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of )  
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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ) RESOLUTION NO. 2008-154  
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AT THE ATWATER )  
FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AND ASKING THE )  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS TO PROVIDE )  
OFFICERS WITH PROTECTIVE GEAR )

**WHEREAS**, the recent murder 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 deserve support for a safer 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 AS FOLLOWS:**

The Merced County Board of Supervisors resolves that the Federal BOP should immediately implement policy changes to better protect Correctional Officers working in United States Penitentiaries and surrounding local communities;

**Be it further resolved** 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;

**Be it further resolved** that information regarding the implementation of above noted changes should be given by USP-Atwater or BOP to the Merced County Board of Supervisors in a timely manner, or that body may reconsider the issues and formally request appropriate Federal legislative action be taken.

I, **Demitrios O. Tatum**, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was regularly introduced, passed and adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on July 22, 2008 by the following vote:

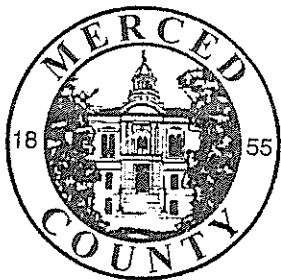
**Supervisors**

Ayes: Kathleen M. Crookham, John Pedrozo, Mike Nelson, Deidre F. Kelsey,  
Jerry O'Banion

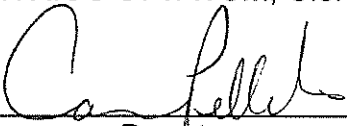
Noes: None

Absent: None

Witness my hand and the Seal of this Board this 22nd day of July 2008.



DEMITRIOS O. TATUM, Clerk

By   
Deputy