



# ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Mr. Robert Faigin  
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Dear Mr. Faigin:

We received the report prepared by the Office of Independent Review ("OIR") to proactively examine our compliance with Assembly Bill 732 ("AB 732"). We understand the OIR's review was not prompted by a complaint from an incarcerated person, but rather by community groups offering their assistance to OIR to ensure the rights of incarcerated persons seeking family planning services are protected. The Orange County Sheriff's Department ("OCSD") is proud of our conscientious efforts and those of the Orange County Health Care Agency's Correctional Health Services ("CHS") staff to protect the rights of those housed in an OC Jail.

OIR's review reflects the continued cooperation among OIR, OCSD and CHS. It includes specific recommendations to assist my Department and CHS in continuing to provide family planning services as contemplated by AB 732. OCSD cooperated with all OIR requests and promptly provided substantive records, including over 250 files with over 2000 pages of information, such as Department Reports, policies, forms, and other jail records. OCSD also facilitated OIR obtaining hundreds of records from CHS and complied with additional follow-up requests by OIR, including providing access to facilities, interviewing OCSD and CHS staff, and interviewing those incarcerated.

Before the enactment of AB 732, OCSD made significant and thoughtful changes in policy and procedures. My Department will continue to evaluate and streamline those efforts. We received input from the state-wide audit conducted by the California Department of Justice regarding AB 732 compliance, and we continue to improve processes to maximize our efforts. Now, we benefit from OIR's input to further refine our policies and procedures to ensure those housed in an Orange County Jail receive the best possible family planning services and any needed community support.

After reviewing the report, my team collaborated with CHS in making recommended changes. I am proud of the partnership between OCSD and CHS. We have a unique collaborative relationship with a mutual dedication to maintaining the health and safety of those entrusted to our care.

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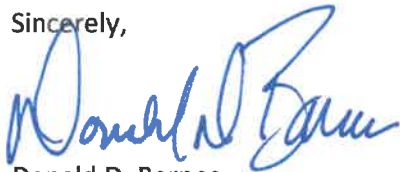
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Additionally, my staff reviewed the OCSD-specific items and determined that posters in congregate areas and orientation videos can be easily accommodated. While OIR's review and report confirmed that OCSD followed the recent legislation in most areas, it identified that OCSD could improve its documentation processes. This observation is well-taken. Although our priority is to comply with the law and provide those incarcerated with information and resources to meet their family planning needs, we recognize the importance of maintaining documentation of those efforts to assist outside entities in their compliance reviews. We intend to utilize technology to update our processes to accomplish the recommendations outlined. OCSD and CHS will either fully implement or have a short-term solution to all the recommendations within 60 calendar days.

As always, I remain committed to continued cooperation with OIR as it provides the Board of Supervisors and my Department with an independent perspective to ensure those housed in an Orange County Jail Facility receive the best possible care.

Sincerely,



Donald D. Barnes  
Sheriff-Coroner