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San Diego County Board of Supervisors

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Mr. Ben Conarro  
Executive Director  
Restorative Justice Mediation Program  
PO Box 161066  
San Diego, CA 92176

Dear Mr. Conarro:

As the San Diego County Supervisor representing the First District, it is my pleasure to offer my support to the Restorative Justice Mediation Program (RJMP), a program that seeks to find alternatives to first-time juvenile offenders.

The RJMP vision to reduce the rising number of offenders appearing in the criminal justice system is commendable. Through supervised mediation, RJMP seeks to resolve conflicts between juvenile offenders and their victims. This program gives a judge the opportunity to bring together the youth, the victim, as well as family members, teachers, and other community members to see if restitution, responsibility, and healing can be reached through counseling and a sharing of experiences.

In acknowledgement of its community-based approach to juvenile justice in the past, the RJMP has been recognized by multiple government agencies. Additionally, it was my pleasure to work with my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors to financially support the RJMP with community reinvestment funds for much needed equipment.

I am confident that this investment will benefit the San Diego community.

Best of luck as you continue to work with youth to prevent crime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Cox".

GREG COX  
Supervisor, First District