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SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Mr. Ben Conarro, Interim Director
Restorative Justice Mediation Program
3295 Meade Avenue
San Diego, CA 92116

Dear Mr. Conarro:

As a member of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, I support the Restorative Justice Mediation Program (RJMP) in providing an alternative to incarceration for juvenile offenders. By replacing confinement penalties issued by the juvenile justice system with victim interaction, new possibilities for rehabilitation through accountability are created.

The RJMP has demonstrated that it can reduce the number of re-offending juveniles involved in committing crime by bringing the juvenile offender, victim, family members and other members of the community together to determine whether restoration, accountability and healing can be achieved through counseling. This program provides an opportunity for juvenile offenders to learn to be productive and responsible in the community rather than face incarceration. This also allows the victim of the crime a chance to become involved in the justice system in a positive way.

Being recognized by the Office of the United States Attorney General, the San Diego County Probation Department and many community members is testimony to the success of the RJMP. The efforts of your organization in seeking protection and justice for victims while also enhancing juvenile offender rehabilitation benefits our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Roberts".

RON ROBERTS
Supervisor, Fourth District
San Diego County Board of Supervisors