



Staff Report

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**File #:** 24-0465

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**REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

**DATE:** 06/05/2024

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** City Manager's Office

**SUBJECT:**

VICE MAYOR STEINER'S REQUEST FOR THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER DRAFTING A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR OPPOSING THE TRANSFER OF DEATH ROW INMATES TO CHINO'S CALIFORNIA INSTITUTION FOR MEN

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report asks the City Council to provide direction on Vice Mayor Steiner's request to send a letter of opposition to Governor Newsom and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, opposing the transfer of death row inmates from a State maximum-security prison to Chino's California Institution for Men.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the City Council** provide direction to staff on drafting and sending a letter to Governor Newsom and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation opposing the transfer of death row inmates from a State maximum-security prison to Chino's California Institution for Men.

**BACKGROUND & HISTORY:**

Vice Mayor Steiner submitted an agenda item requesting staff to prepare a letter of opposition to Governor Newsom and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation outlining the City's concerns about the State's decision to transfer death row inmates to Chino's California Institution for Men.

**ANALYSIS:**

The request for a comment letter is supported by the City's Legislative Platform, Section 7 - Public Safety. Staff anticipates it will take up to 25 hours to complete and finalize a letter for dissemination. Should the Council proceed with this request, staff will return this item to the next Council meeting.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact associated with this request.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

This action is exempt under Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the commonsense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may substantially affect the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This action seeks direction from the Council regarding distributing a letter and thus has no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

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**Attachments:**

1. Exhibit 1 - Future Agenda Item Request