

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE: CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Santa Barbara County Jail

Murray v. County of Santa Barbara, C.D. Cal. Case No. 2:17-cv-08805-GW-JPR

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In February 2021, a federal court approved a class action settlement about conditions in the Santa Barbara County Jail (“the Jail”). The *Murray v. County of Santa Barbara* lawsuit claimed that people in the Jail are subject to conditions that violate the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and that the Jail does not comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The lawyers for all people incarcerated in the Jail are Disability Rights California, the Law Office of Aaron J. Fischer, Prison Law Office, and King & Spalding LLP.

The terms of the settlement are described in a document called the Stipulated Judgment. The Stipulated Judgment includes a 56-page “Remedial Plan.” The Remedial Plan states what the County and the Sheriff’s Office have agreed to do to address issues described in the lawsuit. The Remedial Plan applies to all Santa Barbara County Jail facilities.

This case seeks changes to the way the County and the Sheriff’s Office run the Jail system. This case does not seek money damages and none will be awarded. The settlement does not affect the ability of anyone to sue for money damages or to petition for a writ of habeas corpus.

If you have questions or would like to share your experience at the Jail, you may write to:

**Disability Rights California
Santa Barbara Jail Class Action Team
1831 K Street
Sacramento, CA 95811**

You can ask for a copy of the Stipulated Judgment and Remedial Plan by speaking to a Jail staff member or by filling out a Request Form.

Key terms of the court-approved settlement include:

1. The County and the Sheriff’s Office must:
 - a) Make sure that people get adequate medical and mental health care.
 - b) Provide reasonable accommodations to people with disabilities and make sure they can participate in Jail programs and services.
 - c) Take steps to prevent suicide in the Jail.
 - d) Limit the use of restrictive housing and increase out-of-cell time and programming.
 - e) Address Environmental Health and Safety conditions.
2. Court-approved experts and the lawyers who represent people incarcerated in the Jail will monitor the County’s compliance.
3. The parties can bring disputes about whether the County is complying with the settlement agreement to Court.