

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Jenness Hartley and I am a resident of Mendocino County. I am writing to demand that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors adopt a county budget that prioritizes community wellbeing, and redirects funding away from the Sheriff's Department, Juvenile Hall, Jail and Probation offices. In the proposed budget, these 4 departments make up 43% of the overall budget. Given the circumstances of the public health crisis, it is more urgent than ever that the Board of Supervisors redirect a significant portion of this budget towards proactive programs that prevent crime and improve living conditions. I demand a budget that reflects the real needs of Mendocino County residents including affordable housing programs, community based mental health services, and more.

Thank you.

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Jenness Hartley