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**Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, September 23,
2025**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
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Item Number: 1.7

MEETING DATE: 09/23/2025

DEPARTMENT: PROBATION

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Lorraine Carrasquillo

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Ashlyn Canez

SUBJECT:

PROBATION DEPARTMENT - A. CANEZ

Approve the non-general fund contract retroactively for Gavilan Joint Community College District (GJCCD) for the amount of \$55,640.00 funded by the 2011 Public Safety Realignment Plan pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB 109) as approved by the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee for the period of September 6, 2025, through June 30, 2026 for year-round supportive services, academic classes, counseling, reentry support, case management, and peer mentorship services for incarcerated persons.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 510

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The Gavilan Joint Community College District (GJCCD) and San Benito County Probation (SBCP) have maintained a longstanding partnership to expand educational access for justice-involved individuals. For over a decade, this collaboration has offered academic instruction, counseling, and reentry support at the San Benito County Jail (SBCJ) and previously at the Community Transition Center (CTC).

With evolving funding mechanisms and the establishment of initiatives such as the Rising Scholars Network (AB 417), Gavilan College has refined its Higher Aspirations initiative to prioritize equity, access, and outcomes. These shifts align with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) focus on measurable student success—specifically Pell eligibility, certificate/degree completion, and transfer rates.

In response, Gavilan has significantly expanded services to incarcerated students, emphasizing continuity of support post-release, and integration into on-campus programs. To sustain and build on this progress, a new fiscal year contract which details the scope of services for the use of these public safety realignment (AB 109) funds has been brought for review and approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Gavilan College has provided educational programming to incarcerated persons at the San Benito County Jail since July 1, 2018. These services include the establishment of a Higher Aspirations Counselor/Coordinator who meets with incarcerated persons at least 30 days prior to their release from custody for the purpose of transition planning. The Higher Aspirations Program funds textbooks and instructional materials to incarcerated persons enrolled in services. Academic courses are offered in the San Benito County Jail, to include credit courses for the fall, spring, and summer semesters.

Gavilan College is responsible for tracking outcomes of services provided, to include the following: monthly student rosters, status of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) & California Dream Act Application (CADAA) student completions, monthly progress reports for enrollment in credit courses, overall credit course completion, number of academic counseling sessions attended, and the overall number of incarcerated persons that transition to college courses post incarceration.

The Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Executive Committee met for a regular meeting on May 15, 2025, in which the contracted services were proposed and subsequently approved in a 4-1-0 vote. Previous contracts were below the \$50,000.00 threshold and were not brought before the San Benito County Board of Supervisors for review. The following contract has been reviewed and expanded upon from prior fiscal year contracts in an effort to address ongoing needs of incarcerated persons as well as to implement further accountability practices. This contract is retroactive to September 6, 2025, and through the current fiscal year, ending on June 30, 2026, in an effort to prevent further service gap delivery in programming and classes offered at the San Benito County Jail.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Gavilan Joint Community College District contract is funded by the AB109 Public Safety Realignment Grant, non-general funds. General Ledger # 411.15.4040.1000.619.250.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Board Agenda Fact Sheet - Gavilan](#)
[Contract - Gavilan Joint Community College District \(GJCCD\)](#)
[CCP Minutes - 5-15-25](#)