

Please join my efforts to close the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) prison in Lompoc, CA.

I am campaigning to achieve this goal with letters to the U.S. Departments of Justice, Health, the U.S. Congress, the federal courts, the American Correctional Association, the United Nations, the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, all U.S. civil rights organizations, public and private prisoner advocacy groups, all organized U.S. religious organizations, California state and county leaders, including Governor Gavin Newsom, and the U.S. public through its news media representatives and watchdog organizations.

The following reasons are a small fraction of all the reasons the Lompoc Federal Corrections Complex should be condemned and closed permanently:

- 1) Unacceptable number of inmate deaths from COVID-19 and illicit drug overdoses;
- 2) Unacceptable number of inmate illnesses from COVID-19 and other medical conditions;
- 3) Incompetent responses to inmate medical needs, e.g. chronic failures to provide pre-colonoscopy laxatives resulting in aborted medical trips;
- 4) Custody staff criminal conduct largely unchallenged due to “code of silence”;
- 5) False imprisonment (felony) of inmates in punitive confinement under disciplinary conditions in the Special Housing Unit (SHU) for as long as 18 months without due process or disciplinary infractions, e.g. Carlos Garcia (inmate #14517-408) has been so held for 10 months; I, Auburn Calloway, a 69 year old geriatric patient, was starved in the SHU for 3 days by Lt. M. Moorhead before a medical trip despite my refusing the procedure. Finding no misconduct by Moorhead, an investigator inflicted me with more than 3 months of punitive SHU confinement for complaining to the BOP Regional Medical Director, who also retaliated by converting my request for his help into a prohibited act;
- 6) Slave labor imposed on inmates especially in the SHU where orderlies are not paid;
- 7) Staff violence, e.g. Timothy Sean McNally killed co-worker Lt. Gary Bent;
- 8) Staff gender discrimination against well-educated female staff (Education Department’s Mrs. Scarola, M.A. and Dr. Takea Vickers, Ph.D. were both discharged);
- 9) Pervasive racial discrimination favoring white inmates for hiring and pay, e.g. I am a college graduate, but I was kept at the lowest pay grade more than 2 years while white inmates newly arriving were paid at higher grades with less education;
- 10) Pervasive unsanitary conditions, e.g. toilets that transfer flushed feces from one into other toilets next door and below; longstanding massive rodent infestations, etc.;
- 11) Over-crowding in violation of BOP “Rated Capacity” policy, e.g. placing 2 inmates in a cell so narrow that one cellmate must move aside or leave the cell to allow the other to pass, causing rapid spread of contagions;
- 12) Staff abuse of inmates, e.g. waking sleeping inmates at 1:00 a.m. for urine testing for drugs even when the inmate has been tested many times and never failed any previous tests;
- 13) Demonstrated fraud and waste, from acquisition to collapse, of million dollar saltwater tropical fish tanks in the Education Department;
- 14) Extreme waste of energy with bright lights kept on from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. in more than 300 SHU cells, and at least 55 large flat screen TVs remain on 24 hours per day every day;
- 15) High staff turnover and shortages; demoralizing mandatory over-time work obligations usually imposed unexpectedly (80% hate their job according to three staffers);
- 16) Staff misappropriation of inmate personal property, and aiding of inmate theft;
- 17) SHU staff violates BOP policy and its controlling federal law by barring inmate sealed “SPECIAL/LEGAL MAIL” addressed to news media representatives;
- 18) Staff illegally confiscates inmate legal papers, e.g., SHU property officer Mora has denied my access to legal materials while I’m in detention in violation of BOP policy, controlling federal law, and my rights to have access to federal courts. SHU officer H. Ojeda confiscated my formal grievance form despite my request that he return it, and requests to his superiors have all been futile;
- 19) Staff threaten and intimidate inmates who file grievances against them. A noteworthy case: the civil jury trial verdict against FCC Lompoc staff gave winning inmate James Jerra \$550,000 dollars, but there were no employment discharges;
- 20) The BOP’s Administrative Remedy program is made unavailable by “REJECTION NOTICE” stonewalling from executive staff if they bother to respond at all;
- 21) Per BOP policy and controlling federal law, administrative SHU detentions are not to be imposed under disciplinary segregation conditions, yet they *are* so imposed at FCC Lompoc as one of many rogue staff practices.

Beyond closing FCC Lompoc, many of its staff should be discharged, arrested, and prosecuted for crimes cloaked by a code of silence and human rights abuses of those in its custody. Potential staff whistle-blowers fear being ostracized by colleagues and abandoned when needing rescue from inmates.

From the BOP decentralized organizational culture has evolved a "hands-off" approach giving autonomy to its nationwide wardenships. Recognizing this autonomy along with indemnification and immunity against lawsuits of inmates and their families, wardens have no incentive to address inmate grievances and stop abuses.

FCC Lompoc's toxic administration wallows in a psychopathological staff cesspool from which has emerged a criminogenic creature, eloquently elucidated in Dr. Philip Zimbardo's "The Lucifer Effect," and egregiously evil by every standard.

Please join me in shutting down this BOP "Black Hole."

Respectful,
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