

FINAL NOTICE

RE: PBSP-SHU - D- CORRIDOR HUNGER STRIKE
PROTEST TO END TORTURE & IMPROVE CONDITIONS

ATTENTION - beginning July 1, 2011, SEVERAL INMATES HOUSED indefinitely in PBSP-SHU, D-FAC, CORRIDOR ISOLATION, will begin an indefinite hunger strike in order to draw attention to, and to peacefully protest, 25 years of TORTURE VIA CDCR'S ARBITRARY - illegal - progressively MORE punitive policies & practices, AS SUMMARIZED IN THE ACCOMPANYING "FORMAL COMPLAINT."

PBSP-SHU, D-FAC, CORRIDOR INMATES' HUNGER-STRIKE PROTEST, IS TO CONTINUE INDEFINITELY, UNTIL THE BELOW CHANGES ARE MADE [OUR(5) CORE DEMANDS]

1) INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTABILITY - THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO CDCR-PBSP'S APPLICATION OF "GROUP-PUNISHMENT" AS A MEANS TO ADDRESS INDIVIDUAL INMATES RULE VIOLATIONS. THIS INCLUDES THE ADMINISTRATIONS ABUSIVE - PRETEXTUAL USE OF "SAFETY & SECURITY" TO JUSTIFY, WHAT ARE UNNECESSARY PUNITIVE ACTS, & IT HAS BEEN APPLIED IN THE CONTEXT OF JUSTIFYING INDEFINITE SHU-STATUS, & TO PROGRESSIVELY RESTRICT OUR PROGRAMMING & PRIVILEGES.

2) ABOLISH THE DEBRIEFING POLICY, & MODIFY ACTIVE/INACTIVE GANG-STATUS CRITERIA - THE DEBRIEFING POLICY IS ILLEGAL & REDUNDANT, AS POINTED OUT IN ABOVE SECTION IV A, AT PAGE # 7. THE ACTIVE/INACTIVE GANG STATUS CRITERIA MUST BE MODIFIED IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW & APPLICABLE CDCR-RULE & REGULATIONS [E.G., SEE ABOVE PAGE # 7 AT SECTION IV B], AS FOLLOWS: (A) CEASE THE USE OF INNOCUOUS ASSOCIATION TO DENY INACTIVE STATUS. (B) CEASE THE USE OF INFORMANT/DEBRIEFER ALLEGATIONS OF ILLEGAL GANG

Activity to deny inactive status - unless such allegations are also supported by factual corroborating evidence - in which case, CDCR-PBSP staff shall & must follow the regulations by issuing a rule violation report & affording the inmate his due process required by law.

3) Comply with U.S. Commission 2006 Recommendations RE: An End to Long Term Solitary Confinement - CDCR shall implement the findings & recommendations of the U.S. Commission on Safety & Abuse in America's Prisons final 2006 report, regarding CDCR-SHU-facilities as follows:

(A) End conditions of isolation (page 14) ensure that prisoners in SHU and Ad/Seg have regular-meaningful contact, and freedom from extreme physical deprivations that are known to cause lasting harm (pp 52-57)

(B) Make segregation a last resort (p. 14). Create a more productive form of confinement, in the areas of allowing inmates in SHU and Ad/Seg the opportunity to engage in meaningful self-help treatment, work, education, religious, and other productive activities relating to having a sense of being a part of the community

(C) End long term solitary confinement & release inmates to the general prison population, who have been warehoused indefinitely in SHU for the last 10 to 40 years (and counting).

(D) Provide SHU inmates immediate-meaningful access to: adequate natural sunlight; quality health care & treatment - including the mandate of transferring all PBSP-SHU inmates with chronic health care problems to the New Folsom Medical SHU

Facility.

4) Provide Adequate Food - CEASE THE PRACTICE OF DENYING ADEQUATE FOOD, AND PROVIDE WHOLESOME NUTRITIONAL MEALS - INCLUDING SPECIAL DIET MEALS, AND ALLOW INMATES TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL VITAMIN SUPPLEMENTS ALSO. (A) PBSP-STAFF MUST CEASE THEIR USE OF FOOD AS A TOOL TO PUNISH SHU INMATES. (B) PROVIDE A SGT./LT. TO INDEPENDENTLY OBSERVE THE SERVING OF EACH MEAL, AND ENSURE EACH TRAY HAS THE COMPLETE ISSUE OF FOOD ON IT. (C) FEED THE INMATES WHOSE JOB IT IS TO SERVE SHU MEALS, WITH MEALS THAT ARE SEPARATE FROM THE PANS OF FOOD SENT FROM KITCHEN FOR SHU MEALS.

5) Expand and provide constructive programming and privileges for indefinite SHU status inmates - examples are:

(A) expand visiting re: amount of time and adding 1 day per week; (B) one photo per year; (C) a weekly phone call; (D) two (2) annual packages per year - (30)lb pkgs based on "item" weight, and not packaging and box weight; (E) expand canteen (and pkg) items allowed; allow us to have the items in their original packaging (and, the costs for the cosmetics, stationery, envelopes, should not count towards the max. draw limit); (F) more T.V. channels; (G) T.V./Radio combinations, or T.V. & a small battery operated radio; (H) Hobby craft items - art paper, colored pens, small pieces of colored pencils, water colors, chalk, etc; (I) sweat suits and watch caps; (J) wall calendars; (K) install pull up/dip bars on SHU yards; (L) allow correspondence courses that require proctored exams.

NOTE: THE ABOVE EXAMPLES OF PROGRAMS / PRIVILEGES ARE ALL SIMILAR TO WHAT'S ALLOWED IN OTHER SUPERMAX PRISONS [E.G., FEDERAL FLORENCE, COLORADO AND OHIO], WHICH SUPPORTS OUR POSITION THAT CDCR-PBSP STAFF CLAIMS THAT SUCH ARE A THREAT TO SAFETY AND SECURITY ARE EXAGGERATIONS.

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on behalf of themselves & all
similarly situated participants