

Charter Review Committee Members,

Thank you so much for your contributions and time as valued members of the Charter Review Committee.

As you know the Board of County Commissioners is mandated to inspect County jail facilities annually. Increasing this requirement to four times a year is redundant and would have little to no effect on jail operations.

This year, in addition to the annual site visit, I have already made a jail site visit and plan to do so each year resulting in two visits per year. These one-on-one inspections are much more insightful and helpful than any annual site visit I have been on during the last five years. It is awkward to have 10-15 spectators come in and observe people in custody and it is certainly not trauma informed.

For me visiting on my own and having in-depth conversations with staff and volunteers is much more conducive to frank and open conversations.

Thank you for allowing me to share my testimony with you.

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