

WILMA CHAN Supervisor, Third District

SUPERVISOR CHAN ADDRESSES COMMUNITY CONCERNS REGARDING RELOCATION OF PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan met with residents of Oakland's Chinatown community on March 19 to reiterate and clarify that probation officers and their clients will not relocate to 1111 Jackson Street. An earlier plan proposed by County agencies to relocate probation officers and their clients to the Jackson Street location raised significant concern from the community. Supervisor Chan heard these concerns and immediately began working with the County Administrator to find a better solution.

Individuals on court-ordered probation are currently monitored by County Probation Department officers located at 400 Broadway Ave. in Oakland. The County's General Services Agency (GSA) proposed relocating this function to a County-owned facility at 1111 Jackson Street. This plan would have resulted in 1,400 probation client visits a month at the location.

Early last week, Supervisor Chan announced that the County Administrator and GSA had developed an alternative plan, whereby probation services will continue to be offered at 400 Broadway, not at 1111 Jackson Street. This plan was affirmed by the Board of Supervisors on March 18.

The County's plan was reported in Sing Tao and the World Journal, which serve Oakland's Chinatown community. It was also communicated to neighborhood residents through a network of civic leaders and community groups. On March 19, Supervisor Chan was joined by the County's Chief Administrative Officer, Susan Muranishi, and GSA Director Aki Nakao, to answer questions regarding the adopted plan and counter misinformation that had been circulating throughout the community. Approximately 250 neighborhood residents attended the event and had their questions answered.

For more information regarding the County's plan to continue providing probation services at 400 Broadway, please contact the County Administrator's Office at 510.272.6984.