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Magi Work, Deputy Director
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Dear Ms. Work:

I am writing in response to your letter dated January 27, 2016, in which you inquired about the intent of the City and County of San Francisco to accept or reject the SB 863 conditional award of \$80 million to build the facility proposed by our response submitted to the RFP.

On December 15, 2015, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to form a working group "to develop a plan that will provide effective and humane investments in mental health; identify what new facility or facilities are needed; and seek to maintain San Francisco's eligibility to use State Public Works Board financing," while also continuing to explore alternatives to jail.

The full community stakeholder working group is set to begin meeting on March 11, 2016. Meanwhile, a core group has been working to prepare the data as well as define the parameters and prepare educational materials required to make this meeting productive. We anticipate a recommendation from the working group by October 2016 on what facility or facilities may be needed to address the full gamut of issues and concerns regarding mental health and justice systems in San Francisco.

To further assist our efforts in addressing your concerns and to comply with the Board of Supervisors' resolution, I request your cooperation in granting the City an extension of up to 180 days to prepare an official response to the BSCC on whether to accept the award and build the project as proposed; build with minor alterations within the parameters of the original RFP for SB 863; or, to reject the award.

I am available to meet with you to discuss the next steps. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mohammed Nuru", written over a horizontal line.

Mohammed Nuru
Director, Public Works