



# PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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**Re: Moratorium exemption request for the Marin County Probation Department**

To the MERA Executive Committee:

The Marin County Probation Department respectfully requests an exemption to the moratorium to add ten additional MERA radios to support our increasing field activities with law enforcement.

The department currently has 18 assigned MERA radios - six assigned to each of our juvenile and adult field divisions and six to our juvenile hall. The department has been increasing our field presence over the last few years and has begun to maximize usage of radios on a regular basis as staff provide supervision in the field.

Additionally in the last six months the department has coordinated half a dozen field operations in concert with local law enforcement agencies. During these field operations we often have more staff participation than available radios - putting staff at a disadvantage in the field and threatening their safety and ability to respond appropriately. We would ask that our officer safety concerns will be given strong consideration for this exemption request.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael Daly  
Chief Probation Officer  
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