



Chamber Endorses Study for Camden County Detention Center

The Board of Directors of Camden County Regional Chamber of Commerce met with Freeholder Director Lou Cappelli, County Administrator Ross Angilella, Director of Economic and Business Development Sandra Kelly and Joyce Gabriel, Camden County Public Information Officer to review plans for a new Camden County Jail. Also present were directors from local chambers of commerce in Camden, Gloucester Township, Winslow Township, Cherry Hill and the White Horse Pike

The presentation provided a compelling financial analysis on the comparative costs of the County owning and operating a jail vs. privatizing all or part of that facility.

It is the consensus of our Board of Directors that the expense of new jail construction, estimated at more than \$400 million is too great a tax burden on citizens and businesses already faced with some of the highest taxes in the nation and an economy not yet recovered from a devastating recession. Additionally, the high costs of continuing operation as a publicly owned facility adds to that tax burden through the foreseeable future.

The county is committed to initiate critically-needed reform in order to improve its correctional operations, provide millions of dollars in relief to Camden County taxpayers, and keep residents safe.

Camden County Regional Chamber of Commerce endorses the comprehensive review of all options, including privatization, to deliver the best effort to control and reduce the tax burden on businesses and residents.

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