

Shutting off services to the remaining clients, most of whom have been at SDC more than 30 years and one of whom is 91 years old, seems downright cruel. Has the State looked at ways to boost revenues by contracting with other Bay Area agencies spending millions on helping the mentally disabled, such as San Francisco? It would seem that a tightly-controlled program to help these folks with residences and services could provide an appropriate use of the facilities, provide needed operating revenues for SDC, while keeping the current residents in place. Someone should call Bevan Dufty in San Francisco (Homeless Czar) and discuss this idea with him as a place to start. Closing down should not be an option! Let's get creative about other possible clients with money.

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