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Jack Walsh, Supervisor
County Board of Supervisors
County Administration Building
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Jack:

I am writing in support of the Rape Coalition of San Diego and in support of the concept of community-based supportive services for rape victims in cooperation with institutional resources. Any rape program which does not have community-based support has, in my opinion, a built-in failure mechanism.

I, and many others, would like to see evolve in San Diego an effective anti-rape network which would involve enforcement and legal sectors, as well as individual and family counseling, hospital and community clinic care, as well as media support.

To succeed, however, this network must have its roots in the community: rape victims, as experience and statistics have shown, will not subject themselves to the possible moralistic posturing of the non-community oriented professional. They will, however, have confidence and trust in other community women.

I would be happy to speak further with you, or with anyone in your office, concerning this matter. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Joyce Nower

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Director

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