

CA Inmates Released

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and 40 other inmate advocacy groups have called on Governor Newsom to release inmates in California to allow other inmates to properly "social distance" in our jails and prisons. This came out in light of 1 inmate and 5 corrections employees testing positive for COVID-19. The advocacy groups are urging the Governor to release all medically fragile inmates, those 60 years of age and older, and all those set to be paroled through the next year. It has been reported that hundreds of inmates have already been released in San Francisco County, Los Angeles County, among others. Governor Newsom claimed in a statement that " We will do it in a very deliberative way, and to the extent we have to have a release valve... it will be for those nonviolent offenses and we will do it in a systemic way and we are working in real time with our sheriffs to see what that looks like, and with the folks at the state system." But, as you will recall, Prop 57 redefined what a "nonviolent" offender is. Domestic violence, solicitation of murder, human trafficking, rape of an unconscious person have all been reclassified as "serious" and not "violent." Again, we must insist the Governor act with the safety of ALL Californians in mind.