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Blaine Street Women's Facility Re-Opens

The Blaine Street Medium Security Women's Facility will re-open its doors once again following a recent remodel. A grand re-opening ceremony is set for [March 16th at 11am](#) at [141 Blaine Street in Santa Cruz](#).

The use of the Blaine Street Facility was discontinued in October 2016 after an ongoing reduction in the number of eligible minimum security female inmates based off public safety realignment.

Recognizing that women represent a small percentage of the criminal justice population, the need to improve health and justice outcomes for incarcerated women to reduce their rates of recidivism, and the rates of intergenerational incarceration for their children, Sheriff Jim Hart determined that the Blaine Street facility could still provide a better housing option for incarcerated women.

In partnership with the County Administrator's Office and the Board of Supervisors, Sheriff Hart was able to secure necessary funding for Blaine Street facility upgrades so that we could better meet the needs of incarcerated women.

Sheriff Hart said "The Blaine Street Facility will provide a safe and secure facility in Santa Cruz for women in custody. It will offer robust programming opportunities and allow for family contact visitation and thereby help foster a successful re-entry to their communities and back to their families upon release."

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