

# County of Santa Clara

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## MEMORANDUM

Laurie Smith  
Sheriff

**DATE:** October 7, 2020

**TO:** Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors  
Jeffrey V. Smith, County Executive

**FROM:** Laurie Smith, Sheriff DocuSigned by:  
Laurie Smith  
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**SUBJECT:** Jail Reform Referral; Off Agenda Report Item #236: Number of Inmate Grievances

At the May 7, 2020 PSJC meeting, Supervisor Wasserman requested information relating to the number of inmate grievances that comprise the 12.3 percent increase noted in the Quarterly Report on Inmate Grievances.

As requested, this report details the specific numbers in regards to the 12.3% increase for the Elmwood Women's Facility from Quarter 1 2019 vs. Quarter 1 2020.

Total Grievances for the Quarter (in relation to the average jail population): January 1 to March 31, 2020

Month	2019		2020		% Change	
	Grievances	Ave. Jail Population	Grievances	Ave. Jail Population	Grievances	Ave. Jail Population
Jan	513	3203	594	3328	15.79% ▲	3.90% ▲
Feb	572	3224	528	3298	-7.69% ▼	2.30% ▲
Mar	515	3260	531	3033	3.11% ▲	-6.96% ▼

### INCREASE/DECREASE PER FACILITY

Facility	2019	2020	Increase +/Decrease -	% inc or dec
Elmwood Men	718	709	-9	-1.25%
CCW	382	429	47	12.30%
Main Jail	498	515	17	3.41%
Other Categories	2	0	-2	-100.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>1653</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>3.31%</b>



**TOP 2 CATEGORIES**

MEDICAL GRIEVANCES	JAN'19	JAN'20	FEB'19	FEB'20	MAR'19	MAR'20
Elmwood Men	26	71	55	73	31	51
CCW	29	47	21	37	20	26
Main Jail	15	15	19	15	11	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>107</b>

COMMISSARY	JAN'19	JAN'20	FEB'19	FEB'20	MAR'19	MAR'20
Elmwood Men	23	29	15	25	26	41
CCW	3	11	4	4	6	29
Main Jail	6	13	6	15	4	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>83</b>

- c: Chief Board Aides  
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