

Frequently Asked Questions about the CIM Inmate Transfer

What is the Condemned Inmate Transfer Program (CITP)?

The transfers are part of a state initiative directed by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) under Proposition 66, which was approved by voters in 2016. This law allows condemned inmates to participate in prison programs and work assignments, contributing to restitution for their victims.

Why are condemned inmates being transferred to California Institution for Men (CIM)?

CIM has been selected because it is equipped with an electrified fence, which is deemed necessary for housing high-risk inmates.

What are the concerns regarding the transfer of inmates to CIM?

Local leaders and community members have raised major concerns including CIM's aging infrastructure, its proximity to local communities, and its history of high-profile escapes. The facility is one of the oldest in the state and has not received sufficient investment for upkeep and maintenance, raising safety and security issues.

CIM has been a longstanding institution and job creator in the area. Why is there concern over the transfer of inmates now?

CIM indeed has a long history in the community and has contributed significantly to local employment. The concerns raised are not about the presence of the prison itself or the inmate transfer program mandated by state law. Instead, the focus is on ensuring that CIM has the necessary infrastructure and security measures to safely manage the transfer and housing of high-risk inmates. The community and its leaders fully support the prison's role but advocate for substantial improvements to ensure that the facility can securely accommodate these new responsibilities without compromising the safety of the surrounding area.

What actions are being taken in response to these concerns?

The City of Chino, along with Chino Hills and other regional stakeholders, are actively advocating for policy revisions in Sacramento. These efforts aim to ensure that the state allocates sufficient funds for necessary upgrades and maintenance at CIM to safeguard both the inmate population, the employees and the surrounding community.

How can residents stay informed about the developments concerning CIM?

Residents can subscribe to the city's newsletter, visit www.cityofchino.org/CIM for updates, and attend community meetings. These resources provide ongoing information about advocacy efforts, policy changes, and community safety initiatives.

What can community members do to voice their concerns or get involved?

Community members are encouraged to attend city council meetings, participate in community forums, and communicate directly with the Governor's Office to express your concerns. Visit www.cityofchino.org/CIM to learn more.