

October 16, 2020

TO: [REDACTED]  
Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM: [REDACTED]  
Lead Compliance Inspector  
The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: **Annual Pre-Occupancy Inspection of the Golden State Annex**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual pre-occupancy inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011) of the Golden State Annex in McFarland, California during the period of October 15-16, 2020. This is a DIGSA.

The annual inspection was performed under the guidance of [REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector. Team members were:

Subject Matter Field	Team Member
Detainee Rights	[REDACTED]
Security	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Safety	[REDACTED]

### **Type of Inspection**

This is an annual pre-occupancy inspection, which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE PBNDS 2011 for Over 72-hour facilities.

### **Inspection Summary**

The Golden State Annex is currently accredited by:

- The American Correctional Association (ACA) - No
- The National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) - No
- The Joint Commission (TJC) - No
- Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) - No

### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Golden State Annex is located on the outskirts of McFarland, California in a small business and residential neighborhood. It is owned and operated by the GEO Group, Inc. (GEO), a private corporation based in Boca Raton, Florida. [REDACTED] The facility will house adult male and female ICE detainees of all classification levels. [REDACTED]



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The perimeter security of the facility is comprised of a double chain-link fence supplemented with razor ribbon and microwave sensors. There is a surveillance camera network that monitors the entire perimeter and critical movement and common areas inside the facility. Central control is staffed 24 hours a day. The perimeter of the facility is patrolled by an unarmed officer during each shift.

The mission of this facility recently changed from State detention to housing ICE detainees. The facility will operate as an annex to the Mesa Verde Detention Facility. The single-story facility houses detainees in general population housing units with a design capacity of 88 detainees per unit. All housing units, which are managed by direct supervision, are located off the main corridor. The facility has a restricted housing unit which is located adjacent to the intake area and health care unit. The health care unit has two negative air pressure rooms. All movement is escorted.

Each general population housing unit has a dayroom which provides space and seating for detainees to socialize and tables for board games. Board games, televisions, microwaves, telephones, and tablets are available for detainees. Detainees may use the tablets for video visits, messaging with family and friends, playing music and games, filing grievances, ordering commissary, and submitting requests to facility and ICE staff. Two of the telephones are in private telephone booths allowing detainees to make private legal calls during facility waking hours. Two law library computers are available in a separate area of the housing units. The main law library is supervised by the library assistant who is fluent in five languages.

Detainees may currently visit with family and friends through video visitation only as all general visits have been discontinued due to COVID-19. There are two outdoor recreation yards containing exercise equipment, an area for handball, and a soccer field covered in artificial turf.

The atmosphere in the housing units was relaxed. All detainees interviewed by the inspection team stated that they felt safe in the facility and that they were treated well by staff. The detainees stated that the facility was clean, and that additional cleaning was being done due to COVID-19. Detainees complained of a lack of social distancing in the housing units when they first arrived. This has been resolved. All facility staff interviewed were well versed in facility policy and the requirements of the standards and were responsive to all requests made by the inspection team. All training required by the contract for facility staff was completed before the arrival of ICE detainees.

Medical care is provided by WellPath. All other services are provided by The GEO Group, Inc. Detainees will not be charged co-pay fees for medical, dental, or mental health services.

Due to COVID-19, anyone entering the facility must wear a mask, have their temperature taken and recorded, and must complete a questionnaire. Only legal visitation is permitted. Detainees are provided thirteen ten-minute free telephone calls each week, instead of onsite general visits. Sanitation was noted to be above average with areas frequently touched being constantly cleaned. During this inspection, no detainees or staff tested positive for COVID-19.

### **Areas of Concern/Significant Observations**

There were no areas of concern or significant observations during this inspection.

### **Recommended Rating and Justification**



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If the facility completes the action plans along with the implementation of other procedures and policy revisions to which the OIC and other key staff committed during the inspection, the facility will comply with the ICE 2011 Performance-Based National Detention Standards.

### **LCI Assurance Statement**

The findings are accurately and completely documented on the G-324 Inspection Form and are supported by documentation in the inspection file. An out brief was conducted at the facility. In addition to the Nakamoto Group Inspection Team, the following were present:

- ICE Officials – [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector

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