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TO: [REDACTED]
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Inspection of the LaSalle County Regional Detention Center**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the National Detention Standards (NDS 2000) of the LaSalle County Regional Detention Center in Encinal, Texas, during the period of October 19-21, 2020. This is an IGSA facility.

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 a scheduled annual inspection which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE NDS for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a rating of Meets Standards during the September 2019 annual inspection.

Inspection Summary

The LaSalle County Regional Detention Center 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

Standards Compliance

The following information is a summary of the standards that were reviewed and overall compliance that was determined as a result of the 2019 and 2020 NDS annual inspections:



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2019 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	36
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	3

2020 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	36
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	3

The inspection team identified four (4) deficient components in the following four (4) standards:

Environmental Health and Safety – 1
Security Inspections – 1 (repeat deficiency)
Special Management Unit (Administrative Segregation) – 1
Special Management Unit (Disciplinary Segregation) – 1

Facility Snapshot/Description

The LaSalle County Regional Detention Center is owned by the County of LaSalle and operated under the jurisdiction of the LaSalle County Sheriff's Department. It is located in Encinal, Texas, which is approximately forty miles north of Laredo, Texas. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The remaining population was US Marshal Service detainees. The facility houses adult male and female detainees of all custody levels. ICE detainees are housed among non-ICE detainees with compatible classification levels. It is used as a short-term staging facility for ICE to process their population. [REDACTED]

The detention center complex is one single-story building constructed in 2004. It is surrounded by two sixteen-foot chain linked fences, each supplemented with rows of razor ribbon on the top and bottom. There is a perimeter road that is patrolled by an armed officer on a 24-hour basis. Surveillance cameras offer visibility around the entire perimeter, as well as, sight lines down interior movement corridors, into the housing units, common areas, and outdoor recreation yards. All exterior building doors and interior doors are under constant camera surveillance and most of them are controlled by central control staff. The facility is equipped with a surveillance camera network that is monitored 24 hours a day. All movement is escorted.

There are 34 individual general population dormitory housing units ranging in size from 4 - 48 beds. There is one special management unit (SMU) designed with 24 one-bed cells. It houses detainees in disciplinary and administrative segregation status. There were no detainees housed in the SMU during the inspection. The medical unit has twelve observation beds. ICE detainees are not housed with non-ICE detainees in the medical unit. The facility has dedicated part of one housing unit to serve as a COVID-19 wing; it was empty during the inspection.

Each living area, except the SMU, has a common dayroom which is equipped with a television, fixed table/chair units for detainees to eat their meals, play games, and gather for conversation, and an information kiosk on which detainees can order commissary, participate in video-visits, send/receive emails, and access program schedules and announcements. Detainees are provided indoor and outdoor recreation.

Inspectors interviewed all of the ICE detainees housed in the facility during the last two days of the inspection. These eight detainees were a mix of LEP and English-speaking individuals; the language line was used for five of the interviews. All of the interviewed detainees had only been at the facility a short time. Detainees aired no substantive concerns. They all felt safe in the facility and had not been threat-



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ened or mistreated by staff or other detainees since their arrival. Most had no complaints about the services or programs but most had not participated in them either, except for recreation. General comments about the food were good with no invectives about quality or quantity. Two of the detainees felt they had not received the medical attention they wanted. These issues were discussed with the acting health services administrator by the medical SME. Both of the individuals had recently been seen by the health care unit and had received the treatment and consult for the conditions they presented. Neither had follow-up visits scheduled because it was not necessary. Another detainee voiced a complaint that he had not received a hygiene kit during in-processing; one was provided. One detainee wanted to speak with his pregnant wife detained in another facility; they were separated during ICE processing and he wanted to check on her. This situation was discussed with ICE/ERO staff by the security SME and a commitment to reach out and establish contact was pledged. There were no concerns raised about COVID-19 protocols and safety measures required of the detainee population. No detainees were housed in the COVID-19 housing wing during the inspection. An assessment of the general cleanliness of the facility could not be determined due to the remote nature of the inspection.

Medical services and maintenance operations are provided by LaSalle County employees. Food service is managed by Five Star Food Service. Detainee telephone services are provided by Crown Correctional Telephone. ICE detainees are not charged medical co-pays.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

The inspection was conducted remotely and inspectors were unable to personally observe practices and procedures within the facility. The inspection team relied upon photographs and/or videos to validate the observation of many standards.

Recommended Rating and Justification

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Meets Standards unless unobserved practices and conditions are contrary to what was reported to the inspection team. The facility complies with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) for Over 72 hour facilities. No (0) Standards were rated as Does Not Meet Standards and three (3) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-six (36) standards were found to be in compliance.

LCI Assurance Statement

The findings of compliance and noncompliance are accurately and completely documented on the G-324A Inspection Form and are supported by documentation in the inspection file. A call-in out brief was conducted and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following were present:

- ICE Official – [REDACTED]
- Facility Staff – [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector

Printed Name of LCI

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Date