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**ANNOUNCEMENT
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**CA SENATORS, CDCR, CCPOA, and PRISON REFORM LEADERS
IN DISCUSSION AT THE SAME TABLE
(PLUS KEYNOTE BY MIKE FARRELL OF M*A*S*H)
FEATURED AT THE 2007 CENTERFORCE SUMMIT**

San Rafael, CA, Sept., 2007 – The 8TH Annual Centerforce Inside/Out Summit, October 22, 23rd in San Francisco: *Critical Juncture - Innovative Solutions for Addressing the Impact of Youth and Adult Incarceration in Our Communities* will feature 22 workshops, 4 plenary speakers, and an unprecedented event, a roundtable Socratic Dialogue. This Dialogue will be the first time that officials from opposite ends of the California corrections spectrum have come together to deliberate at the same table.

The unique framework of the Socratic Dialogue allows participants to genuinely examine an issue and collectively share legitimate solutions. The discussion includes a moderator leading an open-minded path intended to reveal possible solutions and the actions needed to reach those solutions. This type of dialogue has been featured on PBS since the 1980s in the Fred Friendly Seminars, self described as, “*Panelists Put Aside Their Speeches, Make Hard Decisions, and Talk To Each Other.*”

Scheduled Socratic Dialogue panelists at the Summit include: **CA State Senator & Majority Leader**, Gloria Romero, **CA State Senator** Leland Yee, **San Quentin State Prison Warden** Robert Ayers, Jr., **Prison Law Office Executive Director** Don Spector, **San Francisco Chief Adult Probation Officer & former California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Undersecretary** Jeanne Woodford, **California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) Chief of Governmental Affairs** Lance Corcoran, **Executive Director of Ella Baker Center for Human Rights** Jakada Imani, **Campaign Director of Critical Resistance** Rose Braz, **Director of Legal Affairs Drug Policy Alliance** Dan Abrahamson, **San Francisco Court Alternative Specialist** Yolanda Robinson, and **Ex-Prisoner & Program Coordinator, AIDS Community Research Consortium** Harold Atkins
Moderator: Ron Clement

The Summit's Keynote will be delivered by **Mike Farrell**, political and social activist best known for his portrayal of Army Capt. B.J. Hunnicutt in the TV-series "M*A*S*H" and Dr. Jim Hansen in the weekly NBC series "Providence." Since 1979, Mike has been working arduously and expertly on human rights issues, including issues involving incarceration. He will be sharing his insights on the impact of sentencing policies on free communities.

The Summit's all-encompassing program, which includes sessions on frontline programming, breaking youth incarceration cycles, clinical issues, and understanding policy will seek to collectively discover positive solutions to crucial issues surrounding incarcerated populations. Over the two days, the Summit will provide an energetic forum for education, growth, success, discussion, inspiration, and communication.

ABOUT CENTERFORCE

Centerforce is a 501(c) (3) with offices in San Rafael, Fresno, and San Quentin Village, California, and a visitors center just outside San Quentin State Prison. The Centerforce mission is to support, educate and advocate for individuals, families and communities impacted by incarceration.

Centerforce provides services for prisoners, ex-prisoners, and family members of prisoners through direct services, education, its annual Summit and through consultation and training for government agencies, community-based organizations and correctional facilities across the country and internationally. Throughout its history, Centerforce has worked to promote humane and effective services for prison visitors and prisoners. Located on the web at Centerforce.org.