

JJRBG Meeting September 29, 2021
Written Public Comments Submitted via E-mail
Agenda Item III f.

1. Tim and Joy Ory

We have read the Evaluation of Existing Camps for Conversion to Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) Status Report of September 14, 2021, our comments follow:

SYTF Male Population

The report represents the SYTF male population in various ways, however the Evaluative Criteria is based on a capacity of 40 which is less than 25 percent of the projected SYTF male population of 180. We urge site evaluations to be based on a capacity of 180 as a more realistic approach to get it done right the first time.

- 150 Preliminary Projected Population
- 157 Current DJJ Male Population
- 180 Future Expansion Projected Population

Some Preliminary Observations

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We feel the Challenger Memorial Youth Center presents a win-win opportunity as the location is remote from residential neighborhoods, is the most secure, and has the greatest capacity and program space. Renovations to provide a supportive rehabilitative environment within the secure facility could be accomplished over time as the program develops, is implemented, evaluated and adjusted.

The Bottom Line

Reconfiguring the use of Camps Scott and Scudder to house the male serious offender population is a significant change from the former use of these closed facilities. The rehabilitative model desired for the SYFT population is **NOT** a fit with any residential community so close by.

- Capacity - Cannot meet the current SYTF population, or future expansion
- Resiliency Compatibility With Surrounding Development - Not compatible
- Locational Factors - Not workable within realistic traffic conditions, weekends, mid-day, or peak commute hours
- Resiliency - Located in Fire Hazard Zones with a history of multiple evacuations, and located in Flood Planes

2. Kenneth A. Anaya and Dawn M. Anaya

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