

JJRBG Meeting October 7, 2021
Written Public Comments Submitted via E-mail
Agenda Item IV d.

1. Brooke Singerman

I messaged before to help the citizens of Santa Clarita. First, I would like to tell you a little about myself. They added me to their facebook group. I have lived in Santa Clarita for 33 years. I went to UCLA and I went to College of the Canyons. Also, I went to Saugus High School. I have been to the Central Parks for AYSO soccer events when our teams went to state undefeated and were on the TV. I have volunteered for the Sheriff's Toy Drive, The Special Olympics, interned for the State Assembly for a few months during Covid 19. As I pursue a career whether that be city, state, or law, I am currently taking Paralegal Courses at College of the Canyons, because I may want that Legal Certificate. Why you ask? Why should people care what we have to say. The people of Santa Clarita truly matter. I also worked the Presidential Election 2021 and Congressional Election 2020. In addition, I got COVID in December before the vaccine came out. By the way, I am vaccinated.

I have been through ALOT. I am fully aware that the people of Santa Clarita matter. The Santa Clarita Magazine wrote stating that youth, that are trying to have better lives are being put here. Why should we put criminals that are far worse and more scary to society. Society where there was a gun shooting in Saugus a year or two ago and the whole City was terrified. Children at elementary schools, Teens at Junior High Schools, Adults in High Schools, Young Adults attending Community Colleges. The seniors and adults who have VALUE, Property, and Estate that live near this land and territory. Why do we need to add FEAR to their great and peaceful American lives? I cannot agree.

Scott Wilk, a respectful leader, respectful Senator, he even wrote a diplomatic peace of work to the Legislative Departments, who did not hear him. He is also trying to prevent this. He has lived in Santa Clarita longer than me. He interned while Nixon was the President. This man has TONS of Knowledge. Please listen to the People. Listen to the Republicans and Democrats that are from Santa Clarita that deserve PEACE! Thank you. I truly hope this will leave a mark and symbol that the United States represents a flag where people FOUGHT for peace!

2. George Rio

I am very concerned with the direction advocates are forcing on law enforcement in our state. I believe the true issue is not what the advocates want to address. They want to address justice reform by eliminating repercussions for violent juveniles. Juvenile offenders that are sent into confinement for murder and attempted murder rape and other serious violent crimes.

Santa Clarita, I thank you for your efforts to protect your community. But please help address the bigger picture. In a recent proposal, committee members now suggest that diversion be a viable option for these violent offenders. Please research this as it applies to California.

In California, diversion is defined as ensuring the accused does not spend time in jail and court cases are sealed and dismissed as if they never happened. With recent district attorney policy, the lack of consequence on criminal behavior has sparked a rise in crime. There are stories on the news reports detailing brazen acts of violence and other crimes, followed by the DA's assertion that no criminal charges will be filed because they are juveniles.

I am not an expert in human psychology, but I believe I know enough that lack of consequence will not stop in undesired criminal behavior from forming. Juveniles are already engaged in such behavior are now facing far less consequence than ever before. This teaches them that the crime

can pay. Especially since committee members have vocally advocated the removal of law enforcement from any contact with juveniles. If diversion is allowed, it will only exasperate the situation and increased the danger for all citizens of Los Angeles County.

3. Christine Kurano

Hi, I just learned that Bikila Ochoa is a voting member of JJCC-JJRBG subcommittee and feel that he should not have a vote being he is Deputy Director of The Anti-Recidivism Coalition. This seems to be a conflict of interest and his voting should be challenged since he is working to serve his own agenda outside of what is best for SCV residents.

I am absolutely opposed to used Camp Scott and Scudder for housing serious juvenile offenders. The camps do not have the required security, there is no fast and easy way to evacuate being in a high fire zone, and it is within 300 feet of homes. There are much better camps that can be used instead of pumping millions into these camps. The committee has already spent money on the guardrail in the area of these two camps in SCV on Bouquet and had SCE out doing electrical work. These activities say to me that you do not care how many oppose this decision to use these camps. Many of us have been on calls and not put through even after following your protocols yet those who support are heard and even one person is repeatedly chosen to speak reading his script verbatim.

This committee has not done enough to engage the residents of SCV of all the surrounding homes from Whites Canyon/Skyline Ranch/Plum Canyon/Bouquet/Urbandale areas. They would be the most impacted areas.

There are many reasons to oppose the used of these camps, this committee picked these admittedly so on the call in June out of hast to make a quick selection. It's time for the committee to acknowledge these camps are not the best locations and consider the other options. I would recommend using Nader and investing money there. The location may not be as heavily used as in the past since the juveniles are not being taken into custody at the same rate as in the past. Since creating a more home like environment the money would be well used there and could support those waiting for a court hearing an improved placed to wait for their court date. There is room on the land to create a new building attached to the existing structure. It would always allow traffic to be a minimal impact and is centrally located for everyone.

Thank you, please reconsider the location.