

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

1. Diana Atlas

My husband and I have been residents of Saugus since 1989. We raised our children here. We've lived in three different communities all within a 3 mile radius within Saugus.

We beg that the "powers that be" STOP this prison development right here in our neighborhoods so close to homes on the other side of the hills. THIS IS NOT AN APPROPRIATE LOCATION FOR FELONS OF SERIOUS CRIMES!

PLEASE hear our cries and respect our demands to NOT MOVE FORWARD WITH CREATING A PRISON At CAMP SCUDDER AND SCOTT !!

2. Greg Birchfield

My wife and I have been residents of Saugus since 2001. We raised our daughter here. We've lived less than a mile from this camp without incident over all of these years.

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3. Karen

I feel very strongly against this move, we don't need these criminals in our neighborhood, along with there friends and family! We have a large housing community right near these camps! Feel this would be detrimental to our community! Please reconsider this move!!

4. Michelle McKown

I am writing to strongly discourage you from housing convicted "serious offenders" in Camp Scott and Scudder. There is no good reason for housing serious offenders in that area. There are however MANY reasons why housing serious offenders in that area is a terrible and potentially catastrophic plan:

- It is in the middle of a residential neighborhood! Not only are existing homes nearby, there are hundreds of new homes being developed in the same area. Residents will not have peace of mind or a sense of security living so close to convicted serious offenders. I live in the area and will be terrified every day if this plan is implemented. Our children walk to school and play in parks and front yards in our neighborhood. You will rob residents of the safety and security to allow our kids to continue these types of everyday activities.
- This is a fire hazard zone. We have many wildfires in this area and it is common for us to experience mandatory evacuations. How do you expect to regularly transport these criminals to

another location during an evacuation? Where will you take them? At what expense? How much risk is involved in moving them?

- In addition to being a high fire risk area, we frequently have extreme wind conditions. That only increases the fire danger. As such, every time we experience strong winds, the power is shut off in large areas to reduce fire risk. It would be foolish for you to house serious offenders in a place that is likely to experience regular power outages. I understand that there could be back up power systems in place, but they aren't as foolproof and reliable as regular power service. They can also be quite expensive. Why would you create such risk?

- The existing facilities are obviously not adequate to house high-risk, serious offenders. You would have to spend a fortune to upgrade the Camp Scott and Scudder facilities. Those funds would be better spent on a new facility or other older facility that doesn't sit smack dab in the middle of a residential neighborhood. My understanding is that "remoteness from communities" is a key factor in your decision making process. If so, how can you even consider this location??? It is the opposite of remote.

The ONLY reason you can possibly be considering this location is that you simply need a place to put these criminals. That doesn't justify putting them just anywhere. It doesn't justify putting them here. Do your jobs. Find an appropriate location. One that is actually remote from communities. One that doesn't have the same risks and dangers that this location clearly presents. I implore you to stop trying to sneak this plan through political loop holes and FIND ANOTHER LOCATION!

5. Carol A. Johnson

As a resident of 28 years in Santa Clarita, I'm against having camp Scott and scudder used to house convicted felons, no matter their age.

6. Rose Wooley

I am absolutely amazed that these sites are still under consideration. As a long-term resident and business owner in Santa Clarita, I find it hard to believe that anyone would consider housing violent criminals no matter what the reason, across the street from homes, right next-door to ranches, down the street from schools/parks where kids play and people horseback ride or people go on trail walks. Not to mention the fact it's in a total fire danger zone. What are you going to do if everybody's evacuated. Are you going to empty out the prison every other month during fire season, especially as it is now in California. The word is spreading. Do you think the residents of Santa Clarita are going to take this without standing up for our rights. While everyone understands you need to come up with options, they need to be housed for the purpose of rehabilitation, in a facility located away from families and children. It doesn't matter where you live or what your status is, no family would want these permanent prisons to open up in their neighborhood. I think it is time for all concerned to do what you were hired and voted into office for....take care of the people in your community.

STOP THE MADNESS

I think it's time we all talk to lawyers to determine our rights in a matter like this.

7. James Clark

As a resident of 12 years in Santa Clarita, I'm against having Camps Scott and Scudder used to house convicted felons, no matter their age. I live closer than one mile to the above facilities. My neighborhood has seen enough crime in the recent months. Please oppose this proposal.

8. Steve Pearson and Janet Pearson

My husband and I are strongly opposed to Camps Scott and Scudder becoming a permanent place for convicted murderers and rapists (no matter what their age) We have lived in Santa Clarita for 56 years. These camps are within walking distance from our house. It is a bad decision and we want you to find a more remote location.

9. Emily Schneider

I am a resident of bouquet canyon estates on Shadow Valley Lane. I am strongly opposed to the Scudder and Scott camps being transitioned into permanent holding for violent male criminals-no matter their age.

Those camps are walking distance to my home--I am 30 years old and my husband and I are expecting our first child in what we thought would be a very safe neighborhood. It is APPALLING that there was no effort to engage or inform the community of these considerations.

Please use common sense and house the violent convicted male criminals of serious offenses such as murder, rape, arson, etc elsewhere, in a remote area, far away from playgrounds, children, homes and families. Would you want these serious offenders within walking distance of your home and family?

10. Helene McElmurray

I am writing to express my objection and outrage at the county's consideration of turning Camp Scott and Scudder into a maximum security prison. I live across the street from this facility and the idea that ANY such consideration would be made given the proximity to family homes and 3 schools, including 2 elementary schools, is just insane. There is plenty of open space in the SCV not in direct proximity to homes, schools and evacuation routes.

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If this were proposed across the street from your family homes would you approve it? I doubt it! These types of facilities have NO BUSINESS being located within residential communities in such close proximity to family homes and schools.

Not only do I urge you to disapprove of this proposal, I urge to remember that your positions of power are intended to benefit the public and in so doing necessitates that their voices are heard and reflected in the decisions that are made.

11. Michael Handsen

I live a few dozen houses from camps Scott and Scudder and was shocked to hear that anyone would consider housing such violent criminals next to our homes and schools. Additionally this is

a fire and flood zone where we've evacuated before with some difficulty because of the number homes.

I also understand that no notice was provided to the city of Santa Clarita, which is a total lack of Transparency. Anyone Doing the research on the area would already know the things that I pointed out, so the fact that the city wasn't advised leads one to believe that those making this decision simply don't care about the needs of the community and the direct impact on those in close proximity.

Needless to say, I am angry at what seems like intentional oversight and I adamantly oppose this proposal. In my opinion the government is there to serve it's citizens which it can't do unless it listens to their voices.

I urge you to consider how you would feel were this to be considered across the street from your home and find a better solution that doesn't put our community at risk.

12. Terry Kleintop

Here is the email the Sutters Pointe HOA sent to each of the LA Supervisors and to Santa Clarita Board Members. Now that I have been given your contact info, I feel compelled to provide this to your committee as well. I hope you will read this in its entirety.

A prison with high level offenders has no business being 800 ft away from homes.

I welcome the opportunity to talk with you on this subject, if anyone on your committee would care to call.

13. John Kline

I live in Santa Clarita close to these camps. I'm against turning Camps Scott and Scudder into a place for convicted murderers and rapists. These camps are too close to my family, neighbors, and schools.

14. Manjeet Wahi

I live closer than one mile to Camps Scott and Scudder. I'm voicing my opposition to having these dated camps remodeled and used to house violent offenders convicted of serious crimes against persons. It just doesn't make sense. I urge you to use a remote location for your rehabilitative efforts and not place the residents and children of Santa Clarita in harms way.

15. Hyeran Goens

Camp Scott is less than 1 mile from my home where I am currently raising my family. I am against the use of these camps, camps Scudder and Camp Scott as a permanent location for Los Angeles counties convicted population.

16. Michelle Webster

Hi as a resident of Santa Clarita since 1995 and living within 1 mile of Camp Scudder I against housing violent offenders at the this camp. I have lived here long enough to have had previous escapes from the camp with the offender ending up in my friends back yard. This is a very residential area with many children that play outside. I have also lived her long enough for the fires to cause evacuations how would you evacuate all this criminals in a timely manner that is safe for the neighborhood. Thank-you, Please let my voice be heard.

17. Gale Webster

Hi as a resident of Santa Clarita living within 1 mile of Camp Scudder over the past 20 years I am against housing violent offenders at the this camp. I have lived here long enough to have had previous escapes from the camp. This is a very residential area with many children that play outside. This is so close to many housing developments please pick an area more remote from so many children and schools. Thank-you, Please let my voice be heard.

18. John Russell

As a citizen of Santa Clarita living only blocks from the Camps Scott and Scudder, I am registering my opposition to the plan to move serious offenders near our neighborhood. Our neighborhood is filled with young children and older individuals who would be put at risk by your decision. Those you wish to confine at this location have in some cases committed terrible crimes, some of them against children, and should not be moved so close to a family community. It is unjust to put us in harm's way when other options are available. Would any of you on this committee choose to live next door to such a facility?

The motto of LA County Probation is "building safer communities through positive change." This decision seems to contradict these commendable goals, making our community less safe through a negative change that is opposed by every member I know in our community. I urge you to reconsider.

19. Resa Albert

As one of the residents of Bouquet Canyon Rd near Camps Scott & Scudder, I vehemently object to the aforementioned facility to be used as permanent facility for convicted males of grave offenses. This plan will primarily endanger my family's safety as well as the entire neighborhood due to the risk of escape. Besides, it will affect the value of our property because it will pose a security risk.

Please find another place, not closer to our peaceful neighborhood.

20. Ken Corrales

I live in Santa Clarita, literally 2 blocks away from Camp Scott of Shadow Valley Ln.

I oppose the use of Camps Scott for your purpose.

Please exercise some common sense. Families, children, Schools, parks and small businesses are not a match for housing criminals within walking distance

seek a location that is remote.

21. Kenneth Zeiler

I, Kenneth Zeiler, am a resident of 24 years, living in the neighborhood of close proximity of Camps Scott and Scudder, in Santa Clarita. I am opposed to the consideration of having the "serious offender" male population close to adjacent residential neighborhoods. It doesn't make sense.

I'm against turning Camps Scott and Scudder into a place for convicted murderers and rapists. These camps are too close to family neighborhoods and schools. Murderers, rapists and arsonists are convicted felons and do not belong anywhere near residential neighborhoods, schools, parks and businesses.

Please, please select a remote location for the permanent site for these type of offender's rehabilitation needs. I'm against converting the use of Camps Scott and Scudder for this intended purpose. Safety of family neighborhoods must be considered here.

22. Lisa G.

I live closer than 1 mile to campus Scott and scudder, i'm also a small business owner located in Santa Clarita. I'm voicing my opposition to having these dated camps remodeled and used to house violent offenders convicted of serious crimes against persons. I urge you to find another location for placement, as this will put residents and children in harm's way.

23. Joyce Woodmansee

I have lived in Santa Clarita for over 30 years. This is a beautiful and quiet community. We do not want Camp Scott or Camp Scudder reopened to be used as a home for convicted felons.

These camps are located close to neighborhoods and schools. A remote location should be used for these felons, away from residential neighborhoods and schools.

I am against using Camp Scudder and Camp Scott.

24. Vanessa Maiden

I am writing today in opposition to making Camps Scott and Scudder a permanent facility for males convicted of serious crimes. This is unacceptable!!!!

As a resident of Santa Clarita, I'm informing the JJCC SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING that I am opposed to having the camps as a permanent site to essentially be a scaled down prison. Considering placing this type of facility across the street from an existing neighborhood and nearby schools is completely ridiculous and should not even be a consideration.

25. Jim Albert

I heard that Camps Scott & Scudder are being considered as permanent facility for males convicted of aggravated crimes such as murder, attempted murder, rape, arson, etc.

The camps location are very close to residents of bouquet canyon (agua dulce) including me. The plan that you are considering pose a serious threat among the residents of this peaceful

neighborhood because of the possibility of escape and most likely, the nearest place where this felons gonna hide if they escape is our neighborhood. Hence, our families are in great danger including our properties. Hence, my family, the neighbors and I object to this plan or proposal.

Please don't let this felons live closer to us!

26. Edward Maiden

My wife and I purchased our home in Saugus over 23 years ago. We have raised a family here together. We live a stones throw from Camp Scott and Camp Scudder. There are many other families which also live close to both Camps. I oppose these Camps turned into permanent facilities for the most violent convicted criminals in LA County! I ask your Subcommittee to recommend a permanent remote location. Thank you for your time.

27. Rochelle Querio

I am a current resident in the adjacent neighborhood of the Camps Scott and Scudder facilities. The transformation of the Scudder property currently being considered for housing criminals is beyond logic. I and my neighbors are vehemently opposed to it. This site is within walking distance of residential communities, schools and church. Public safety should be considered first and foremost. I'm urging the decision regarding this facility be solely based on common sense over any political or financial gain. A facility for housing L.A. County's criminals should be in a remote location not in an established family community. We know you have other more feasible options.

28. Nina Johnson

I am a residence of Bouquet Canyon Estates and have lived in this neighborhood for almost 27 years.

I am strongly against the proposal of having Camp Scudder and Camp Scott turned into a a location to house permanent convicted felons.

This proposal is too close to our neighborhood and the surrounding neighborhoods and schools.

I am concerned about our safety with these types of criminals being housed here along with our property values declining.

Please select a remote locations to house these individuals and the people that will be visiting them.

29. Jose Grijalva

My wife, daughter, and I live in the neighborhood, off of Bouquet, directly across the street from Camps Scott & Scudder. The idea of having "Serious Offenders", no matter their age housed in such close proximity terrifies me. I urge you to use a remote location for your rehabilitative efforts. The proximity to homes and schools, not to mention a major new development soon to be built makes no sense.

30. Nidia Lopez- Pulido

Hello, my name is Nidia Lopez. As a 20 year resident of Santa Clarita/Saugus area, I am against camps Scott and Scudder used to house convicted felons/rapists. No matter what age. They are still violent and do not belong in a residential neighborhood.

31. Corine D'Abrosio

Why is your Subcommittee looking to recommend a permanent location at Camp Scott & Scudder without the input of local residents who will be impacted?

This is NOT transparency in government!

I am OPPOSED to the use of any site close to residential neighborhoods and schools.

As a resident and registered voter in Santa Clarita, I urge your Subcommittee to recommend a remote and better equipped place to house convicted felons - NO MATTER THEIR AGE!

32. William T. Eldrdge

As a resident of Sants Clarita I'm informing the JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee, I am opposed to having Camps Scott and Scudder as permanent site to essentially be a called down prison. These camps are too close to family neighborhood and schools. There is not enough distance or security to keep residents safe.

33. Terry Prather

We do not want nor need this up here in Saugus. Why do they want to instrument this up here, and continue to build new housing around it. What about the schools and the children.

34. Kimberly Aholt

I'm writing to ask that you please NOT place the relocation of the juvenile facility in our neighborhood. Within 1.3 miles you have two elementary schools and many homes. The two lane road is already congested and to add to the issues we are dealing with would be irresponsible. Please consider placing the the high security juvenile facility in a more appropriate location.

35. Terry Kleintop

Here are my comments for the upcoming meeting in discussing the Camps Scott/Scudder Facilities.

My name is Terry Kleintop

I am commenting on agenda items

IV a) Scorecard & Facility Rating

IV b) Secure Youth Treatment Facility Assessment Presentation

36. Charles Bradford

I live 0.6 miles from Probation Camps Scott & Scudder, I am totally opposed to the temporary or permanent housing of violent criminals. The former probation camps were never equipped to house violent criminals and the consequences of this decision will have negative consequences for our neighborhoods. I am writing this email to make my opposition known to house violent criminals in either Camp Scott or Camp Scudder.

37. 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!

38. Kiran Kamboj

I strongly oppose the idea of making Campus Scott and Scudder a permanent facility for the most violent convicted criminals. I am a resident living so close to this facility for the last 26 years. Always felt this was not so close to a residence area. Now hearing about the new proposal makes me feel your Subcommittee does not care for human values. For the last ten years this area has grown to a dense residential community. There are 3 elementary schools so close to this facility. Any of this kind of a facility should be far away from the schools and homes.

Please seek a location that is remote.

39. Sue Fischer

Once again I find myself writing to this Committee not only to express my frustrations and anger about this proposal. Scudder and Scott were built over 30 years ago prior to the development of homes in the Saugus area. I was the third house to occupy this block. There was no Plum Canyon; it was a mountain. Corn fields and farms lined Bouquet Canyon. This is a growing neighborhood now and no place for a prison. It doesn't matter what type.

I have reviewed the Stoplight presentation and have comments and questions

- Public Access: From personal experience, as I live feet from the complex; it can take up to 45 minutes to get to the freeway. At the least it will take 25 minutes.
- Competing Use Factors: A plan for approximately 375 homes is approved. These homes will surround the camps and on the hill behind, as well as, look directly into the camps.
- Competing Use Factors: Prior to the formation of this committee a plan for Bouquet Canyon Road was established to realign and to facilitate the building of these homes. The homes and the realignment equals a much denser population surrounding this prison than originally known.
- Location Factors: Saugus High School is 2.7 miles. As a reminder; Saugus High had a shooting with deaths 2 years ago.
- Location Factors: Rosedell Elementary School is 1.7 miles, Arroyo Seco Middle School 3.2 miles
- Location Factors: A church sits directly across the rural road from the camps.
- Location Factors: Central Park (planned for a major expansion) 3.1 miles
- Location Factors: The Santa Clarita Sheriff: A new station is almost ready to open on Golden Valley Road and it is approximately 7 miles from the camps.
- Location Factors: There is no 1/4 mile buffer zone (or even close) between a Horseback Riding School on the property next door to the camps. There is a second Horseback Riding School next door to the School next to the camps. There is approximately 800 feet from the entrance to the camps and the home across the two lane rural road.
- Location Factors: Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital is the only hospital in Santa Clarita. It is approximately 6 miles from the camps. Their emergency room is constantly filled with inmates from Pitchess.
- Other Factors: The Santa Clarita Valley has grown faster than it's road development. Our traffic patterns struggle most times of the day. We are gridlocked on every road during rush hour and relative to school hours. Whether it be a rural road or a main thoroughfare, Santa Clarita has an undefined road system and not a grid-style, as in the SF Valley and Antelope Valley.

Specific Questions Waiting Response

- The Santa Clarita City Council requested an environmental impact study/CEQA. Has it begun? At what point is it near completion?
- What specifically are the zoning requirements for such a prison?
- What specifically are the zoning requirements for a prison near a school?
- Bouquet Canyon Road will be closed in parts and realigned. Are you aware of this? Are you aware of its implications of this area's growth in density?

- Is the Newhall Sheriff's Department aware of this possible development?
- Is the Newhall CHP aware of this possible development?
- Is Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital aware of this possible development?
- Have you read the traffic studies for the Santa Clarita Valley?

The impression from the handout is that the architect may have looked at Camps Scudder and Scott but has no detailed information about the area in which it sits. The previous use of this property is no longer viable considering its current neighborhood population and design.

I kindly ask that you respond to the public's questions and concerns.

40. Mohinder K. Kamboj

I live in the immediate neighborhood across the street from probation Camps Scott and Scudder. Ours is a neighborhood where working couples with young/school age children as well as retired and often vulnerable senior citizens live. There are multiple other residential neighborhoods with similar demographics near the camps. Within walking distance, there are three elementary schools. I am sure the county government officials responsible for this decision are fully aware of the demographics of this area. I am, therefore, appalled at Los Angeles County government's to even consider Camps Scott and Scudder as a PERMANENT facility for males convicted of crimes of murder, attempted murder, rape, various forcible sexual offenses, assault and robbery with intent to do great bodily harm, and arson, just to list a few.

As a resident of 35 years in Santa Clarita, I am hereby informing the JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee that I am strongly opposed to having Camps Scott and Scudder used for housing convicted felon, irrespective of their age.

Any way you spin it, murderers, rapists, and arsonists are convicted felons and do not belong anywhere near residential neighborhoods, schools, parks and businesses. I would strongly urge that a remote location be selected for the rehabilitation needs of these felons. Again, I am against the use of Camps Scott and Scudder for this purpose.

I anticipate the subcommittee to carefully and thoroughly evaluate the concerns expressed above and make the right decision. Selecting a remote location to house these felons is the right decision.

41. Ken Buchan

My wife and I, and our grown children who live locally are ABSOLUTELY OPPOSED to the possibility of having Serious Offenders placed at Camp Scott or Camp Scudder. We live less than one mile from these facilities. When these Camps were developed they were considered to be remote locations. These are NO LONGER remote locations. These convicted criminal populations should be located away from neighborhoods and schools.

Please REMOVE these sites from your consideration in relocating serious offenders.

42. Joy Ory

Some questions come to mind as to how Community Engagement will take place:

Will engagement occur and be taken into consideration before the Subcommittee recommends a permanent site(s) to the LA County Board of Supervisors or will this take place after the permanent site(s) are determined?

Will engagement be a structured discussion/dialogue with residents? Or, will it be strictly an avenue for residents to voice concerns? If only to voice concerns will the answers be available at a later date or not?

As time will likely be limited, will the focus be hearing from local residents who actually live in the area?

Will there be several engagement opportunities, with staggered dates and times? Engagement in the evening during the week and on weekends may provide for greater participation.

How will local residents be notified of these events? Perhaps a mailing to property owners?

Will the respective local City, State Senate and State Assembly representatives, and County Supervisor be notified of these events?

If the questions/concerns of local residents are to be addressed at a later date when do you anticipate this to occur, and how will the answers be available? For example, will there be a subscription list via-email to receive updates? Or, perhaps a sign-up at the events?

We would like to have an idea of what to expect.

43. Tim Ory

You can't be serious! Is it true you aim to bring convicted felons into residential neighborhoods? These are convicted felons of serious crimes including murder, assault, rape and other forced sexual deviant offenses.

Do you realize our children use public transportation within the area, especially to and from school? What will prevent ANY contact of convicted felons of sexual crimes with our children? Do you realize there will be literally distances in feet of these felons and our children playing in their front yards? This is totally unacceptable!

Remoteness of the location for these felons is tantamount. Camps Scott and Scudder do not meet remoteness in any way, shape, or form. These are literally next door to families and impose high potential harm to these families.

I urge you to remove the two Camps from consideration.

This will ease the minds of all involved, including yourselves. That's right, how would you feel if an innocent child is harmed because you paved a way for it to happen.

44. Joy Ory

Using Camps Scott and Scudder to house "Serious Offenders" would impose a radical change from the former use of these low security facilities. These Camps are within feet of an existing residential neighborhood, an approved development of 375 homes, and the location is a known fire hazard zone with a history of evacuations.

Regardless of the County's desire to create a "normal" environment for rehabilitative purposes, the "normal" environment of nearby neighborhoods would be compromised.

I ask each of the Voting Members of this Subcommittee to thoughtfully and honestly evaluate suitable site selection with the perspective of having a permanent site within feet of your own residential neighborhood. Would you increase the risk of harm to your family?

The bottom line is the model desired for the "Serious Offender" population is NOT a fit with ANY residential community. I am opposed to the use of Camps Scott and Scudder.

45. Laura Faridi

I am writing to express my objection and outrage at the county's consideration of turning Camp Scott and Scudder into a maximum-security prison. I am a member of this community, with friends and family living very near this facility; the idea that ANY such consideration would be made given the proximity to family homes, 3 schools, including 2 elementary schools, is just insane. There is plenty of open space in the SCV not in direct proximity to homes, schools and evacuation routes.

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Not only do I urge you to disapprove of this proposal, I urge to remember that your positions are intended to benefit the public, and in so doing necessitates their voices be heard and reflected in the decisions made by this body.

46. Joy Murakami

I am opposed to using Camps Scott and Scudder in Saugus to house juvenile offenders with a background of serious, violent crimes. These camps are within feet of neighborhoods.

These camps were never intended for that type of incarcerated population. There needs to be much more space between family neighborhoods and a facility that would house these juveniles. Moving them to these camps would seriously jeopardize the safety and peace of mind of hundreds of families that are within a mile of the camps.

I have been a resident of one of these neighborhoods for 26 years and moved here strictly due to the safe reputation of this city and area. The residents of this area should not have to live in fear of violent juvenile offenders and their accomplices coming into our neighborhood where our children regularly walk to school and play outside. The camps are literally only a mile from my house. The area right next to them is going to be developed and there will be homes right up to the property line of the camps. Moving these violent juvenile offenders here will have dire consequences for everyone in this part of the city.

Obviously, you aren't the ones who would be living down the street from them, but we are and you need to do the right thing by voting against moving them here. A more suitable place that is not practically in the middle of a neighborhood needs to be found.

Being that this potential move was not communicated to the public shows that the Division of Juvenile Justice Subcommittee knows it's a bad move and are trying to get this done before the public becomes aware of it. I really don't understand the need to move them at all. Why isn't Campus Kilpatrick suitable for them to remain where they are? I would also like to know why Sheila Kuhl and Ms. Mitchell are pushing for this move specifically?

Thank you for your time and please vote against moving these violent juvenile offenders into our neighborhood.

47. Elizabeth Eskildsen

I am a resident of Santa Clarita and I am adamantly opposed of using Camps Scott and Scudder for juvenile offenders. The camps are within walking distance of my home and a stone's throw away from safe family neighborhoods with children. This is not an acceptable location at all and will ruin our community. Please do not move forward with implementing in such an inappropriate location that is opposed by those that live here. These facilities are more suitable in areas that are not surrounded by family homes.

48. Robin Gibson

THIS IS RIDICULOUS AND ABSURD. I am totally against this plan of housing these dangerous felons! What is it going to take to realize what a mistake this is. We as a community will not stand for this when there is so much more isolated land AWAY from children and families homes.

49. Kevin Lincoln

I've been in Santa Clarita for 36 years. I am opposed to having serious offenders close to residential populations. I am opposed to camp Scott and Scudder housing convicted murders, and rapists. As a long term resident, I helped build this community into the beautiful attractive city people and their families flock to and that attracts a wide range of diverse people. Building this prison will tear down the connective fabric that makes up Santa Clarita. This is State and County government trampling on the safety and the security of local people. Why are you doing this? Because you think you can bully smaller groups of peaceful hard working people. This move jeopardizes the safety of Santa Clarita. I live within a few hundred yards of the proposed site and I oppose this with the strongest possible terms. If this prison is built I will move and take my tax money out of California. Count on that!!

50. Theresa

As a resident of SCV since 1984 I oppose the "serious juvenile offenders facility", proposed to be located at the camp Scudder and Scott probation camps. My home is located approx 1200 feet from these facilities. Some of my neighbors even closer, one home being about 400 feet. There has been an incredible lack of transparency on this project. Why did we, as residents and our city council find out about on a next door app.?

340 new homes have been approved to be built feet from these facilities, which will include closing parts the Bouquet Canyon, permanently. How will you deal-with evacuations, being that this is a fire and flood area, not only for the residents but the inmates, Bouquet Canyon is one road in and out. The only access to visitors will be through the surrounding neighborhoods, I understand that you would like these individuals to have access to trade school and LA community college, neither of which are close to these facilities. Also public transport in this town is very limited. It can take 30 mins to just access the freeway by car, from these camps.

What are the zoning laws on a maximum security facility being so close to a family neighborhood and the 3 schools in its radius? The school bus stop is literally at the entrance to the camp where the school kids gets off to walk home. The bus stop they use to get to school is just across the street where they wait in the morning

What is the definition of a juvenile? This facility will house high offenders up to the age of 25. Last time I checked anyone over 18 is an adult. We already had an established prison in our area have a lock down because of fights at pitches maximum security prison, deputies and prisoners were hospitalized. This facility is no where close to homes as your are proposing for the serious juvenile facility on Bouquet canyon.

This conversion of the Scudder and Scott camps will put more stress on our sheriffs dept. What safety and security are you planning on giving to the neighbors and staff if this project is approved. We only have one hospital in Santa Clarita, which already treats inmates from the pitches facility, how will they handle medical emergencies from this prison? Not to mention how overwhelmed all medical facilities are during covid. Choosing these locations will negatively affect local businesses, who are already struggling to recover during this pandemic.

If approved what with this place look like, are we talking armed towers, barbed wire topped high wall, flood light, sirens? Amber alerts if someone escapes? Neighborhood lock downs? Right now the camps have a chain linked fence. We have had planned power outages from Edison, this happens often. The last outage was from 8 pm - 10 am, the neighborhood was pitch black, no street lights, no internet, also rendering all cameras, ring door bells and security system useless. How can we, as residents, protect ourselves during these power outages if someone escapes. Without internet we can't even watch the news or be notified of any issues?

The residents of scv live here because it is a very safe city, where people have worked very hard to raise their children here, with great schools, parks and recreation. This facility will shatter that sense of security. What guarantees are you offering to the residents to ensure our safety. Not to mention plummeting property values. Would you want a serious offenders prison feet from your home? I know our city council have requested an environmental study and the impact this would have. Are they in receipt of that report?

Who, on this committee, have actually toured the existing camps and the neighborhoods that surround it. I have read the criteria for the score cards that the architects, you hired have proposed, there seems to be many factors that would exclude Scudder and Scott,

I urge you to consider other locations to house and rehabilitate these inmates, I understand you have already spent millions on existing sites, so, you want to start all over again? Putting it in an established family neighborhood makes no sense.

Thank you for your time.

As a resident of 32 years in The Bouquet Canyon Estate in Santa Clarita, I am against having Camps Scott and Scudder used to house serious convicted male felons no matter their age. This camp was not designed to be used to house adult offenders. When I purchased my home, I did so because it is a safe, healthy environment. I knew the my children would be safe., This camp is in to close proximity to residential neighborhoods. Considering this type of facility across the street from existing homes poses a safety issue for everyone. Please consider the request to find a more remote location to rehabilitate these offenders and keep our residents and children safe!.

52. Paul M.

My name is Paul McIntyre, I'm a Nurse at Henry Mayo Hospital and I have two small kids. We live 800 feet from Camp Scudder. Please don't put violent offenders so close to where we live. The area is also prone to flooding and fires. That means pretty constant evacuations which just gives more opportunity for escape into the near by homes. I urge you to find a location that isn't within walking distance of family homes.

53. Bijan Salamat

As a resident of 32 years in The Bouquet Canyon Estate in Santa Clarita, I am against having Camps Scott and Scudder used to house serious convicted male felons no matter their age. This camp cannot house adult offenders. When I purchased my home, I did so because it is a safe, healthy environment. I knew the my children would be safe. This camp is in too close to my house and to residential neighborhoods. Considering this type of facility across the street from existing homes poses a safety issue for everyone. Please consider the request to find a more remote location to rehabilitate these offenders and keep our residents and children safe!

54. Troy Jung

I am opposed to using Camps Scott and Scudder in Saugus to house juvenile offenders with a background of serious, violent crimes. These camps are within feet of neighborhoods. These camps were never intended for that type of incarcerated population. There needs to be much more space between family neighborhoods and a facility that would house these juveniles. Moving them to these camps would seriously jeopardize the safety and peace of mind of hundreds of families that are within a mile of the camps.

I have been a resident of one of these neighborhoods for 26 years and moved here strictly due to the safe reputation of this city and area. The residents of this area should not have to live in fear of violent juvenile offenders and their accomplices coming into our neighborhood where our children regularly walk to school and play outside. The camps are literally only a mile from my house. The area right next to them is going to be developed and there will be homes right up to the property line of the camps. Moving these violent juvenile offenders here will have dire consequences for everyone in this part of the city.

Obviously, you aren't the ones who would be living down the street from them, but we are and you need to do the right thing by voting against moving them here. A more suitable place that is not practically in the middle of a neighborhood needs to be found.

Being that this potential move was not communicated to the public shows that the Division of Juvenile Justice Subcommittee knows it's a bad move and are trying to get this done before the public becomes aware of it. I really don't understand the need to move them at all. Why isn't

Campus Kilpatrick suitable for them to remain where they are? I would also like to know why Sheila Kuhl and Ms. Mitchell are pushing for this move specifically?

Thank you for your time and please vote against moving these violent juvenile offenders into our neighborhood.

55. Mary Lue Calhoun

Please do not put violent offenders in our neighborhood.

Santa Clarita has always had the theme of being a family community. And is inviting more and more building of family homes and recently approving a new neighborhood just a mile from this site.

Please do not put a prison in our back yard.

56. Julie VanLoo

I am the owner and trainer at Silver Gate Farms. I currently have students ages 6 to 16 who ride in an arena less than 500 feet of the perimeter of camps Scutter and Camp Scott. I have had a business at this location since 1990. When the camps were operational, the residents would occasional harass the students riding their horses with inappropriate language. There was also the occasional jail break. At the time the camps housed minor offenders.

If the current plan to house violent juvenile offenders is approved, how is LA county going to safeguard my business and the children it serves? This is not an isolated location. The inmates will watch young children ride horses and the children will be within hearing distance of inmate vulgar verbalizations. Does LA county plan of giving me compensation to move my business? How does LA county plan to compensate the loss of property values due to the location of this prison? There are at least three elementary and one high school within a few miles of the site. There are neighborhoods across the street and overlooking the camps. Should these neighborhoods have to listen to the vulgarity of grown violent juveniles? I would appreciate a response.

57. Deborah Marxen

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposal of a maximum security facility to house serious juvenile offenders (up to age 25) to be built within 800 feet of my neighborhood. This is a neighborhood with homes, schools, parks, businesses and restaurants. It is very hard to believe there is not a more appropriate place within Los Angeles County to place a facility like this. I understand that you don't believe enough Santa Clarita residents are opposed to a facility such as this. I can assure you, we are. Many residents are not even aware of your plans. You have done a very poor job of getting this information out to the residents in this area and I urge you to take this into consideration and not try to rush this plan through.

58. 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.

59. Keith Jacobs

My wife and I are homeowners in the neighborhood adjacent to the Camp Scott / Camp Scudder location. We are raising 3 daughters. We wish to express our deep concern with the potential re-use of these facilities. The location is in the midst of a suburban residential neighborhood. The type of neighborhood so many parents work hard to provide for our families.

This setting is not appropriate for the possible use under discussion.

Your presentation today mentioned the Bouquet creek flood plain. The report didn't mention the Bouquet Reservoir Dam inundation zone. Additionally this property is also within the groundwater recharge zone for local drinking water wells. The report also did not account for the wildfire risk associated with the location. There have been very recent wild fire evacuations in the area and the danger continues to increase. These are serious safety concerns for any potential development of these properties, that should be fully studied and understood before any recommendations could be made.

The report did mention the surrounding residential neighborhoods and did mention the security concerns for these facilities. However these concerns were not sufficiently weighted.