

September 28, 2021

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RE: September 29, 2021 Subcommittee Meeting - Written Public Comments Item IV

Subcommittee Members,

As the work of your Subcommittee progresses to recommend a permanent location for the male “serious offender” population, we must continue to stress to each of you **that local residents are equally important as the “serious offenders”**.

The County of Los Angeles, County Probation Department and your Subcommittee have failed to seek and receive input from potentially impacted local residents. The lack of transparency is both poor judgment and extremely detrimental to the trust of the public. We urge an “official” notification mailing to potentially impacted residents occur, providing at least 15 days written notice before the Subcommittee’s recommendation is scheduled before the LA County Board of Supervisors.

The Youth Justice Reimagined Report cites “**remoteness from communities**” as an ideal factor to achieve the vision for rehabilitation. The location of Camps Scott and Scudder are obviously **NOT** remote from communities. The location is within 600 feet of existing residential neighborhoods, a recently approved future development of 375 homes adjacent to the Camps, schools, two equestrian centers, a church, and a public transit stop used mostly by children on their way to and from school. The present access is via one windy road (one lane in each direction). The area is a known fire hazard zone with a history of evacuations and flood potential.

The Youth Justice Reimagined Report identifies the DJJ Transition Team agreed to focus on Campus Kilpatrick, and Camps Gonzales and Kirby as the most suitable locations. **Over \$45 million** has been expended for Campus Kilpatrick to implement the “LA Model”. What is **NOT** clear, is how Camps Scott and Scudder were recommended as a permanent location to the LA County Board of Supervisors, especially as the ideal factor of “**remoteness from communities**” is not adhered to.

We strongly oppose the reconfiguration of Camps Scott and Scudder as a permanent location for the “serious offender” population. We suggest the sale of Camps Scott and Scudder, with the net revenue to be allocated equally toward a permanent serious offender location and Victim Services Programs.

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