

**JJRBG Meeting September 29, 2021**  
**Written Public Comments Submitted via E-mail**  
**Agenda Item IV**

1. Pamela K. Troupe

As 30+ year residents of Santa Clarita Valley, specifically the Bouquet Canyon area, my husband and I are vehemently opposed to housing serious offenders at Camps Scott and Scudder. The negative impact in this predominantly residential area cannot be overstated.

Please register our extreme opposition.

2. Noe Guerrero

Please do not house these criminals next to our families. My kids play outside and if you were to house them near us I would no longer be able to let them play outside. We are a community of families and criminals do not have a home here. Even if it's just passing, I do not want my kids to see this kind of person around us, at least for as long as I can keep them from seeing how bad people can be. I beg you to please house them elsewhere far away from any homes and communities. We don't want to be another statistic and come out in the news one day due to a missing child. Please reconsider this move.

3. Joe Szabados

As a nearby resident, I strongly oppose the use of Camp Scudder and Scott to house serious juvenile offenders. These camps are located in an area not suited for this type of camp. It is very near residential housing, both existing and proposed. Please do not approve this proposal.

4. Tim Hanna

I am reaching out to voice my displeasure of the juvenile development of Camps Scott and Scudder that are far so close to my home. I moved to Santa Clarita to get away from the sort of criminals that will surely be moved to these camps and become embedded in our nice community if approved. Never in my wilds dreams would I think a prison camp would be a mile from my plus million dollar home. Housing such criminals and serious offenders so close to so many amazing people and families makes absolutely zero sense to me. There are many schools in the area as well which also would negatively affect the safety of our future. My number one priority is to protect my family and keep them from harms way. If these camps are approved, our nice safe community will be completely ruined.

Please find it in your heart to NOT place these serious offenders near me and my family and all the other nice families that continue to live and thrive in this area.

5. The Hansels

I (we) live near Saugus. A prison camp located in the middle of residents, schools and parks is UNACCEPTABLE. A more reasonable location is a must!  
Stop this now.

6. Judy Lightbody

I have lived in Saugus for 24 years. A prison camp located in the middle of residents, schools and parks is unacceptable. How can you think putting criminals in the middle of a suburban neighborhood is a smart and safe idea for our community and children!!!

A more reasonable location is a must!  
Stop this now!

7. Mike Duryea

I have lived in Saugus, right by the probation camp for over 49 years. Any kind of a higher security camp right in the middle of homes, schools, families, & where children play is just simply unacceptable. A more reasonable location like in the Mojave desert is a must. This is just a bad place to do this

8. Kenneth A. Anaya and Dawn M. Anaya

As the work of your Subcommittee continues to recommend a permanent location for the male "serious offender" population, we continue to stress to all of you that local residents and their families are equally important as the "serious offenders".

The County of Los Angeles, County Probation Department and your Subcommittee have not sought input from potentially impacted local residents and businesses. This lack of transparency is disheartening to say the least and loses the trust of the public. We request an "official" notification mailing to potentially impacted residents and businesses, providing at least 15 days written notice before the Subcommittee's recommendation is scheduled before the LA County Board of Supervisors.

"Remoteness from communities" is cited 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 literally in feet of existing residential neighborhoods, a future development of 375 homes adjacent to the Camps, a church, and a public transit stop used mostly by children on their way to and from school. The area is a fire hazard zone with a history of evacuations and potential flooding. It is also rundown and cannot adequately house a serious offender population without a significant amount of money in renovations.

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. A minimum \$45 million has already been expended for Campus Kilpatrick to implement the "LA Model". What makes no sense, 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. May we suggest the sale of Camps Scott and Scudder, with the revenue to be equally divided towards a permanent serious offender location and Victim Services Programs.

9. Victor L. Cardinali

Please send the criminals at least 50 miles into the desert and away from family homes, schools and the law abiding working class. Thales the scum away from here. You are putting everyone at risk in our community. Have you no decency. If you want to save money then lower your wages. We do not pay the highest taxes to live next to filth. Or keep them in your neighborhood.

10. Dave Goldstein

I live in Saugus and want express that expansion of the probation camp located in the middle of a flood, fire, burial, non hardened power and earthquake zone is unacceptable. A more reasonable location is a must for the safety of these inhabitants.

11. Julie Bystrom

I live on Shadow Valley Lane, less than 1 mile from the proposed prison camps. I am a victim of Rape and do not feel safe knowing you plan to house murderers and rapists in my neighborhood. I have teenage children living in my home less than 1 mile from this camp. A prison camp located in the middle of residents, schools and parks is unacceptable. How will my children or myself feel safe in this neighborhood with a maximum security prison housing violent criminals? We won't! Our neighborhood has the power shut off constantly due to wind or fire danger. They are building over 300 new homes in the lot adjacent to the camp. Currently, this is at a location that is on a 2 lane road. It literally empties right onto my street where I live. With all of the open space and vacant land in other areas not located in a neighborhood, why would you house violent criminals here. The property is not up to code and will cost a fortune to update it. How about you move it out to the middle of nowhere and not next to me or my kids! A more reasonable location is a must!

Stop this now!

12. Joel Bystrom

Please do not send hardened criminals to this camp. It's very irresponsible to send the worst criminals to a small residential neighborhood. Especially while they are about to build a new housing track right next door. Think of the safety of all the residents within a few feet of these criminals. Do not let them come to our neighborhood.

13. Sue Fischer

The photo above is the proximity of Camps and Scudder to a large and continuing area of homes. This is not the place to open a jail! I don't disagree that minors should not be in jail with adults (depending on their crime and age), however, this is NOT a safe space for them or families with children. On the other side of this photo is an active Horse Riding School: just a few feet from the camps' borders. As you can see the mountains are all around us (a fire threat) and the street is narrow. Exiting from the camp on the left (where the Riding school is) goes straight into the Angeles National Forest. Turn right and it goes straight into residential areas and parks and schools.

You have not been transparent with the citizens of Santa Clarita. We have asked questions and we have been shouting into the wind! As the public, who pay our taxes to fund your projects we have a right to know what you intend! Please, give us the respect that we deserve!!!!

14. Carla Salamat

I am writing in response to the detention center on Bouquet housing "serious offenders". I have lived the the Bouquet Canyon Estates for at least 30 years. It has been a safe neighborhood, somewhat of a hidden gem. If a prison facility were to open in this area it would create an unsafe environment. The detention center is located in close proximity to homes, and elementary schools. There is also no infrastructure for the increased amount of traffic on Bouquet, Many of my neighbors fear that their property values would decrease. After all, would you like to live across fro a prison? There are other facilities in which these offenders can be housed that are vacant inLos Angeles County which are not in such close proximity to neighborhoods and schools. Pleaseconsider this when deciding on this location.

15. Anonymous

Are guys insane? Has your cheese slid off of your cracker?

Your plan to toss violent kids into Camp Scott makes about as much sense as right angles on a bowling ball.

Housing violent criminals nextdoor to a suburban neighborhood is a criminal action in itself. You put innocent families at risk, you lower our home values, you strip us of our security. You increase traffic, destroy the serenity of the nature in the area. What do we gain? Nothing besides sleepless nights.

You are acting immoral to even consider opening Camp Scott. You know it's wrong but you're going to consider it anyway? How do I know that YOU know that this is wrong? You wouldn't want violent criminals as neighbors, so why do you think we would? Immoral!

Do you think that you'll wipe your hands clean once you dump these kids off on our back yards? Everything that happens to them & us because of this decision will be on you.

Let's ask a logical question:

If they escape, where they will go? The nearest neighborhood! My neighborhood! It will be your fault if they harm anyone.

You put my home, my family, my community in harms way, that is not what I would do to your family. Why are you doing it to mine?

The facility at Camp Scott is nearly dilapidated. It's filled with bugs & rats. I wouldn't keep a dog there. The cost of renovation will be sky high. Even then can you assure us that those criminals will stay in? No you cannot.

You have taken our trust & good faith and have tarnished your reputation, by considering Camp Scott.

Once you saw its location you should have imidately understood that it's not reasonable, ethical, or responsible to your constituents, steakholders, & community to put violent criminals across the street from homes.

Vote NO on Camp Scott.

16. Nicole Merrin

I am writing to you to object to Camp Scott being turned into a juvenile housing for violent offenders. I live across the street from Camp Scott and this would directly affect my family and me. I have two young daughters whom I want to protect. I want to feel safe in my own home and this would create an unsafe environment. This will cause more traffic, and with this being a high risk fire zone this creates another unsafe condition. The logistics of evacuating a populated camp on a two lane road during fire session is risky and foolish. Please consider a different location that is more suited for this type of facility.

17. Lesvit Martinez

I live in Saugus. A prison camp located in the middle of residents, schools and parks is unacceptable.

A more reasonable location is a must!

Stop this now!!

18. Gabriela and Jorge Mendoza

My family and I live on Shadow Valley Lane, just a couple of blocks of the current Juvenile Prison Facility. I have 2 children, one teen daughter and an elementary school boy. We moved here because we knew this was a beautiful and SAFE neighborhood with good schools to raise our family in.

My husband and I immigrated to this wonderful country to work hard in search of the American dream. There are a lot of negative things that one escapes from when moving out from your country, which are crime, violence, injustice, insecurity, robbery, corrupted politics and more. On many occasions we were victims of these crimes so you can imagine how in danger we feel with the new proposed prison camp.

It is not acceptable that the plan is to house murderers and rapists in this neighborhood, we CANT accept this and cant have these individuals in the middle of our one family private residences area, nor close to our schools, daycares, playgrounds, our kids! THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE!

With this we will no longer feel safe, we won't be able to go for walks as a family, or go for my routine runs, or let my kids play out on the sidewalk being so close to this maximum security prison with high profile criminals.

We can not accept this, not in our neighborhood. I can't even imagine the fear that I will feel when we get the power shut off whenever there are high winds, and this happens often. This is terrible, and to think that these criminals would be just steps from my door!

Why can't the State locate these individuals somewhere else, far from a family neighborhood, somewhere isolated and rural, the middle of the desert, not in Santa Clarita, not on my street where there are so many kids, where my kids live!

This facility was not even built for this purpose, why is the state or city allowing this now!

This community deserves better, we demand better. Don't move/bring criminals close to our kids!

Please stop this from happening! If you are a parent of a child, please put yourself in our shoes and stop this!

I look forward to your response

19. Brooke Singerman

I have lived in Santa Clarita for 33 years and went to Saugus High School. Saugus High School just had a school shooting. The last thing it needs is a prison or "more unsafe" jail. I saw the article in the Signal Stating:

"Which were originally designed to host nonviolent youth offenders, while directing the county to "ensure that the appropriate renovations are made at Scott or Scudder within 90 days to be safe and ready for use."

This I just read from signal. If this is going from unviolent to help those children and youth's in need, why turn this to a jail system where criminal can escape and hurt areas close by such as schools and other safe neighborhoods. If we can barely have BARS in Santa Clarita, why is it okay to build a prison or jail system close by. I agree with this group. This is not Safe for Santa Clarita.

Gavin Newsom, has recently released prisoners due to Covid. Santa Clarita is a small town. This could be more unsafe. Youth children that will be more violent than those that want to change their life near safe areas? Adults you plan to put in here that are more criminally charged. Very scary idea and project to conform.

Saugus just had a gun shooting recently. I can understand the sensitivity. I support this. No jail near neighborhood: socioeconomic status. Bad areas and neighborhoods, lead to more crime.

This is not a good idea for such a nice small town. Thank you.

20. Angie Hsieh

I am writing regarding the probation location off Bouquet Canyon, Santa Clarita.

I have been a Saugus resident for 11 years now. This is a very upsetting news for our family.

I can not believe LA county will do such a thing to put SCV residents in danger.

Imagine if it's you or your family lives right next to the probation center, how will you feel?!!!!!!

Remember if you are involved making this decision God is watching you. Please do not make this mistake.

Please DO NOT put the prison close to the residential area.

If me and my family have to keep on fighting about this we will continue to fight to STOP this!

Thank you for helping to stop this from happening.

21. Jessica and Christiam Bedrinana

We live in Saugus. A prison camp located in the middle of residents, schools and parks is unacceptable. A more reasonable location is a must! Stop this now.

22. Joy Murakami

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend today's meeting regarding the agenda item or items for relocation of serious juvenile offenders being relocated to Camps Scott and Scudder in Saugus.

I am writing to you to express my dismay and concern about the intention of putting violent juvenile offenders into the existing Scott and Scudder Camp facilities in Saugus. These facilities are adjacent to family neighborhoods that have historically been very safe, low crime rate areas. These camps are not the right place to move them and you are risking everyone's safety and peace of mind that live here, not to mention the effect it will have on our property values.

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 cronies 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.

How could you possibly even consider voting to have these convicted criminals moved here? Obviously, you aren't the one who would be living down the street from them, but we are and you need to do the right thing by finding more appropriate facilities to house them.

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.

23. Joy Ory

Process and transparency in government are important factors for the trust of the public.

The meetings of this Subcommittee, toward compliance with California's Ralph M. Brown Act have posted to the JJCC website the Agendas, and subsequently the respective meeting documents including presentations, audio recordings and the e-mailed written public comments received.

Posting ALL e-mailed written public comments consistently without prejudice is an expectation of the public.

At the time of sending this e-mail, the 15 e-mailed written public comments acknowledged in the audio recording of the September 16th meeting are **NOT** posted on the JJCC website.

This is a change in established practice as e-mailed written public comments from all other meetings are posted. It shouldn't matter if the e-mailed public comments are in favor or opposition. What matters is transparency and consistency. Doing so provides the full information for those who access the meeting records on the JJCC website.

24. Rosalie Annison

I am writing to you To vehemently oppose using camps Scutter And Scott to house high-risk offenders. Having that population so close to single-family homes is absurd. I live in Saugus, only a few miles from the camps. Not only well that population pose a safety risk for all the residents in our area, it will also negatively affect the value of our homes.

The city of Santa Clarita should have the major say in the use of those camps. What county is doing may not be illegal, but it certainly is immoral.

25. John Annison

With regards to the proposed Expanded use of Camp Scott and Scudder to include juvenile offenders to the age of 25 (Previously under the jurisdiction of the State of California).

I am adamantly opposed of such a use of this camp.

The Scott and Scudder property limits are no longer in a rural county setting as it was decades ago. That property is now in the city limits of Santa Clarita.

There are residential housing developments planed right to the Camps property line, and developments well beyond.

As a matter of fact, that property should NO LONGER be utilized as it was even originally intended. Sell the property and establish a more rural setting.