

I would like my below written comments to become part of the official record for the meeting on the plans to house juvenile offenders at Camp Scott and Scudder in the Bouquet area of Santa Clarita.

I would like to be addressed as Christine Kurano and addressing the agenda items III. and IV. A & B. as well as public comments V.

I am adamantly opposed to the camps being used to house juvenile offenders and will not support this decision that was made in hast. Despite all the feedback of opposition this committee has continue with progress to open this camps to house juvenile offenders. The guard rail road improvement and recently as this week SEC/Edison was out doing electrical work. The employees confirmed it was for the camps. It is shameful that our own officials would discard all the feedback. We will continue to fight this process and would like to see the committee as the mayor requested to review other places to house the juvenile offenders. It seems that you are going to force the residents who live in this area of Santa Clarita to become an organized group for protesting and asking for media support in getting our message of opposition out there for us. Many of us have been on the calls to speak publicly and never called upon to do so yet Oscar who has been on all the calls who reads a script verbatim that sounds like it was written for him is called upon to public speak at the meetings. We are starting to organize and will continue to grow in size as you can tell by the amount of email traffic you are getting that are opposed. Please listen, this is not the place to house these juvenile offenders. We have spoken to several of the officers at the centers which has confirmed for myself and many others that this decision in hast is a detriment to our residential area. Ask yourself if you lived across the street from the camps would you be so willing to allow this to happen. I seriously doubt you would greet it with open arms. I am tired of the games that you have played with the meetings, changing dates/times, etc. Be transparent, allow those opposed to be heard and listen to those who live in the area. Honestly, I think all the residents within 2 miles should have a chance to vote a yes or no to support this. I have included everyone else since the opposed seems to get suppressed. The following is the rest of my response to this terrible decision.

Hello, my name is Christine Kurano, email is [chrisfitzh20@live.com](mailto:chrisfitzh20@live.com). My cell is [951-847-0599](tel:951-847-0599). I live the area of the camps and heard the plans to move juveniles convicted of violent acts going to be housed at these camps. I wanted to express my extremely strong opposition to this in one swoop as to not waste time and energy.

I am absolutely against Camp Scott and Scudder being used to house violent convicted juvenile youths. The reasons are:

1. They are being house in perfectly good facilities for security. It would make more sense to consolidate the convicted youths in one of the already existing secure facilities and improve the conditions there. It makes no sense to spend millions of dollars to upgrade facilities that were built for non-violent offenders.
2. If an existing facility is used and upgraded to make it feel more like a home, then the rest of the money can be used to help them in rehabilitation. The families are already familiar with the current locations and used to the security processes and it does not displace anyone or officers

who must be onsite having to commute into Santa Clarita. Placing the offenders in the camps will force families of these offenders to have further traveling for visits.

3. This is a shell game moving them to support the bill 823 signed by Newsom, this makes no sense. We are still housing them locked up. So, while the appearance and claim by the LA County/Governor is they shut down juvenile detention centers the only thing that is really being done is moving them and having to spend more money to do it. It does not change the fact they are youth offenders being imprisoned to pay their debit to society for violent crimes.
4. The location entrance of the camps is three hundred feet from a large residential area. It takes less than 4 minutes to be in a residential area. We will hold LA County accountable should they move forward with using these camps for property value decline, traffic, increase in crime if attributed to the traffic that it may bring to the area and if anyone escapes and causes harm or property damage. LA County will need to own this decision since it is not accepted by the community. On the call, June 24<sup>th</sup>, they had the nerve to say that since no one aside from myself and maybe one other person made the call and asked to speak that the community must not have an issue with it. That is so far from the truth, they have not given proper time for those who live in the area to be alerted to these meetings. By the time we had it on the Nextdoor app it was too late for enough people to respond. If you were to look at the comments every person is opposed to this action. Since this meeting, many discussions have taken place and all opposed.

I am opposed to this being in our neighborhood. They will be surround by residential communities and brush. Housing rapists, murders, arsonist, and other violent offenders should an offender hurt a resident the county and state will be sued for this decision if it pushes forward. I would not bet on one of them not getting out, we have heard of incidents from the officers who worked at Nidorf. Imagine if someone starts a fire and housing goes up in flames or there is not enough time to evacuate residents. There will not be adequate staffing in the event of a natural disaster (fire, flood, or earthquake) to secure the juveniles and have busses at the ready to transport them out. You certainly cannot just set them free due to a disaster.

I believe people should complete their sentences in full to pay their debit to their victim.

On the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, the committee admitted that they did not have proper time to scout out a better location and that this was a rush job. The bill was signed in October of 2020, there was plenty of time to review and find better options. We will not be victims of an LA County governing committee making poor decisions for Santa Clarita. It is a terrible feeling that our community has no say in this because if we did this would not move forward. I hope that our elected officials of Santa Clarita will push back strongly on this to stop it from moving forward. We will continue to fight this, even though we were told they were moving forward with it regardless of what anyone says. These meetings were to try to appease us, as if we get to have a say and have been heard. That is not acceptable, our elected officials for our city and our community members should have the final say. I say go pound rocks, not in SCV! We will not stop fighting this until the committee understands this is not the place and makes a new plan. It is not our fault they waited to the last minute.

Those who do not live in our community should not have a say in how the camps are used. There is no way to evacuate the camps quickly and safely in the event of a fire. The mayor said it will house the most violent offenders, not just low level offenders. I am asking this to be voted down since the committee was playing pin the tail on the donkey in their selection process, actually take time and find the best location. The majority of the community is opposed to this who live here, Barger is doing and supporting what the community is asking of her, which is opposing this. Please listen to her and Mayor Miranda.

I am ashamed of LA County elected officials that they would force this on a community, there are already activities to widen the road to support the use of the camps which is a message that you plan to do this no matter what the local area is asking you not to do.

I want youth offenders to be supported, to be cared for and Barry Nidorf is an ideal location. It is not as close to homes, easily accessible by the surrounding cities and can house up to seven hundred juveniles. Do the right thing, invest the money to upgrade this location to make it less instructional inside while being able to maintain security.

Concern for our community,

Christine Kurano