

Hello

My name is Steven Demak. I live in the neighborhood directly across from Camp Scudder and Camp Scott. My family and I have lived here for over 20 years, raised our family, been very involved in local schools events, donations, and community activities. We are extremely upset with the proposed direction to modify these facilities into a maximum security prison. We very much oppose this consideration for the following reasons

1) Proximity to a neighborhood just across Bouquet Canyon Road where children play in the streets, people walk in the evening; all due to the security and satisfaction of safety in the area, including safely walking our dogs, and just enjoying the outdoors in the neighborhood

2) Close proximity to several schools in the area

3) Very poor communication and transparency by this committee and the Board of Supervisors on this matter. It appears that all of this was done without any community input

4) Maximum security risks with prisoners that could potentially escape the facility, as well as their acquaintances that would be in the area to visit them

5) The values of our homes will drop significantly due to the proximity of this type of facility. People in this neighborhood have worked for years to have a beautiful neighborhood and establish good equity on their homes

My thoughts are that this is completely wrong to consider this kind of facility in this area. There are numerous other options that would be much better choices where neighborhoods and schools would not be in such close proximity to such a facility for such violent offenders. This is clearly a wrong choice and this entire neighborhood is against this consideration.

Additionally, there have not been enough research done to get the community and City of Santa Clarita input on this matter. I am sure you would not want your own children or family to be exposed to such a facility where you live and play. Why would you want to put so many families in potential harms way?

Please find an alternate location for these violent offenders, not in my family's backyard. This is completely unacceptable. This has definitely not been properly handled or thought out. We are very much opposed to this facility. There are numerous other facilities better equipped for these offenders and would not require the large modification and security expense that this facility would require plus the additional taxpayer expense. This is completely wrong.

Sincerely,

Steven and Annie Demak