

Hello, my name is Elizabeth Eskildsen, my email is lizeski@gmail.com, my cell is 925-812-2533. I live in the area of the camps and heard the plans to move juveniles convicted of violent acts 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 currently being housed 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 travel 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 that 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 debt to society for violent crimes. 4. The location entrance of the camps is 300 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 24th, they had the nerve to say that since there were few that called 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 almost every person is opposed to this action. If you are going to have to spend all that money and do not want to use current facilities, then build a new center next to Pitchess or a location that is not in a residential area. I am opposed to this being in our neighborhood. They will be surrounded by residential communities and brush. Housing rapists, murders, arsonists, and other violent offenders, should someone get hurt, 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. That is a big bet to lose. Imagine if someone starts a fire and housing goes up in flames or there is not enough time to evacuate residents. I am not willing to take a chance with the drought or any other time. I believe people should complete their sentences in full to pay their debt to their victim. There was no time for the community to speak about this. The meeting on the June 24th was a rush job and so is this one. It is disgusting behavior by our elected officials. Once again, the announcement of the meeting was in the public arena on Thursday July 8th with a meeting on the 13th, providing no ample time for the community to weigh in on this. On the June 24th 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. Basically, 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. 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 until 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 quickly and safely evacuate the camps 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 not thoughtful in this decision, actually take the time and find the best location. The majority of the community that live here is opposed to this, Barger is doing and supporting what the community is asking of her. 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 700 juveniles. Do the right thing, invest the money to upgrade this location to make it less instructional inside while being able to maintain security. Sincerely concern for our community,

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