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Board of Supervisors

Let's face it honestly. Who would welcome a "Serious Offenders" within walking distance of the home? I am opposed to Camp Scott and Scudder being considered as a permanent location for the County's juvenile inmates who will be transferred from Juvenile prisons within the State of California.

As a resident of 23 years in Santa Clarita. I am against having Camp Scott and Scudder used to house convicted felons, no matter what their age. I am opposed to having a "serious offender" male population so close to residential neighborhoods and schools. It just doesn't make sense. These inmates are only held to a maximum 25 years old and then they are released into my community without transportation, housing or work, literally right in my backyard.

How can County supervisors Mitchell and Kuhul make a recommendation ignoring the poor scores and horrible location literally across the street from the housing tract when there's much better options on the table. Santa Clarita approved a 350 new housing track to be built literally right next-door to this proposed facility. I am sure potential buyers don't want to be living right next door to a correctional facility.

The passage of prop 47, prop 57 and AB 109 has our state moving in the wrong direction. Limiting the number of police and their power to protect us sends the wrong message to these criminals. The current policies of the District Attorney regarding prosecution and no cash bail is extremely upsetting. Criminals are arrested and released and sometimes rearrested and released again in the same day, most are never even prosecuted.

No matter how you try to spin it, murderers, rapist and arsonists are convicted felons and do not belong anywhere in a residential neighborhoods, schools, parks or businesses. Please select a remote location for a permanent site for the rehabilitation needs.

There is also the issue of Camp Scott being in a flood and fire zone with only one road for escape in and out of the facility. This could be disastrous in a fire, or if the damn was to be compromised.

This vacant facility will require an enormous amount of upgrades and renovation to house the violent offender males at a high cost to the county. The Nidorf site received much higher scores and would cost less to make necessary improvements.

I live closer than 1 mile to Camp Scott and Scudder. I'm voicing my opposition to having these dated camps remodel and used to house violent offenders convicted of serious crimes against persons.

I urge you to use a remote location for your rehabilitation efforts and not place the residents and children of Santa Clarita in harm's way.

Sincerely,  
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