

My family and I moved to 20117 Zimmerman Place in 1998. We looked at multiple locations and chose this home for many reasons, one being, it was a very friendly family safe area to raise our 2 sons that were toddlers at the time.

As time passed, our boys have gone thru pre-school, elementary, junior high, and high School. The friends they made throughout the years have continued. In fact, most of the close friends were made in first and second grade, this is just how Santa Clarita is.

Several months ago, I found out about the possibility of Camp Scudder/Scott turning into a high security facility for males, up to age 25, who have been CONVICTED of VIOLENT crimes. Who in their right mind would ever think of putting a high-level prison, (which is basically what this place will be) in the middle of a residential area, literally within feet backing up to homes with small kids? This facility will be within 2 – 5 miles of elementary and high schools. Not only that, but a fire zone, a flood zone and at least 25 – 30 minutes from the freeway. I have lived here to witness several wildfires, being evacuated, it's crazy! Trying to get all these residents out on a 2-lane road with police officers and fire engines is very chaotic. Now you are discussing adding high profile criminals to the mix. When these fires come, they come with a vengeance and have no mercy. They don't give you much time to pack up your family, pets, belongings and get out. I don't know if anyone from the committee has seen this location but if they had I don't think we'd be on your list. I live .02 miles from this location with many other homes closer. Soon we have a new housing development of 394 homes which will literally back up to this prison. I feel for this developer, the millions of dollars he's going to lose if this passes, he will now have to disclose this to any upcoming buyer. Now let's talk about the value of my house. My husband and I worked extremely hard to make our mortgage, so we have a place to retire. If this camp turns into a high security facility the value of my house will lose sufficient value, who in their right mind would want to live across the street from murderers, rapist, arsonist, and kidnappers.

I'd like you to please close your eyes and think about living in an area where everyone knows each other, if not knowing, they have at least seen and will say hello. Most people will help each other out. You can walk morning, afternoon, or evening by yourself, without any issues (very safe). Allowing your 2 children to play in the front yard by themselves. Being able to sleep with your upstairs

windows open to let the fresh air in. If forgetting to lock any of my car doors (I have 4), I never had an issues with anyone breaking in.

Then one day you wake up and all this is taken away from you. I will no longer feel safe walking, especially by myself. Not knowing if one of those prisoners just a block away, happens to escape, remember it only takes one. I will no longer feel safe having my windows open, so no longer breathing the nights fresh air. When the time comes, I will not feel comfortable having my grandchildren play in my front yard as my children once did; scootering, playing basketball, skateboarding, throwing the football around, etc.

When I purchased my home over 23 years ago, I was aware of Camp Scudder/Scott, but it was harmless, I was given the choice; purchase this home on Zimmerman Pl with “Detention for Delinquent Minors” these kids sold drugs, run aways, burglary. “NOT” MURDERS, KIDNAPING, RAPE AND ARSON. These criminals are the worse of the worse. If the Camp housed these violent criminals, I would have never purchased this house.

I’ve been told there is a perfect location, Barry J Nidorf Juvenile Hall in Sylmar. Not only is It closer to the freeway which allows easier and faster routes for family member to visit. It’s not in a flood or fire zone, but there are numerous other reasons such as.

1. They are already there, while they spend most of their time in pre and post adjudication status.
2. Since they are already there, this option is least disruptive to their care and supervision.
3. Nidorf is being used until Campus Kilpatrick is updated. Why change it??????
4. Using Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall is the housing solution that makes the most sense from a practical and financial perspective, due to the fact that LA County and it’s board must renovate Barry J. Nidorf so that it’s suitable to confine these minors, as declared by the CA Board of State and Community Corrections. If we use Nidorf we’re not starting from ground Zero.

All youth with a juvenile justice case – not just DJJ youth – are currently housed at Nidorf and spend most of their time there. They spend years there, not months, just like DJJ youth will need to. So, selecting Nidorf benefits many more youth since they ALL would have access to a newly updated,

trauma-informed facility designed just for them. Selecting Nidorf to house DJJ youth is a solution that works for the greater good.

Have you thought about the liability of having the violent criminals housed in a residential area? What if one escapes and hurts someone?

Just as the sufficient loss in value in our homes, you will have a class action lawsuit.

I urge/beg you to PLEASE reconsider using Camp Scudder/Scott for housing these violent criminals. Barry J Nidorf Juvenile Hall in Sylmar is a much better location not Camp Scudder/Scott which is in the middle of a residential neighborhood.

Sincerely

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