



**Katherine Douglas** *General Public Comment - Group 1*

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**From:** Donaldken <clue@cluesb.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 24, 2024 2:16 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Improve racial justice and prioritize humane treatment for justice-involved people in our County.

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Dear County Supervisor,

I write to express my strong support to improve racial justice and prioritize humane treatment for justice-involved people in our County. I respectfully but firmly call on you to reallocate our criminal justice budget to advance transformational changes:

Permanently reduce Sheriff's Department funding to support a long term average jail population of approximately 550.

Reduce general funding for our Sheriff's Department by up to \$26.7 million and 165 FTEs to bring our Sheriff Department budget in line with comparable counties.

Reduce Sheriff's Department funding for traditional policing that doesn't reduce recidivism. Reallocate funds to community-based diversion and alternatives to jail, including more funds for the Behavioral Wellness Department to provide non-jail alternatives for mental health and addiction needs. Reallocate funds to support transition planning for jail residents returning to our community.

Increase funding for the Public Defender Department to expand holistic advocacy and culturally competent staff to improve advocacy across the racial/ethnic spectrum.

Reallocate funds to County CEO to expand and centralize data collection and analytics. Require Departments to provide evidence-based data for programs to reduce recidivism.

Offer a grant to the Sheriff's Department to expand jail internet and volunteer access - - including the award winning Freedom to Choose program that reduces recidivism.

Rethink plans for \$28M to refurbish the South County Jail. Reduce footprint to about 200 jail beds. Repurpose funds to build transitional housing to help stabilize eligible jail residents' re-entry into our community. Build a separate assessment center to screen and divert those who are appropriate for community-based alternatives.

Fund seed money to study a possible Civilian Oversight Commission to help assure Sheriff Department transparency and accountability, and deter police misconduct.

Transformational change requires courage. I will watch for you to vote for big change now. The commissioned KPMG studies and we, the people, will support you in this.

Sincerely,  
Donaldken  
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Date: September 24, 2024

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**From:** Rama Fox <rama@ramafoxlegal.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2024 8:40 PM  
**To:** Laura Capps; sbcob  
**Cc:** 'Ellen Duke'  
**Subject:** Moratorium on Conversion of Senior Parks to All-Age Parks in Santa Barbara County  
**Attachments:** San Vincente Senior Mobile Hm Park Resident Using Walker in Street.docx

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To Our Honorable Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors –

Thank you for taking time to consider ruling for a Moratorium on the conversion of senior mobile home parks into all-age parks in our county.

I am an 84-year old resident in the peaceful San Vincente Senior Mobile Home Park. I watch neighbors with their canes walking their dogs, as well as those requiring walkers. We don't have sidewalks, so our physically challenged residents only have our streets on which to walk to get their much-needed exercise. I've attached a photo taken on the road outside my home last week. In it is a neighbor who requires a walker, as well as an assistant to keep them steady when they walk.

We all love children and understand their need to run, ride bikes (these days often electric ones) and skateboards, play ball in the streets and play with friends. In their innocence, they seldom relate to elderly people's needs. Regularly posted in the Nextdoor app are complaints of young people on electric bikes nearly knocking down adults walking on sidewalks, let alone on streets.

In our senior park, some dog owners need to use a cane to walk their dog. If a bike or skateboard goes whizzing by just feet from where they are, some dogs will leap away in fear and some will want to bound after them—both of which could easily knock down an elderly resident. In a senior park, the concern about such encounters would likely inhibit susceptible residents from venturing out.

In your supervisory positions, you obviously know that housing for seniors is very limited as it is—and the elder population is growing in number. I hope it will be clear that converting the relatively few senior mobile home parks there are into all-age parks could well endanger folks who are especially in need of safety and peace of mind.

Again, thank you for considering this Moratorium request.

Best wishes,



*Rama Fox, MA*  
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**SAN VINCENTE SENIOR MOBILE HOME PARK RESIDENT WITH WALKER & ASSISTANT USING STREET (THERE ARE NO SIDEWALKS, EXCEPT AT CLUBHOUSE)**