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Public Comment - Group 3

From: Kelly Riley <kellyjriley1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 8:49 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Feedback on proposed fines in Isla Vista



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We are parents of a student at UCSB who currently resides in Isla Vista. Recently we were informed that the county is considering enacting a plan to impose fines on residents of Isla Vista who appear to be violating health guidelines related to COVID-19.

While we are certainly supportive of the guidelines in place, we wanted to voice our STRONG OPPOSITION to this proposed plan. Unless the county intends to enforce this system of fines throughout the entire county, it unfairly targets and penalizes a select group of individuals. There are examples throughout the Santa Barbara community of non-adherence to the current guidelines regarding gatherings and mask wearing, yet there is no plan to impose administrative fines in those situations. Further, there was no suggestion of similar fines over the past few months when students and people of various ages gathered in protest of social issues.

We are a family with a history of public service and supporters of law enforcement. Having said that, both the UCSB and Isla Vista police have a well documented history of unfair and retaliatory actions towards students in Isla Vista. Any policy of this type that would presume to have local police assess and enforce fines would be fraught with confusion and misuse of authority.

If the county has additional resources, those resources would be more productively used to enforce the rampant code, occupancy and landlord violations that have long been a problem in the community. The lack of oversight in this sector contributes to over-crowding and other health violations among the students housed in Isla Vista.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,
Kelly J Riley

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Kristy <mamatiki42@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 10:21 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Re. the meeting about fines for violations in Isla Vista

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Hi,

I just saw there was a meeting re. enforcing fines in Isla Vista to prevent large gatherings in Isla Vista. I do not know what was discussed but It is discriminatory and unconstitutional to target one specific area in the county and not others, especially when Covid cases are higher in other areas such as Santa Maria.

Covid case increases will continue regardless, it is up to the individual how to minimize risk and make the right choice. Your limited resources will be much better suited helping those in need versus breaking up college parties.

Also on another subject - I was surprised to see the homeless tent area in the park by Woodstock's pizza. I saw drug and alcohol abuse, mentally unstable people there which greatly concerns many parent's that that is allowed where the students go to eat. I do not know if this has posed any threats to students in the past but this is an area where resources could be better suited for to help the homeless get help/find jobs/housing etc.

Respectfully,

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