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From: Diane Galvan <dgalroon@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 4:38 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: public comment for Special Meeting of the County Board of Supervisors to Consider Homelessness in Santa Barbara County

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To the Board:

I am a resident of unincorporated Santa Barbara County. Our home is directly across the street from Maria Ignacio Creek, adjacent to the bike path south of Hollister. I join my neighbors in voicing my growing concern regarding the homeless encampments in and adjacent to the creek bed and along the bike path. Warm weather is quickly approaching, the foliage along the creek is thick with much of it already dry, we're in a drought: the threat of fires from campfires to our homes is very real – the Goleta area has already witnessed several of these encampment fires in the past year .

The bike path smells of urine. When it does rain, the waste, trash and drug paraphernalia from encampments all flow into the ocean. Drug deals and usage occurs blatantly along Gwyne Avenue, entering the creeks at different spots as witnessed by my neighbors and the broader community on the bike path.

I plan to attend this special meeting on 2/23/21, and hope to hear some potential specific, immediate solutions to address this dangerous problem.

Thank you,
Diane Galvan
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Hello,

My name is Estefany Torres Contreras. I have been with the Fighting Back Program for two years. Over the course of these two years, I have been couch surfing since I have been homeless. Even though I have been couch surfing for this time, the program has helped me with resources such as Foodstamps and other basic needs resources that have helped me greatly. Fighting back, has checked up on me throughout these years and has made sure that I am doing good. Overall, I highly admire this program and what they have done for me.

Sincerely,
Estefany Torres Contreras