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AGENDA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
700 H STREET SUITE 1450
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814
(Members may participate via teleconference)

WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 10, 2022

2:00 PM

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- Speakers will have 3-minutes total for a single and/or multiple consent item(s)

- Speakers will have 3-minutes total for each hearing item
- Speakers will have 3-minutes total for each separate item
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- Written comments are distributed to members and filed in the record.

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ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Section I - Matters Not On The Posted Agenda

1. Public Comments Relating To Matters Not On The Posted Agenda

Section II - Timed Matters

TIMED MATTERS CANNOT BE ACTED UPON
BEFORE THE SCHEDULED TIME. TIMED MATTERS WILL BE
HEARD AS CLOSE TO THE TIME SCHEDULED AS POSSIBLE.

HEARING MATTERS

2. 2:00 PM -- Introduce An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area; Waive Full Reading; And Continue To August 23, 2022 For Adoption (Homeless Initiative)
Supervisory District(s): All
Impact Area(s): Countywide
3. 2:00 PM -- Introduce An Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway; Waive Full Reading And Continue To August 23, 2022 For Adoption (Regional Parks)
Supervisory District(s): All
Impact Area(s): Countywide

Section III - Separate Matters

SEPARATE MATTERS WILL BE ACTED UPON
AS THE HEARING SCHEDULE PERMITS.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

4. COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMENTS
5. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS, REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MEETING DATE:
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022**

NO MATERIAL

Public Comments Relating To Matters Not On The Posted Agenda

OFF AGENDA BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 001

From: [michael](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Cost to run the homeless shelters to be built
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 4:20:24 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, **do not** click links/attachments.

\$3.4 million to run the 100 shelters plus the \$6 million to build them is \$9.4 million /100 people is \$94,000 each. For that price one can rent a hotel room for at least 7.8 years. Plus another \$3.4 million for each of those years. Why not simply give each homeless a one way ticket to anyplace except Sacramento and \$10,000. It would be far cheaper.

Michael Fellin

From: admin_dc3history.org
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: 1. Public Comments Relating To Matters Not On The Posted Agenda August 10 2pm Board of Supv meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 8:46:31 AM

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Science Center/Auburn Blvd shelter: plan to bus the city's homeless to our neighborhood

When the state of Nevada bused their homeless to California, it was called "dumping". We don't need the city dumping their homeless on us.

This plan will decrease property values. **The city has plenty of empty office space where they could house their homeless without busing them to Auburn Blvd. They can put them up in the Golden One Center and many other places.** Del Paso Heights and Arden Arcade don't deserve this assault on our property values.

The city chose a nonprofit, "Hope Cooperative" a.k.a. TLCS, Inc., to run it. They lack the required 990 filings, required for all nonprofits, for the last two years.

Why did the city chose a nonprofit that appears to be derelict?

Their web page is nothing but puffery. You cannot find out how much of their public funds were actually used to help people, as opposed to how much real estate they acquired or how much they paid themselves.

Based on the one salary they listed way back in 2019 - \$214,000 for base salary - they know how to help themselves. These are public monies - our taxes.

You can't even reach 'Hope Cooperative' because their phone number leads you down a lengthy phone tree followed by a mailbox that is full, so you can't even leave a message.

If anything stinks, this does.

I believe the purpose is to devalue our property values. Then some foreign investors or others can come along and buy the county real estate parcels a rock bottom prices. County loses. So do the residents.

This is the deliberate planned destruction of our neighborhoods. It is an old practice called 'redlining'.

The city is putting a medical campus in North Natomas, which will **increase their property values** through no effort on the part of their city residents, but they are putting their homeless in our area which, through no fault of the county property owners in Del Paso Heights and Arden Arcade, will **decrease our property values**.

This is unfair, and racist. We are being redlined. North Natomas is white and bright, we are diverse. Stop the city's plan to damage our neighborhoods.

Thank you
Cynthia Campbell

OFF AGENDA BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 003

From: [Ron Concklin](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Homeless issue
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:29:46 AM

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I writing to complain about the issue surrounding homeless people in Carmichael. The streets and neighborhoods are continuously accumulating more squatters and garbage throughout the area. Often areas, businesses and homes are vandalized by the indigents. Can the city please come up with a plan before this looks like downtown San Francisco and Los Angeles. Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jessica Wilson](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: Encampment Sweeps
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 4:04:59 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, **do not** click links/attachments.

Hello Mr. Serna,

I'm an Oak Park resident.

I am emailing to express my concern about big sweeps along the river.

Though I understand the safety and environmental concerns it does not seem like sweeps are an effective way to 1) keep people from living on the river (if they worked there would be no reason to repeat them) 2) get people housing so they wouldn't need to stay on the river.

Increasing the support for landlords to take Section 8 and providing more housing options would be a better use of my tax dollars.

Thanks so much and take care.

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Warmly,

Jessica Wilson, MS. RD. she/her
Dietitian.Author.Community Organizer.

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**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA**

For the Agenda of:
August 10, 2022
2:00 p.m.

To: Board of Supervisors

Through: Ann Edwards, County Executive
Chevon Kothari, Deputy County Executive, Social Services

From: Emily Halcon, Director of the Office of Homeless Initiatives
Leticia Ramirez, Deputy County Counsel

Subject: Introduce An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The
Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And
Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations
In The Unincorporated County Area, Waive Full Reading,
And Continue To August 23, 2022 For Adoption

District(s): All

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Introduce and waive the full reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 9.120 of the Sacramento County Code to prohibit camping and encampments on or near certain public property locations in the unincorporated County area, and continue to August 23, 2022 for adoption.

BACKGROUND

The County of Sacramento (County) provides critical services and supports to those experiencing homelessness throughout the County, including access to behavioral health services and cash and non-cash benefits and provides support to outreach and engagement teams within all the cities in the County. In the unincorporated parts of the County, the County plays an additional role not only in service connections, but in outreach and engagement in encampments and management of public spaces where camps are located.

The Board of Supervisors (Board) for the County has directed staff to implement a multi-faceted approach to responding to unsheltered homelessness in the unincorporated County that prioritizes connecting unsheltered individuals with shelter, housing, and services.

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On February 15, 2022, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2022-0153 declaring that a Shelter Crisis pursuant to Government Code section 8698.2 exists in the County based on a finding that a significant number of persons within the unincorporated County are without the ability to obtain shelter, and that the situation has resulted in a threat to the health and safety of those persons. The declaration authorized the County to adopt appendices to the California Building Code that allow use of non-traditional facilities as emergency shelter and also provided additional flexibility to County staff in procurement of services to more quickly secure sites, build facilities, and select operators.

Aligning with this declaration, the Board has made significant investments in increasing and expanding housing and sheltering options in just the first six months of the year. Specifically:

- On January 11, 2022, the Board allocated \$10 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to develop and implement the Landlord Engagement and Assistance Program (LEAP), which will provide intensive landlord engagement and tenancy support services, client centered case management, and rental subsidy support to help re-house up to 300 households over three years directly from encampments and out of sheltering programs. LEAP will be operational later this fall.
- On April 12, 2022, the Board authorized funding from the ARPA to support operations of 60 beds and supportive services at the Salvation Army Center of Hope, targeting people living proximate to the shelter and within the American River Parkway.
- On June 8, 2022, the Board approved the first "Safe Stay Community" located at 8144 Florin Road, at the corner of Power Inn Road, which will consist of 100 Pallet Shelters (75 single occupancy and 25 double occupancy), on-site shower and restroom facilities, and on-site offices for program staff who will provide a variety of client-centered supportive services aimed at helping people permanently exit homelessness.
- On June 9, 2022, as part of the FY22/23 budget discussions, the Board allocated \$1 million to expand the scattered site sheltering program, which currently shelters and provides intensive re-housing services to 145 people at a time.
- On July 12, 2022, the Board approved the second "Safe Stay Community" located at 7001-A East Parkway, which will consist of 45 Pallet Shelters (34 single occupancy and 11 double occupancy), on-site shower and restroom facilities, and on-site offices for program staff who will provide a variety of client-centered supportive services aimed at helping people permanently exit homelessness.

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While the County's efforts to provide more housing and shelter for persons experiencing homelessness continues to gain traction, the continued presence of homeless encampments and related nuisance activities in the unincorporated County areas pose a significant risk of harm to the public health, safety, and welfare of individuals residing in those encampments and the greater community, as well as significant damage to public infrastructure and interference with the County's operations and maintenance activities.

On June 14, 2022, the Board held a workshop to discuss a potential ordinance limiting camping on and around critical infrastructure, in proximity to locations providing shelter to the homeless, and during inclement weather, wildfire and flood risk areas. During this workshop, the Board gave staff direction to return to the Board with two draft ordinances: one to address critical infrastructure, locations providing shelter to the homeless, youth-serving facilities (schools and libraries) during severe weather, wildfire and flood risk areas; and one to address the American River Parkway.

To that end, staff has developed the attached proposed ordinance that would make it unlawful to camp and/or maintain an encampment or store personal property on public property in and around five priority locations. Violations of the ordinance would be subject to criminal penalties (misdemeanor). The intent of the ordinance is to provide an additional tool to law enforcement to utilize in situations in which individuals refuse to voluntarily comply with requests to leave an area when alternative appropriate shelter options are made available to them and have been rejected following concerted outreach efforts by professional homeless outreach and engagement staff.

DISCUSSION

Proposed Ordinance

The proposed ordinance, if adopted, will provide the County with an enforcement tool to address activities related to individuals camping or establishing encampments on public property that result in negative impacts and/or damage community resources, public infrastructure, and/or areas deemed highly susceptible to fires and/or flooding.

While existing County ordinances address obstructions on the sidewalk, pedestrian pathways, and public right-of-way (SCC 12.12.035) and keeping or storing rubbish or debris on the public right-of-way (SCC 16. 18.401), the County Code does not specifically address camping and encampments on

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public property. If adopted, the proposed ordinance would provide law enforcement officials with an ordinance that specifically addresses the activities discussed above in these particular locations because of public health, safety, and welfare concerns.

The proposed ordinance would add Chapter 9.120 to the Sacramento County Code to prohibit camping and encampments in the following priority areas:

- In, on or within 25 feet of critical infrastructure or the entrance/exit of critical infrastructure;
- Up to 1,000 feet of a locations providing year-round overnight shelter to people experiencing homelessness and the entrance/exit to such locations;
- Inside of, or within 30 feet of wildfire and flood risk areas during severe weather; and
- Within 25 feet of a youth-serving facilities, defined as public or private primary or secondary schools and public libraries.

The following are key provisions of the ordinance:

- Defines “critical infrastructure” as flood protection facilities such as levees; **or** real property or a facility, which is owned, operated, leased, or maintained, or any combination thereof, by a government agency, that is confirmed by a resolution of the Board as being so vital or integral to the operation or functioning of the County that its damage, incapacity, disruption, or destruction would have a debilitating impact on the public health, safety or welfare.
- Defines “Wildfire risk area” means land that is covered with grass, grain, brush or forest, whether privately or publicly owned, which is so situated or is of such inaccessible location that a fire originating upon it would present an abnormally difficult job of suppression or would result in great or unusual damage through fire or such areas designated by the Fire Marshal or Fire Chief of the responsible fire authority.
- Defines “Youth-serving facility” as public or private primary or secondary schools and public libraries.
- Prohibits maintaining an encampment or storing personal property on public property in the locations listed above.
- Defines “severe weather” means any flood watch, any flood advisory, any flood weather warning, a fire weather watch, or a red flag warning issued by the National Weather Service for Sacramento County. Defines “Flood risk area” means local flood hazard or special flood area as

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defined in the County's Floodplain Management Ordinance, Ordinance No. SZC 2016-0023, as may be amended from time to time.

- Authorizes the abatement and removal of camp facilities, camp paraphernalia, or an encampment established in violation of the ordinance after providing 48-hours written notice and requires the storage of personal property for at least 90 days. Abatement may be commenced with less than 48-hours written notice by the County, if the encampment poses an imminent threat to public health or safety.
- Violations would first be subject to verbal and written warnings and any person who violates the ordinance would be guilty of a misdemeanor.
- Authorizes the County Executive or designee to promulgate rules, protocols, and procedures for the implementation of the ordinance.

Federal and state rules and regulations establish various definitions of what constitutes "critical infrastructure" for purposes of federal, state, and local government emergency operations planning and public safety considerations. (See, e.g., 42 U.S. Code § 5195c; NDRF - National Disaster Recovery Framework, AFGP - Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program). One of the key elements of those definitions is that the incapacity or destruction of these assets will have a debilitating impact on the public health or safety of a jurisdiction.

The proposed ordinance defines critical infrastructure in a narrow way to cover specific infrastructure and facilities that are vital or integral to the operation of the County. The first category of infrastructure classified as critical under the ordinance are flood protection facilities (9.120.030(D)(1)). The second category of infrastructure classified as critical are real property and facilities owned by government that the Board of Supervisors approves by resolution as meeting the definition of critical infrastructure (9.120.030(D)(2)). The definition of critical infrastructure also includes a paragraph containing an illustrative list or examples of what types of facilities and assets the Board may designate as critical infrastructure (9.120.030(D)).

For example, camping and the presence of encampments in or near critical infrastructure is problematic because of the potential or actual damage to infrastructure that may disrupt the provision of vital services to the general public and the interference with staff operations and maintenance activities. In addition, prohibiting camping or encampments near locations providing shelter to the homeless will reduce the occurrence of nuisance activity immediately surrounding these sites which furthers the County's intent to have shelters be a refuge and positive addition to a neighborhood.

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Implementation of Ordinance

The ability to enforce the proposed ordinance by imposing criminal sanctions, like the existing Code provisions, is dependent on law enforcement capacity and prioritization, and the availability of alternative shelter options for persons experiencing homelessness who are camping on public property due to legal constraints created by *Martin v. City of Boise*, (2019) 920 F.3d 584 (*Boise*).

Current efforts by the County to clear or move encampments on public property generally rely on the individuals voluntarily complying with requests from the Sheriff's Department or other staff to move, or the issuance of no trespass notices that if violated can result in a misdemeanor citation under Penal Code section 602. Voluntary compliance will likely be the most common approach when dealing with individuals camping or maintaining an encampment on public property who are experiencing homelessness.

Because violations of the proposed ordinance would be subject to criminal penalties, should the Board adopt the ordinance, County staff will work with the Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney to develop an enforcement plan that details the coordination between the outreach efforts overseen by the Office of Homeless Initiatives and enforcement and prosecution. This plan will detail how staff will prioritize camps and resources (outreach, shelter, enforcement and prosecution) to align within the existing Encampment Policy priorities.

In addition to capacity for enforcement and prosecution, the County's ability to enforce the ordinance and issue criminal citations to homeless individuals camping or maintaining an encampment on public property would be contingent upon the availability of alternative shelter in accordance with federal case law established by *Boise*.

In *Boise*, the Court held that "the Eighth Amendment prohibits the imposition of criminal penalties for sitting, sleeping, or lying outside on public property for homeless individuals who cannot obtain shelter." As more emergency housing and shelter is made available to individuals experiencing homelessness, the better able the County is to respond to camping and encampments on public property, including the use of criminal citations for those who refuse offers of shelter. Thus, the increased availability of emergency housing and shelter is key to the County's ability to criminally

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enforce ordinances and statutes prohibiting individuals from unlawfully being on public property because alternative shelter is available to them in accordance with *Boise*.

Furthermore, the proposed ordinance is narrowly focused on prohibiting camping and maintaining an encampment in particular locations and in the case of wildfire and flood risk areas during specific times of severe weather. These limitations are based on the County Counsel's Office advice that it is more legally defensible to prohibit this activity in select areas than a blanket prohibition on all public property given the Court's language in *Boise* indicating that it may be constitutionally permissible to criminally enforce an ordinance prohibiting individuals from being on public property in specific areas.

Once adopted, staff would return to the Board with a list of facilities and infrastructure that should be designated as "critical infrastructure" and thus subject to the ordinance. Enforcement of the ordinance will take place following education and outreach with key stakeholders whenever possible.

Service Provision in Encampments

The Encampment Policy requires that the County coordinates outreach to offer the occupants of an encampment services or housing or shelter opportunities. The County has multiple to support these needs.

1. Encampment Services Team: As part of the FY 21/22 budget, the Board approved funding to develop a multi-disciplinary Encampment Services Team (EST) to improve connections to shelter, housing and other critical services in encampments that are high priorities based on size, longevity, and/or vulnerability of the occupants. The EST consists of social workers from DHA, contracted housing navigators, clinical behavioral health staff from the Department of Health Services (DHS) and peer navigators from DHS. The EST engages in designated camps to assess the needs and offer services including temporary sheltering. The EST is 'case carrying' in that they are oriented to remain in an encampment for as long as it takes to address identified needs of those living in the encampment.
2. Response Oriented Services: As the EST is limited in the number of camps they can engage in at any point in time, in addition to the EST, the County separately deploys DHA and DHS staff on an as-needed basis to other camps to address immediate needs of occupants, including referrals to deeper services and shelter referrals. These connections are

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often in collaboration with or in advance of a Sheriff Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) engagement of a camp that is in violation of existing County code related to access to public right-of-way.

3. Health Services Outreach: As part of the FY22/23 budget, the Board approved funding to add an additional 11 full time equivalent (FTE) staff within the Department of Health Services specifically to increase outreach, engagement and linkages to behavioral health services to people living unsheltered throughout the County. Additional public health FTE, funded through ARPA will be available for health screenings, vaccinations, and other health care needs of people living unsheltered. These staff will augment the EST efforts, but will also be available to respond in partnership with other outreach partners, including those within the cities in the County and alongside community based outreach programs.

Public Outreach and Engagement

Following the June 14, 2022 Board workshop, staff met with various interested and impacted partners to discuss the proposed ordinance. Targeted outreach to public entities who own or manage critical infrastructure included:

- Sacramento Regional Transit
- Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)
- Various reclamation districts in Sacramento County including the American River Flood Control District, Reclamation District 1000, Reclamation District 341 (Sherman Island), and Reclamation District No. 563 (Tyler Island).

In addition to these targeted discussions, staff held a listening session with different community advocacy groups on July 27, 2022 focusing on both the critical infrastructure ordinance and the Parkway ordinance. Approximately 30 individuals were in attendance, representative of homeless and housing advocates, faith community, environmental justice organizations, service organizations, and others. A second listening session was held on August 4, 2022 targeted just for homeless advocacy organizations. Approximately 20 individuals were in attendance at this session.

A summary of the input received during these sessions as well as input from the public entities listed above will be included in the staff presentation for the proposed ordinance.

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The recommendations have no direct financial impacts.

The current estimated costs for the enforcement, outreach and sheltering that the County coordinates to support movement of people out of encampments is detailed below. Should the ordinance be approved, the level of impact will depend, in part, on the number of these resources available. The ordinance does not dictate an increase in the number of any of these resources, but the effectiveness of the ordinance and the ability for the County to use it as a tool to limit camping in public spaces is dependent on having these resources.

Component	Estimated Annual Cost	Notes
Sherriff HOT	\$2.1 million	Cost for current HOT, which consists of one sergeant position and eight deputies
Encampment Services Team	\$900,000	Cost for one multi-disciplinary EST, including contracted outreach and housing navigators, County behavioral health specialist, a social worker, peer specialist and associated supports
Construction of 100 unit Safe Stay Shelter	\$6 million (one time cost)	Based on the construction for Florin/Power Inn site, including purchase of shelters and all associated construction
Lease & Operation of 100 unit Safe Stay Shelter	\$3.4 million	Based on the operational costs for Florin/Power Inn site, including site operations and provision of guest services

Attachments:
ORD – Proposed Ordinance

SCC NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE SACRAMENTO COUNTY CODE
ADDING CHAPTER 9.120, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF CRITICAL
INFRASTRUCTURE, LOCATIONS PROVIDING SHELTER TO THE HOMELESS,
WILDFIRE AND FLOOD RISK AREAS DURING SEVERE WEATHER,
AND YOUTH-SERVING FACILITIES**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento, State of California,
ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. A new Chapter 9.120, within Title 9 “Public Peace, Morals, and
Safety”, of the Sacramento County Code is added to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 9.120 PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, LOCATIONS
PROVIDING SHELTER TO THE HOMELESS, WILDFIRE AND
FLOOD RISK AREAS DURING SEVERE WEATHER, AND
YOUTH-SERVING FACILITIES.**

9.120.005 Title.

This Chapter shall be known as “Protection Of Critical Infrastructure, Locations
Providing Shelter To The Homeless, Wildfire And Flood Risk Areas During Severe
Weather, And Youth-Serving Facilities.”

9.120.010 Findings.

The Board of Supervisors finds as follows:

- A. The lack of housing options for persons experiencing homelessness in Sacramento County has led to an increase in the number of encampments within the unincorporated area of the County.
- B. Encampments generally consist of camp facilities and camp paraphernalia such as tents, makeshift structures, sleeping bags, or blankets providing shelter to one or more individuals experiencing homelessness.
- C. The presence of encampments in specific areas and locations within the unincorporated County area poses a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of those residing in the encampments and the community-at-large because of the damage to public property, risk of fire, unsanitary conditions, environmental degradation, and restricted access for maintenance, operations or emergency services purposes.
- D. The existence of encampments in, on, under, or within 25 feet of infrastructure that is critical to the provision of public services such as law enforcement, fire protection, flood protection, transportation, and utilities including communication, water, and waste disposal leads to the destruction of, damage to, or interference with maintenance and operation of said infrastructure.
- E. The County as well as other public agencies are committing significant funding to establish and operate emergency shelters for individuals experiencing

homelessness including shelters located on County-controlled or owned property that have been designated as areas in which encampments can remain.

F. The establishment and presence of encampments near or within 25 feet of emergency shelters and other locations providing shelter to homeless individuals may create a nuisance to the surrounding residents and also undermine efforts to support individuals seeking services to transition into more permanent housing.

G. The establishment and presence of encampments on, in, near or within 25 feet of wildfire and flood risk areas during severe weather creates hazardous conditions for residents and emergency responders. Such hazards include the risk of physical harm, loss and/or damage to personal property, and impairment or prevention of access to areas to provide emergency aid or rescue efforts.

H. The establishment and presence of encampments on, in, near or within 25 feet of youth-serving facilities impacts the ability of children and youth to access public facilities by creating obstructions on pedestrian pathways or sidewalks commonly used by this demographic to visit these sites and increasing safety concerns.

I. The prohibition on camping in these particular locations will enable the County to protect and preserve lives and infrastructure, ensure the provision of vital public services, advance the County's efforts to increase the supply of emergency shelters by providing an additional enforcement tool to address nuisance activity, protect the public health and safety during severe weather, and maintain safe pedestrian access to youth-serving facilities.

J. The enforcement of this Chapter shall in no way relieve the County from fulfilling its obligation to provide social, mental health, and substance abuse services to persons experiencing homelessness. The County spends \$181 million dollars annually on programs and services to serve persons experiencing homeless and to mitigate the impacts of homelessness. This Chapter furthers the County's interest in connecting persons experiencing homelessness with social, mental health, and substance abuse services by increasing outreach and engagement with County staff.

9.120.020 Purpose and Intent.

The purpose of this Chapter is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by prohibiting camping in, on, or near critical infrastructure, locations serving the homeless, wildfire and flood risk areas during severe weather, and youth-serving facilities. The prohibition of camping in these areas is intended to further mitigate the threat of degradation, fire, and other potential causes of destruction and damage to and interference with, critical infrastructure, locations serving the homeless, wildfire and flood risk areas, and youth-serving facilities.

This Chapter is further intended to protect critical infrastructure, locations serving the homeless, wildfire and flood risk areas, and youth-serving facilities from damage, interference, degradation, and nuisance activity related to unauthorized activities.

9.120.030 Definitions.

When used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases have the following meanings:

A. "Camp" or "camping" means to place, pitch or occupy camp facilities; to live temporarily in a camp facility or outdoors; to use camp paraphernalia.

B. "Camp facilities" include, but are not limited to, tents, huts or temporary shelters (e.g. not permanently affixed to the ground).

C. "Camp paraphernalia" shall mean, but is not limited to, bedrolls, tarpaulins, cots, beds, sleeping bags, hammocks or cooking facilities and similar equipment.

D. "Critical infrastructure" means either of the following:

1. Flood protection facilities, meaning those physical structural works which have been constructed specifically to modify flooding in order to reduce the extent of the areas within a community subject to flooding and the extent of the depths of associated flooding, such as levees, pumps, drainage ditches, access and patrol roads, and related facilities; or

2. Real property or a facility, which is owned, operated, leased, or maintained, or any combination thereof, by a government agency, as designated by the County Executive or designee and approved by resolution of the Board of Supervisors, as being so vital or integral to the operation or functioning of the County that its damage, incapacity, disruption, or destruction would have a debilitating impact on the public health, safety or welfare.

Critical infrastructure protected by this ordinance may include, but is not limited to, government buildings, such as fire stations, police stations, jails, or courthouses; hospitals; structures, such as antennas, bridges, roads, train tracks including rail stations, or telecommunication centers (e.g. radio towers); maintenance access roads and portals or boxes (e.g. manholes, pullboxes, valve, drop inlet); or systems such as computer networks, public utilities, electrical wires, natural gas pipes, drainage systems (e.g. creeks and waterways), or water sources, including water treatment, storage, transmission and distribution systems.

E. "Debris" means building and construction materials, garbage, refuse, wreckage, spoiled or ruined household goods, and similar material.

F. "Encampment" means one or more camp facilities and/or camping paraphernalia that are being used, occupied or stored on public property. Encampment specifically does not include an item or collection of items that reasonably appear to be for less than 12-hour, daytime only use such as items brought to a park for a picnic, nap, or day-time party.

G. "Facility" means a building, structure, equipment, system, or asset.

H. "Flood risk area" means local flood hazard or special flood area as defined in the County's Floodplain Management Ordinance, Ordinance No. SZC 2016-0023, as may be amended from time to time.

I. "Garbage" means household and kitchen waste; animal, vegetable, and putrescible waste associated with the preparation, consumption, handling, or storage of edible materials; and any nonputrescible material mixed in the same container with or contaminated by putrescible waste. Garbage does not include source-separated recyclables or yard waste.

J. "Location providing shelter to the homeless" means a site where temporary or emergency overnight-shelter is being provided to individuals experiencing homelessness established pursuant to official action by the County on publicly-owned or leased property including, but not limited to, a homeless shelter, warming center, respite center, year-round overnight shelter, navigation center, and an encampment designated or established by formal action of the County.

K. "Personal property" means personal effects or property consisting of the following items: identification or social security cards; medications, medical devices and eyeglasses; photos/photo albums; tax or medical records; reasonably usable, non-soiled, non-verminous items that are reasonably believed to have value to persons experiencing homelessness, including tents, blankets, sleeping bags, clothes, and operational bicycles (i.e. complete bicycles, not standalone bicycle parts). The definition of personal property does not include contraband.

L. "Private property" means all private property including, but not limited to, streets, sidewalk, alleys, and improved or unimproved land.

M. "Public property" means all public property including, but not limited to, streets, sidewalks, alleys, improved or unimproved land and parks.

N. "Severe weather" means any flood watch, any flood advisory, any flood weather warning, a fire weather watch, or a red flag warning issued by the National Weather Service for Sacramento County.

O. "Store" means to put aside or accumulate for use when needed, to put for safekeeping, to place or leave in a location.

P. "Street" means a street, alley, way or place of whatever nature, publicly maintained and open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel. "Street" includes highway, as that term is defined in the California Vehicle Code.

Q. "Wildfire risk area" means land that is covered with grass, grain, brush or forest, whether privately or publicly owned, which is so situated or is of such inaccessible location that a fire originating upon it would present an abnormally difficult job of suppression or would result in great or unusual damage through fire or such areas designated by the Fire Marshal or Fire Chief of the responsible fire authority or California Code of Regulations, title 14, part 9, section 202.

R. "Youth-serving facilities" means public or private primary or secondary schools and public libraries.

9.120.040 Camping Prohibited.

A. It is unlawful and a public nuisance for any person to camp in or on public property at the following locations:

1. Critical infrastructure;
2. Within 25 feet of critical infrastructure;
3. Within 25 feet of a vehicular or pedestrian entrance or exit of critical infrastructure;
4. Within 25 feet or within the distance stated on posted signage (up to a maximum of 1,000 feet), whichever distance is greater, of a location providing shelter to the homeless;
5. Within 25 feet or within the distance stated on posted signage (up to a maximum of 1,000 feet), whichever distance is greater, of a vehicular or pedestrian entrance or exit of a location providing shelter to the homeless;
6. Inside of, or within 30 feet of, a wildfire risk area or flood risk area during severe weather;
7. Youth-serving facilities; or
8. Within 25 feet of a youth-serving facility.

- B. It is unlawful and a public nuisance for any person to maintain an encampment, in or on public property in the following locations:
1. Critical infrastructure;
 2. Within 25 feet of critical infrastructure;
 3. Within 25 feet of a vehicular or pedestrian entrance or exit of critical infrastructure;
 4. Within 25 feet or within the distance stated on posted signage (up to a maximum of 1,000 feet), whichever distance is greater, of a location providing shelter to the homeless;
 5. Within 25 feet or within the distance stated on posted signage (up to a maximum of 1,000 feet), whichever distance is greater, of a vehicular or pedestrian entrance or exit of a location providing shelter to the homeless;
 6. Inside of, or within 30 feet of, a wildfire risk area or flood risk area during severe weather;
 7. Youth-serving facilities; or
 8. Within 25 feet of a youth-serving facility.
- C. The distances referenced above shall be measured as the direct distance between the two points (i.e. "as the crow flies"). For purposes of the provisions relating to locations providing shelter to the homeless and youth-serving facilities, the distance shall be measured from the parcel line of the parcel on which the shelter or facility is located.
- D. Nothing in this section is intended to prohibit or make unlawful the activities of an owner of private property or other lawful user of private property that are normally associated with and incidental to the lawful and authorized use of private property for residential or other purposes; and nothing herein is intended to prohibit or make unlawful the activities of a property owner or other lawful user if such uses or activities are expressly authorized by the County's Zoning Code or other applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations.

9.120.050 Abatement and Storage of Personal Property.

- A. The County may abate or remove camp facilities, camp paraphernalia, or an encampment established in violation of section 9.120.050 after providing 48-hours written notice of said abatement. Any encampment established in violation of Section 9.120.050 may be abated with less than 48-hours written notice by the County, if the encampment poses an imminent threat to public health or safety. For purposes of this section a structure, tent, or camp facility poses an imminent threat to public health or safety if there are facts and circumstances that would cause a reasonable person to believe, that there is an increased risk of fire or flood, actual fire or flooding, obstructions or interference with the flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, and blockage of driveways or access points providing access to emergency vehicles.
- B. Abatement pursuant to subsection A may include, but is not limited to, removal of camp facilities, camp paraphernalia, garbage, hazardous waste, infectious waste, junk, or debris; and securing the perimeter of the property with fencing, gates, or barricades to prevent further violations. Any personal property identified and left behind during the abatement shall be stored for at least 90 days and notice shall be provided regarding the retrieval process.

9.120.060 Interference with Abatement.

It shall be a misdemeanor to willfully prevent, delay, resist, obstruct, or otherwise interfere with a County official, employee, contractor, or volunteer in their execution of an abatement pursuant to this Chapter.

9.120.070 Violation—Public Nuisance and Penalty.

A. A violation of any section of this Chapter is declared to be a public nuisance and subject to the penalties stated herein.

B. Any action to enforce this Chapter through the issuance of criminal penalties shall be taken after verbal or written warnings have been given notifying the person of the risk of enforcement.

C. Any person who violates this Chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

D. Nothing in this Chapter shall limit or preclude the enforcement of any other applicable laws or remedies available for violations of this Chapter.

9.120.080 Enforcement.

A. The County shall enforce this provision in a manner that is consistent with applicable federal, state and local laws, including but not limited to applicable case law.

B. The Sheriff is authorized to administer and enforce this Chapter and the Sacramento County Regional Park Rangers are authorized to administer and enforce this Chapter as it relates to County Regional Parks including the American River Parkway.

C. The County Executive or designee is hereby authorized to promulgate rules, protocols and procedures for the implementation of this Chapter, including but not limited to directing staff to post signage referencing this Chapter, consistent with the provisions herein.

9.120.090 Interpretation.

A. Nothing in this Chapter shall be interpreted or applied so as to create any requirement, power, or duty in conflict with any federal or state law.

B. In enacting and implementing this Chapter, the County is assuming an undertaking to promote the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it imposing on its officers and employees, an obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages to any person who claims that such breach proximately caused injury.

9.120.100 Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Chapter is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed as a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 2. This ordinance was introduced and the title thereof read at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on _____, and on _____, further reading was waived by the unanimous vote of the Supervisors present.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on and after thirty (30) days from the date of its passage, and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the date of its passage it shall be published once with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the same, said publication to be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Sacramento.

On a motion by Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, the foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento, State of California, this ____ day of _____ 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors,

NOES: Supervisors,

ABSENT: Supervisors,

ABSTAIN: Supervisors,

RECUSAL: Supervisors,
(PER POLITICAL REFORM ACT (§ 18702.5.))

Chair of the Board of Supervisors
of Sacramento County, California

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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Proposed Critical Infrastructure Ordinance Prohibiting Camping in Certain Locations on Public Property

August 10, 2022

Emily Halcon, Director of Homeless Initiatives
Leticia Ramirez, Deputy County Counsel

Overview – Conditions and Capacity

County is committed to a multi-faceted approach to unsheltered homelessness that prioritizes providing shelter, housing, and services :

- Almost 250 new shelter beds funded this year
 - \$10 million to re-house 300+ households
 - Expansion of behavioral health services
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- Current Encampment Policy prioritizes outreach and shelter resources to high impact, high need camps
 - Despite this, numbers of unsanctioned encampments rising and conditions worsening

Proposed Ordinance

Proposed ordinance would limit camping in four areas:

Critical Infrastructure

- Within 25 feet
- Requires identification of specific sites by resolution

Wildfire/Flood Risk Areas

- Within 30 feet
- During severe weather events

Shelter Perimeters

- Up to 1,000 feet

Youth-Serving Facilities

- Within 25 feet
- Schools & libraries

Proposed Ordinance

These locations were identified to:

- Prevent potential damage and/or destruction of vital public assets and ensure no impact to operations and maintenance
- Address past challenges clearing wildfire and flood risk areas during severe weather
- Support goal that shelters result in a decrease in encampments in surrounding area
- Ensure youth have unimpeded access to schools and libraries

Community Input

Input from owners of public infrastructure

- SMUD, Regional Transit, Reclamation Districts
- Currently challenged maintaining key infrastructure
- Safety concerns from employees tasked with maintenance and operations
- Able to work with County to prioritize sites when outreach and shelter capacity available

Community Input

Input from environmental advocates:

- Concerns over environmental degradation of creeks and other waterways
- Acknowledgement of need for alternative locations for shelter and housing
- Concerns over behaviors and violence in encampments, and impacts on general public's comfort to enjoy public resources
- Request to consider 150 feet from waterways as 'critical infrastructure' in alignment with State Fish & Game code

Community Input

Input from homeless advocates – main themes:

- Concerns that County does not have plan for adequate shelter/housing
- Concerns about impact of ordinance on ability to provide people basic services
- Concerns about punitive actions if people do not voluntarily comply
- Concerns that critical infrastructure ordinance is being used to limit land available for camping without conducting mapping
- Concern that ordinance(s) are not evidence based
- Concern about intersections of racial justice and climate change
- Concerns that County doesn't have sufficient places to store belongings if ordinance(s) are enforced

Next Steps

- Second reading of ordinance – August 23rd
- Ordinance effective – September 23rd
- Before implementing ordinance, Board will need to adopt by resolution to designate specific sites as ‘critical infrastructure’
- Staff will revise and update Encampment Response Policy based on ordinance
- Additional meetings with public property owners and partners on implementation

County Funding for Homelessness Programs and Services:

- The County spends \$181 million dollars annually on programs, services and to mitigate the impacts of homelessness.
- The County currently funds 1300 beds on any given night for unsheltered people.
- These are fully inside beds, not safe spaces for outdoor tents and/or parking.
- The County approved two Safe Stay Communities, which will add 180 new beds and provide supportive services. **(ARPA Funding)**
- The County and its partners launched the \$67 million Sacramento Emergency Rental Assistance (SERA) program, which gives one-time financial support to 7,800 families at risk of losing housing.
- The County added 11 new behavioral health staff to the Encampment Service Teams to connect people to mental health and substance abuse services.
- Funded \$2.46 million for 60 beds at the Salvation Army Center for Hope earmarked exclusively for people camping on the American River Parkway. **(ARPA Funding)**
- Allocated \$5 million to the Mirasol Village Affordable Housing Project, a new construction project with a total of five residential buildings with 116 rental housing units. **(ARPA Funding)**
- Allocated \$1 million in the FY22/23 budget to expand the scattered site sheltering program.
- Allocated of \$10 million in ARPA funding for a Landlord Engagement and Assistance Program (LEAP), which will fund re-housing of 300+ households from shelters and encampments. **(ARPA Funding)**
- Allocated \$28 million in MHSA funding since 2017 through the MHSA Housing Program and No Place Like Home Program. **(MHSA Funding)**
- The County has 221 housing units funded through MHSA and an additional 234 coming in the next two years. In FY 2019-20: **(MHSA Funding)**
 - Housed 563 clients/households

- Prevented 1,431 clients/households at imminent risk from becoming homeless
 - Served 161 clients/households residing in MHSA-funded apartments
 - Provided rental assistance to 4,682 clients/households
 - Provided 7,815 services utilizing MHSA housing flex funds
- Funded more than \$1 million in homelessness prevention and intervention services for youth and families.
- Of the County's 30,000 consumers of behavioral health and substance abuse clients, the County served 9,862 people in the City of Sacramento in 2021/22.
- Approximately 1/3 of the County's behavioral health clients reside in the City of Sacramento.
- Of those 9,862 City of Sacramento clients, the County served 1,281 people who were experiencing or at risk of becoming homeless.
- The County partners with a variety of non-profit providers to create a network of behavioral health services.
- The County serves as the front door to assess and link individuals to appropriate levels of care and will continue to expand our capacity to do this in our encampment and shelter settings.

Why the County isn't pursuing a ballot measure similar to the City of Sacramento's Emergency Shelter and Enforcement Act of 2022:

- Our County Counsel identified several potential legal and practical issues with the Initiative that may put the County at risk for litigation.
- If approved, implementing the Initiative would likely have a problematic impact on administrative and fiscal functions.
- This Initiative provides no additional authority that enhances or improves the County's response to homelessness. If anything, the Initiative imposes restrictions on where the emergency shelters can be constructed that may have the opposite effect of reducing the amount of viable sites for shelter.
- While the Initiative purports to increase the City's ability to address homeless encampments, it cannot override or ignore the legal

constraints imposed by the *Martin v. City of Boise* case, which established that the use of criminal enforcement to prohibit camping or encampments on public property can only be used if alternative shelter is available.

- The County is interested in policies that strengthen or enhance its ability to address homelessness and the Initiative fails to meet that requirement.
- The County is not interested in expending public resources to pursue a ballot measure that does not further the County's objective to reduce homelessness.
- Instead, the County is leading with services for people that are unsheltered, as well as addressing the impacts to the community.
- The County will continue to explore programs and strategies that can increase housing capacity, both through existing housing and new housing.
- Without adequate housing to place people in, the County cannot end homelessness.

If the County isn't pursuing a ballot measure similar to the City's, what is the County doing about the large number of encampments throughout the County?

- The County is considering a proposed ordinance will identify certain public infrastructure as "critical infrastructure," on which camping will be prohibited.
- Examples of such infrastructure include levees, bridges, drainage systems, government buildings, sidewalks, etc.
- It also will prohibit camping in wildfire fire risk areas as well as within 1000 feet of a homeless shelter.
- In addition, the Board will consider an ordinance that will prohibit all camping within the American River Parkway.
- Both ordinances will be before the Board on Aug. 10, 2022.

From: [Melinda Tucker](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: 9.36.058, 9.36.067 and 9.120
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 10:24:12 AM

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Hi there!

I am reaching out regarding the homeless problems we have experienced in Rio Linda. Specifically with the homeless near and around Rio Linda Junior High School and Rio Linda Senior High School.

There is no bus for my son to take home from the High School. The School says we live close enough for him to walk. Guess what he is expected to walk past each and every day. All of the homeless that have made a random piece of property their home. Using the bathroom right outside, "showering" and all of the other "Activity" that happens at a person's home. I think it is ridiculous that a high school was forced to build a fence to keep the homeless out before the county could snake them leave.

I have also had experience with homeless parked on my street. one would show up and then a day later there were 6. It is a problem that brings fire hazards, theft and all around bring the value of our homes down. What can we do to get a hold on this issue.

My e mail is in reference to the following codes:

Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067

Ordinance Amending Chapter Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area

Thank you for reading my e mail and have a blessed day.

-Melinda

From: [Cathie LaZier](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #2, Wednesday August 10th, 2022 meeting
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2022 11:28:24 AM

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Re Agenda Item #2: Ordinance proposal prohibiting camping

I know that I would not be permitted to camp along the river right now, so not sure why another rule is necessary, but maybe it's just to motivate the County to develop real and lasting living locations for unsheltered homeless people.

I use the American River Parkway several times a week, for walking, birding, and just enjoying the outdoors. My grandchildren are there 3 or 4 days a week with their parents. The small fires, litter, tents, and unclean areas used as toilets are all a serious problem because of the homeless folks living along the river, and occasionally I actually feel unsafe although that's not my biggest concern. The Parkway is a jewel of the Sacramento area and we need to protect it, for the enjoyment of our citizens and also to protect wildlife and the environment. The homeless problem has gone on for far too long, and our City and County governments need to spend the time and money necessary to make a permanent solution to helping the homeless find adequate shelter, with assistance in finding jobs, health care, and whatever else is necessary to give them a dignified, reasonable life.

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 003

From: [jerry hancock](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Comment for meeting date August 10, 2022, Agenda item 2
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 6:52:25 AM

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Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area;

I live in the Natomas area (city) and support this measure.

Brad Juarros

From: [Muriel Strand](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: comments on august 10 agenda items
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 8:48:41 AM
Attachments: [sac county board - comments aug 10 2022.pdf](#)

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dear clerk,

please share these comments with supervisors at your earliest convenience.

thanks, muriel

Muriel Strand, P.E.

Advertising is a private tax.
- Andre Schiffrin

Good science and financial profit are mutually exclusive.
- me

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<https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Muriel-Strand/publications>

August 8, 2022

To: Sacramento County Board of Supervisors

From: Muriel Strand, P.E.

Re: August 10 agenda item # 2

Have staff inventoried the land that would be available for permanent shelters, net of the proposed restrictions due to critical infrastructure, etc., and compared it to the estimated number of unpermitted campers, and to the number of homeless people countywide? Restrictions that fail to allow permanent space for all unhoused are not rational.

Re: August 10 agenda item #3

The ordinance as described in the staff report is incomplete. It **should include provisions guaranteeing to homeless people the basics of survival - water, food, sanitation, reliable protection from the elements, and enough sleep.** Few if any of us can participate in work or citizenship without reliable access to these needs. An ordinance with requirements only for the homeless and not for the county does not inspire confidence in the county's actual intentions. Thus, without such legally enforceable provisions, the ordinance itself is incomplete, and without such provisions, local governments will continue to waste public money playing whack-a-mole.

I've been attending weekly zoom meetings of some advocates for the homeless since late spring 2021. I've written a few articles for Homeward, the newspaper of the Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee. I've heard more than a few references to situations where local government staff said they would do such and such for specific homeless people in return for the latter's cooperation, but then staff flaked. Maybe it was quitting time. Many homeless people do not trust the government.

This will not do. If a county representative makes a promise, they must keep it.

More recently, I was fortunate enough to attend the fact-finding meeting, organized by Barbara Leary of the Sierra Club, where advocates for the American River Parkway and advocates for the homeless described their history, needs, and concerns. (The Dry Creek Parkway was not on that agenda.)

So it's clear that homeless people and the parkway both need more protection. I was also fortunate in having a long conversation after that Sierra Club meeting with Betsy Weiland of Save the American River Association. She described getting acquainted with some of the unpermitted campers on the parkway, which is more than I can say for myself. (When I feel called to be in nature, I rarely get further than my garden.) **We need many more conversations, acquaintances, and relationships between sheltered and unsheltered Sacramentans.** One cannot accurately assess someone's intelligence and character without seeing how they interact with others over time.

Considering the ecological damage along the parkway, which has apparently been getting worse, I can't help noticing that our whole society is itself responsible for massive amounts of ecological degradation in many places. **So unpermitted campers are not the only people that the natural world needs protection from.** Most sheltered people's yards look nothing like the natural ecology typical of the parkway, and our trash is conveniently disappeared into landfills. Fortunately, the ordinance's adherence to the Lehr settlement agreement should reduce the amount of 'trash' which unpermitted campers may leave behind in the parkway or on sidewalks.

There are various ways of providing water and food to homeless people. Some of them generate lots of trash such as single-use plastic water bottles and prepared food packaging. **If the county is concerned about reducing trash, dietary needs can be met with re-usable dishes and utensils.** Practices that are the cheapest financially are often more costly in social and environmental ways.

While fires started by unpermitted campers have clearly caused some substantial damage, it's also true that official well-intentioned mismanagement over decades has contributed greatly to the severity of wilderness wildfires in recent years. **As in the case of Native Americans, another common observation during meetings of homeless advocates is that homeless people are not listened to by various authorities.**

Once people's physical needs are met, their metaphysical needs are next on the agenda. Autonomy is one of those needs. Now obviously none of us is omnipotent. But robust research has documented the negative health effects of lack of equitable choice about what we do and when. In fact, I believe **it's not just homeless people, but a majority of Americans, especially essential workers, who are suffering from an autonomy deficit.**

Discussion of crimes ascribed to, or inflicted on, unpermitted campers in the parkways is meaningless without the context of crime descriptions and crime rates in the county as a whole.

Damage to infrastructure within the parkways is not actually ecological damage, but rather damage to human artifacts and constructions. Such construction projects are rarely permitted by nonhuman authorities. Legal systems have begun to recognize the "rights of nature," but we have a long way to go.

Prescribing misdemeanor penalties seems useless. The unpermitted campers are there because of many factors, few if any of which are under their control. Similarly, a number of these factors are not under the control of supervisors either. This problem is nationwide, and key causes include the closure of state mental facilities several decades ago, the export and/or automation of hundreds of thousands of living wage jobs, the replacement of AFDC by TANF, the removal of redevelopment funding, as well as widespread failure to ensure sufficient affordable housing and to protect existing affordable housing from vulture investors who jack up rents and skimp or ignore maintenance.

Locally, I gather a requirement was deleted some years ago that required developers to actually build measurable proportions of affordable housing. All of these many trends are now colliding, resulting in the current train wreck in many communities. **In addition to again requiring actual construction of affordable housing that matches the population needing housing, supervisors should regulate all distant absentee owners of all affordable housing, so as to prevent and reverse predatory real estate market operations.** Finding permanent solutions for housing for the poor will be even more important when climate refugees start showing up here in a few years.

There is no shortage of videos online discussing the problem of affordable housing. **A recent Congressional hearing** on the topic struck me as particularly informative:

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?522121-1/evicted-author-testify-housing-market>

A recent panel at the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco described various SF Bay Area projects for reducing homelessness. **Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez shared some amazing numbers; they found that county annual expenses per homeless person were around \$60,000, and for a formerly homeless person was about \$40,000. But the cost of preventing a family from becoming homeless was only \$5000!**

<https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/archive/video/lets-talk-solutions-future-bay-area-housing>

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

From: [John McCormack](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: County Anti-Camping Ordinances
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 10:11:46 AM

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We oppose the two county anti-camping ordinances to be considered at the BOS meeting on August 10th. These ordinances will do nothing to end regional homelessness but will increase problems and instability for unhoused persons seeking services and for businesses. What is needed is a **regional, comprehensive, coordinated plan to end homelessness** which provides temporary shelter for all, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing and affordable rental housing for all of Sacramento County's residents, including wrap-around supportive services where needed. Nothing short of this will end this scourge.

John McCormack
Sacramento

From: admin_dc3history.org
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Subject: Hearing Matters #2 at 2pm on August 10
Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 8:12:45 PM

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Hearing Matters #2 at 2pm on August 10

You should increase the distance to 100ft, like they do for distance for protesters at abortion clinics and,
In addition to the public spaces, you should add homes and apartments.
The homeless should not be next to houses and apartments.

Thank you
Cynthia Campbell

From: [John Todd](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Supervisor Serna](#); [Kennedy. Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost. Supervisor](#); [Nottoli. Don](#)
Subject: Homeless on the Dry Creek Parkway
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 9:28:03 AM

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8 August 2022

Supervisor Sue Frost, et al.

As a member of the Rio Linda Elverta community, I am reaching out to express my support for August 10, 2022 agenda items #2 and #3, which in short, will make camping on the Dry Creek Parkway illegal and will allow Sacramento County to remove homeless camps that are currently there.

As you well know, Rio Linda and Elverta are unreasonably impacted by the homeless assault on our communities. This community has no resources to offer the homeless. We are not a wealthy community. We are short on jobs and resources for the people who already live here. Yet, the homeless continue to come here in droves, many of who are not even from the Sacramento area, because we offer wide open spaces and our law enforcement presence is minimal. They come to our small town to set up camp because they are able to hide out to do things they shouldn't be doing.

In the process, they camp along the banks of Dry Creek, in the Dry Creek Parkway, and on Cherry Island where they use the creek not only for bathing and for a water supply, but for defecation and urination.

Obviously, this prevents our community from taking advantage of Dry Creek. The swimming holes that have been used for over a century have been overtaken by homeless encampments preventing our kids from cooling off in the summer. The Fall run of Chinook Salmon is now nearly nonexistent, and the various local organizations that perform creek clean-ups have all stopped, because of the human feces and the hypodermic needles that line the shores and endanger their health.

Item #3 is of particular importance, creating an ordinance banning "containers with flammable or combustible liquids and generators powered by gas or propane". Nearly every year a wildfire ignites in the "Ground Zero" area of the parkway; a highly populated area of homeless that abuts the Elkhorn Manor neighborhood. This wildfire threatens the nearly 70 homes in Elkhorn Manor and the Rio Linda Plaza shopping center and drives up insurance costs for the residents there.

The community of Rio Linda/Elverta is not indifferent to the plight of the homeless. There are organizations here that help feed and clothe the homeless. Indeed, many of us who live in the community are just one paycheck away from homelessness. Their issues are not lost on us. However, Rio Linda/Elverta doesn't have the means to support the homeless in this community, and we definitely do not have the means to clean up or resolve the issues caused by the homeless in this community. Those resources must come from Sacramento County.

In closing, we urge you, please vote in favor of passing items #2 and #3 on Wednesday's

agenda, and passing those ordinances which would limit the impact of the homeless on the Dry Creek Parkway.

Kind regards,

John Todd

ViAnn Todd

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ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 008

From: [Tonya Haddix](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#); [Kennedy. Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost. Supervisor](#); [Nottoli. Don](#)
Subject: Regarding Issues #2 & #3 on Wednesday 8/10/2022 meeting Agenda
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 8:59:17 AM

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Good morning,

My name is Tonya Haddix, I am a lifetime resident of Rio Linda & a very concerned citizen as to the effect the homeless encampments are having on the American River & Dry Creek parkways.

Regarding Issues #2 & #3 on Wednesday 8/10/2022 meeting Agenda. I ask that you please vote to support these ordinance amendments as this will make our community safer & give some much needed say so back to the local law enforcement agencies. Thank you for your time and attention!

Sincerely,
Tonya Haddix
Concerned Rio Linda resident

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 009

From: [Michael Christensen](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Written Comment - 8/10/22 Agenda Items 2 and 3
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 8:52:07 AM

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I'm writing to express my support for both of the ordinances being proposed that would allow the County to enforce prohibitions against camping and lighting fires on the parkway. The parkway is being destroyed by the homeless and it's time for the County to do something about it. I will pay my share in taxes to support the defense of any lawsuits that are brought against the County for passing these ordinances. We cannot sit idly by while the homeless destroy the parkway and our community. Please do not let these homeless advocates convince you that it's cruel to enforce the law. It's time to bring some accountability to these people. Enough is enough!!

Mike Christensen
1955 Wingfield Way
Carmichael 95608

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 010

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I was not available to sign the attached document in time for its submission.

Via this email, I am adding my name in support.

Be well and safe.

Sincerely,

Betsy Weiland

On Wednesday, 27 July 2022 at 16:26:54 GMT-8, David Ingram <david@tennantingram.com> wrote:

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July 27, 2022

Re: Agenda Item #77, Sacramento County BOS Meeting, June 14, 2022

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While we have received governmental assistance with the “transport” of some of the mountains of trash we have removed from the waterways and adjacent banks, we desperately need more support to ensure that our hard work is not in vain, particularly with our waterways and adjacent habitats. The numerous creeks of Sacramento and our two rivers are in danger of becoming hazardous waste dumps, if they are not already. They are also being burned down at a historical rate. This is unsustainable and unacceptable. We need ordinances prohibiting camping within a reasonable distance from waterways (suggest 150 feet), and we need these ordinances to be enforced along with existing laws outlawing littering, illegal dumping and dangerous fire building.

Our hard work demands your support. We are asking that you help create programs and laws that eliminate illegal dumping, illegal camping, and dangerous fires in order to support and sustain our environment and riparian habitats. Encampments lining our waterways are creating long-term damage to our ecosystem, and are poisoning the land and water. Toxic and pathogenic wastes are being discharged into our soil, creeks and rivers daily. Further, textiles and other materials are left in the waterways and/or wash in during high flows, armor the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water needed to support aquatic life.

Equally distressing, in many areas, encampments frequently reappear immediately after our volunteers have completed exhausting cleanups. This has most recently occurred in two sections of Arcade Creek, along Steelhead Creek and in the American River Parkway. These are areas we spent months and thousands of volunteer hours cleaning. How long will volunteers continue these grueling efforts when their achievements are almost immediately lost?

Prohibiting camping closer than 150 feet from our waterways, enforcing anti-dumping laws and outlawing dangerous fires would be a significant first step towards protecting our precious creeks and rivers from further damage.

Can we agree that allowing people to camp along our waterways is an ecological travesty from which wildlife habitats may never recover? Can we count on you to enforce existing laws that stop illegal dumping and dangerous fires and to enact new ordinances that will protect our waterways and our environment?

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Textiles Removed by SPIU Volunteers from the American River Under Highway 160 (2022)



Typical Encampment Conditions Encountered During SPIU Waterway Cleanups









New Encampment with Solid Waste Spilling Into Arcade Creek (Photo 7/26/22)



SPIU Volunteers Spent Hundreds of Hours Cleaning this Creek Section Earlier This Year

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 013

From: [Fluker, Jasmine](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 2:41:33 PM
Attachments: [Public Comment - Loaves and Fishes.pdf](#)

Hello,

Here is a public comment that I received in person. They provided a copy for each supervisor which was distributed.

Thanks,

Jasmine L. Fluker

Office Assistant Lv II

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August 2, 2022

Dear Chairman Nottoli and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

We have witnessed lately the Board's desire to bring forward various ordinances that restrict people experiencing homelessness from camping in certain areas. Specifically, the workshop on June 14th, 2022, Item 77, "Discuss Framework for A Proposed Ordinance Prohibiting Camping and Encampments on Certain Public Property Locations and Provide Input Regarding Same." This workshop, which started as being centered around critical infrastructure, evolved into a request by board members that staff includes language that prohibits camping on the American River Parkway or brings back a separate ordinance for the parkway.

We believe that the creation of such ordinances creates legal, ethical, and moral problems for our community.

Legally, as we are all aware, in *Martin vs. Boise*, the 9th Circuit held that "as long as there is no option of **sleeping indoors**, the government cannot criminalize indigent, homeless people for sleeping outdoors, on public property, on the false premise they had a choice in the matter."

Boise has made its way to the Supreme Court, which has declined to hear it, making it the law of the land in the US Courts 9th Circuit. May we remind you that the court's decision is based on the 8th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which protects us as citizens from cruel and unusual punishment by our government. People live along sidewalks and public spaces like the parkway because they have no choice. Making people move when they have nowhere to go is cruel and unusual.

Ethically and morally, we must believe that all of our citizens, regardless of race or ethnicity, wealth or poverty, housed or unhoused, deserve equal opportunities to exist in our communities. "Managing" a specific group of people by ordinance when they have committed no crime and based solely on the circumstances of their lives is wrong.

We agree with the Board's observation that folks living in public spaces, along roadways, and in river parkways face incredible dangers. Sacramento Steps Forward estimated that between 16,500 and 20,000 people would experience homelessness this year. The PIT count report states that 9,278 folks were experiencing homelessness on the nights of the PIT count survey. We know that in the first 90 days of 2022, **27 people became homeless each day**. We know that the average time a person experienced homelessness before being housed in 2021 was 34 months. According to Sacramento Fire, as many as 2000 people live along the parkway. We know that if you move folks out of public spaces such as the parkway, they will have no choice but to move into the surrounding neighborhoods.

We ask that you abandon any plans to use ordinances, laws, and law enforcement to engage with our unhoused community. Many folks throughout the county and along the parkway have lived in these areas for a long time. The PIT survey recognized that most people became homeless before the

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pandemic. Moving them with no viable alternative will disconnect them from service providers, the only actual safety net they have to rely upon.

Additionally, we are asking you to stand up more Stay Safe communities and prioritize placing folks in areas of concern, such as those around infrastructure and the parkway. Housing these folks is the answer. The tiny home community model offers people safety, privacy, and dignity while receiving the services and support they need to recreate their lives. We support the Stay Safe Community model and hope it will expand to meet the needs of those without indoor shelter throughout our region.

Further, instead of enacting prohibitive ordinances and subscribing to policies that criminalize homelessness, may we suggest that, as a matter of countywide policy, every bit of energy and available money goes toward preventing folks from becoming homeless. We cannot continue to let 27 people a day slip into homelessness and expect ever to get ahead of the situation of homelessness. At this rate, we will need a new Stay Safe community the size of Florin Road every five days to keep up with the demand. You have invested in the Coordinated Access System along with the City of Sacramento and Sacramento Steps Forward. Systems such as this are designed to ensure that whenever possible, homelessness is avoided, or at least it is a brief, one-time occurrence.

Lastly, we ask that the Board of Supervisors lead the way in changing the false narratives that surround people experiencing homelessness. Public perception is that homeless people are mostly mentally ill, drug-addicted criminals destroying the parkway. This perception is one of the biggest obstacles to getting most projects approved that would help those who are homeless. Nimbyism is born out of these hateful lies. The proven lack of housing affordability drives homelessness and is why 16,500 to 20,000 people will experience homelessness this year. Mental illness and substance use disorder exist in epidemic proportions in the housed community. It is no wonder that condition worsens once a person becomes exposed to the horrors of homelessness. Criminal behavior is a symptom of a desperate set of circumstances realized when a person is left to live outside with little resources or hope. Damage to the parkway is occurring because people who have nowhere to live also have nowhere to dispose of their garbage, use the bathroom, or safely cook food and stay warm. Sacramento County Board members' statements, attitudes, and body language behind the dais must restore humanity to this critical conversation.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Smith".

Joseph Smith
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ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 014

From: [Cathy Morrison](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10 BOS meeting Items 2 and 3
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 11:28:04 AM
Attachments: [Morrison 8-8-22.pdf](#)

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Please share attached correspondence with Supervisors.

Thank you,
Cathy Morrison

Catherine S. Morrison
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To: BoardClerk@saccounty.net

**Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Agenda Items 2 and 3**

Dear Supervisors:

I have lived in Sacramento since 1997. In the years that have elapsed, I have grown increasingly concerned about the long-term health and sustainability of our local waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries. I have come to learn that these channels provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats, and foster healthy human recreation.

I am inspired to write as I am a volunteer with **Sacramento Picks It Up (SPIU)**, a local group that has been feverishly attempting to clean and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries, as well as parks and trails, blighted and ignored neighborhood sites, and freeway offramps.

Since March 2021, SPIU has removed over 700,000 pounds of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped debris from our waters and parkways. Every day, toxic and pathogenic wastes are also being discharged into these waters and adjacent soils causing long-term damage. Textiles and other debris accumulate in these areas, armor the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water needed to support aquatic life. Our ecological systems are literally suffocating while toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Tragically, some of these channels have already become solid waste sites, as evidenced by SPIU's recent two-day cleanup that spanned a mere 1100 feet of Arcade Creek near Rio Linda Blvd, or 1.2% of the 16.2 mile creek. During the event, volunteers manually removed over 12,000 pounds of debris from this small section of creek (video: https://youtu.be/KUx_JhrcV68).

Unfortunately, the exhaustive efforts to clean our waterways are frequently negated shortly thereafter by re-occupancy and the rapid re-accumulation of waste, garbage and personal property. This has recently occurred in countless sites along Arcade Creek, Steelhead Creek, and the American River, where SPIU documented thousands of volunteer hours to clean over many weeks and months.

This situation is unsustainable and unacceptable.

I have become disheartened by the failure of our leaders to take necessary action to stem this recurrence and implement appropriate corrective action. Thus, in solidarity with SPIU, I join their request that you immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

- 1) Designate all regional waterways as “critical infrastructure” to include not only our rivers, but also their tributaries, including creeks, sloughs and canals;
- 2) Pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, debris and the storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high water mark of all of our rivers and tributaries;
- 3) Immediately enforce all existing anti-dumping laws within 150 feet of the high water mark of our waterways, including but not limited to, California Fish and Game Code §5652; and
- 4) Advance and fund consistent creek, river and other waterway cleaning and restoration by our regional departments and agencies.

The current contamination of our waters and soils is an inexcusable, ecological travesty. Therefore, I implore you to take immediate action to rectify the damage inflicted by years of neglect and abandonment and ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Please consider the efforts of SPIU, review the documentation provided within this letter, and act with urgency.

Sincerely,

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From: [Melinda Anderson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Agenda Items #2 & #3 BOS Meeting 8/11/22
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 1:38:18 PM

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Supervisor Sue Frost, et al.

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As you well know, Rio Linda and Elverta are unreasonably impacted by the homeless assault on our communities. This community has no resources to offer the homeless. We are not a wealthy community. We are short on jobs and resources for the people who already live here.

Yet, the homeless continue to come here in droves, many of who are not even from the Sacramento area, because we offer wide open spaces and our law enforcement presence is minimal. They come to our small town to set up camp because they are able to hide out to do things they shouldn't be doing.

In the process, they camp along the banks of Dry Creek, in the Dry Creek Parkway, and on Cherry Island where they use the creek not only for bathing and for a water supply, but for defecation and urination.

Obviously, this prevents our community from taking advantage of Dry Creek. The swimming holes that have been used for over a century have been overtaken by homeless encampments preventing our kids from cooling off in the summer. The Fall run of Chinook Salmon is now nearly nonexistent, and the various local organizations that perform creek clean-ups have all stopped, because of the human feces and the hypodermic needles that line the shores and endanger their health.

Item #3 is of particular importance, creating an ordinance banning "containers with flammable or combustible liquids and generators powered by gas or propane". Nearly every year a wildfire ignites in the "Ground Zero" area of the parkway; a highly populated area of homeless that abuts the Elkhorn Manor neighborhood. This wildfire threatens the nearly 70 homes in Elkhorn Manor and the Rio Linda Plaza shopping center and drives up insurance costs for the residents there.

The community of Rio Linda/Elverta is not indifferent to the plight of the homeless. There are organizations here that help feed and clothe the homeless. Indeed, many of us who live in the community are just one paycheck away from homelessness. Their issues are not lost on us.

However, Rio Linda/Elverta doesn't have the means to support the homeless in this community, and we definitely do not have the means to clean up or resolve the issues caused

by the homeless in this community. Those resources must come from Sacramento County.

In closing, we urge you, please vote in favor of passing items #2 and #3 on Wednesday's agenda, and passing those ordinances which would limit the impact of the homeless on the Dry Creek Parkway.

Kind regards,

Melinda Anderson
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Elverta, CA 95626

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 016

From: [Leon Bernard Brown Jr.](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Introduce "Running Track Lounges"
Date: Thursday, August 4, 2022 8:23:29 PM

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I am a homeless disabled veteran retired looking for a location, suitable for homeless hygiene, Rest&Sleep, Desktops.

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 017

From: [Amanda Blackwood](#)
To: [Nottoli, Don](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#)
Cc: [Edwards, Ann](#); [Joshua Wood](#); [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Metro Chamber & Region Business | Letter of concerned support for Items 2 & 3 for Wednesday hearing
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 12:31:04 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[8.8.22 County of Sacramento - Metro Chamber Region Business Letter of Concerned Support.pdf](#)
Importance: High

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Sacramento County Supervisors & County Executive Edwards –

Please let the record show our organizations' attached letter of concerned support for this week's agenda items 2 & 3.

Please feel free to give either Josh or I a call if you'd like to connect. Appreciate your continued leadership and engagement.

In partnership -

Amanda Blackwood
President & CEO

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SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Hon. Don Nottoli, Chair
Hon. Board of Supervisors
801 12th St., 5th floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

On behalf of the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and the Sacramento Region Business Association, we are writing to share our support of your two homeless enforcement items on Wednesday *but with concern*.

We hope you will unanimously pass these measures as the homelessness crisis and the effects of a 67% increase in the homeless population has touched every corner of Sacramento County with devastating consequences for all involved. This human tragedy requires swift action and any progress towards solving it is the right thing to do, especially preserving the vitality of the American River Parkway to ensure it is safe, environmentally protected, and can serve as an economic driver for the future. For this we applaud your willingness to take a critical first step and support these items.

However, as you are aware in the absence of a functional MOU between the City and County of Sacramento to address overall homelessness policy and response, our coalition approached you with a community-sourced comprehensive list of services and shelter capacity metrics that we believe you should adopt to help those most in need and defend against the certain legal challenges to your enforcement efforts as written. As we and our attorneys have communicated to you - we believe this enforcement-only approach is incomplete without defensible clarity on its merits, clear capacity expansion goals and the inclusion of all required wrap around services and funding mechanisms.

We hope that after Wednesday's hearing you will consider the performance-based metrics and goals we have recommended and our community is desperately seeking. We are deeply disappointed that you did not agendize a discussion on our thoughtful proposal as a courtesy but stand steadfast in our commitment to engage and activate our strengths and resources to support solutions.

That said, passing Items 2 & 3 on Wednesday are an important step towards providing safety for Sacramentans. We urge your aye vote for each of these measures on Wednesday, but look forward to engaging with you directly to address the concerns we have communicated.

Sincerely,

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Joshua Wood
Chief Executive Officer
Sacramento Region Business Association

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Amanda Blackwood
President & CEO
Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

From: [Roland](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bell, Liz](#)
Subject: Proposed ordinances
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 1:47:33 PM

Dear Supervisors:

I encourage you to support both the proposals for the proposed ordinances to 1) protect vital infrastructure, and 2) ban camping in the Parkway.

I am of the opinion that the proposal to protect critical infrastructure does not go far enough in that it fails to recognize the importance of our urban waterways for flood control, groundwater recharge, and greenspace. All the creeks in the County are under assault due to illegal dumping and camping. Assigning a “buffer” of 25 feet accomplishes nothing in that distance is a mere 5 paces—insufficient to protect the flood plains where most of the camping occurs.

As for the Parkway, I am the ARPF “Mile Steward” for Steelhead Creek which is a designated waterway for endangered steelhead and Chinook salmon. Over the past 7 years I have personally removed over 20,000 lbs of trash from abandoned homeless camps on the flood plain. In addition, our project last year used draft horses to remove 12,000 of trash from the channel, much of it from homeless camps (I can demonstrate this from detailed records).

Camps are killing the natural habitat in the Parkway and other urban streams. For example:

- 1) Debris in the channel armors the channel bottom, creating an oxygen-deprived “dead zone” in which no essential aquatic invertebrates can live, and spawning fish cannot dig their nests.
- 2) Shopping carts and bicycles accrete debris and aquatic vegetation impeding fish passage and reducing the conveyance volume of flood waters. This increases bank erosion and siltation.
- 3) Removal of limbs from trees and trampling of vegetation and soil at creek-side camps decreases water infiltration, increases soil erosion, compacts soil, reduces the natural seed bank, and encourages growth of weeds over native plants.
- 4) Camps along the stream corridor bring in humans and dogs, creating noise, smells, lights which disrupt the feeding paths of native animals that have no other place to go. (This is exemplified by the presence of coyotes in the neighborhoods.)

For these and other reasons, I support creating a “no camping” buffer zone of 150 ft from the high-water line of all urban creeks and rivers. This is consistent with CDF&W Water Quality law 5256 Section 6 which, at present, the County is egregiously violating.

Of course, essential to either ordinance is providing reasonable accommodations for those displaced. I think establishing a military-style bivouac area with support facilities would be temporally and fiscally more reasonable than continuing to build tiny houses at \$60k apiece, or renting rooms in perpetuity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Roland H. Brady III, PhD

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Roland H. Brady III, PhD, PG
Associates Geological Services



From: [Joshua Wood](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: URGENT! Vote to Kill Homelessness Measure is Tuesday
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2022 6:14:02 PM

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Sacramento Business Community,

If you want to save our City from skyrocketing homelessness, please read this message!

We are headed into some defining days for the City on Sacramento and frankly the region. As you know, homelessness is skyrocketing in Sacramento and destroying our City and region. In response to your concerns, the business community, led by Region Business and Metro Chamber, organized a campaign together with labor unions, civic groups, and passionate citizens to bring a measure to the City this November called the Conway Plan.

The Conway plan was a comprehensive plan developed by the top legal minds in the State that would enable the City to enforce anti-campaign rules, site and build housing, and work towards reducing the total number of homeless by a drastic

amount. It was such an effective comprehensive solution that other City's in California copied it and placed it on their ballots for November. With the Conway Plan polling at 71%, we began building a massive coalition and collecting thousands of signatures to get it on the November ballot.

When we were over half-way finished getting our signatures, the City leadership reach out. They asked for us to work with them to make some small amendments and in exchange they would place our measure on the ballot. This would mean saving the cost of paying to collect signatures, and more importantly, gaining buy-in from the City leaders who we would need to implement the measure effectively. In good faith, we worked with the City...and the Council voted 7-2 to place our measure on the ballot. We won! There was great excitement about the City Approve Conway Plan finally fixing our homeless situation.

However, within 24-hours of us rescinding our official petition (which we had to do per the agreement), the City began saying they were going to pull the City Approved Conway Plan from the ballot. We were shocked and angered! Then they changed their minds. They decided to add provisions to make the measure contingent upon a list of actions by Sacramento County (which they've been asking about for years and KNOW will not likely happen).

We oppose this proposal that the Council will hear on Tuesday to essentially kill the City Approved Conway Plan. The idea of presenting a ballot measure to the voters of Sacramento that would give a false sense of hope and have zero impact is reprehensible. Instead, the City should keep its word and let the voters vote on the City Approved Conway Plan.

The City is Meeting Tuesday at 6:00pm to hear this horrible change. **We ask that you would REPLY to this e-mail if you are willing to call in by Zoom** (your camera doesn't need to be on) **to the Council Meeting. If there was ever a time to inform your employees or sign up your family and friends to save our City, it's now.** If you can get 10 people, get 10 people. If you can get 20 people, get 20. If it's just you, that ok. But we need Sacramentans to stand up for saving Sacramento. We can provide you with talking points to help you make your voice heard.

Sincerely,

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Joshua Wood

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ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 020

From: [Kathleen Stricklin](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Wednesday's mtg.
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 2:08:45 PM

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I wish to speak on Wednesday and want to enter these two photos into the meeting as evidence of why creeks and sloughs should be included in the camping ban ordinance. I also wish to use them for my speaking time allowed. Thank you. Kathy Stricklin 916-747-3390

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 021

From: [Ryan Fowler](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: 8/10 Meeting; Hearing Matters 2 and 3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:43:36 PM

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Dear Supervisors: Let me pledge my complete support to Hearing Matters 2 and 3 in the 8/10 meeting. As members of the community, we must work together with the unhoused, and vice-versa. If our county provides shelter and support for the unhoused, we can no longer make it optional for people to accept the help. This path is the humane and fair way to help these people in need.

One concern among our neighborhood is that moving the unhoused from critical infrastructure will only push them into neighborhoods like ours. Are there items in the Code already that prohibit this. Will you please provide a response to how this issue will be alleviated?

Sincerely,
Ryan Fowler

From: [Steven Kahn](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Rich Desmond](#); info@sarariverwatch.org
Subject: 8/10/22 Board Agenda
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:39:08 PM

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Members of the Board of Supervisors;

I urge you to approve Items #2 and #3 on your August 10, 2022 Agenda relating to prohibiting and removing camp sites from the American River Parkway and other sensitive areas within the County.

I live just a block from the Parkway and am an avid cyclist who utilizes the entire parkway on a weekly basis. I have witnessed firsthand the extraordinary damage that has been done to this sensitive wildlife habitat by illegal camping and the resulting pollution and degradation of public safety. I have participated in the annual Parkway Foundation Clean up event where a handful of volunteers routinely removed over 80 bags of garbage within just a couple of hours near Mile 3. The environmental damage to the parkway and the unique urban wildlife habitat must be stopped. These ordinance amendments are a first step in protecting our Parkway.

I also believe that this is only a bandaid. To truly address the homeless challenge, the Board and Community have a right to know what is the cause and where is the homeless population originating from. It is not logical to me that during the greatest economic boom our state and community has experienced that the level of homelessness has increased at an exponential rate. There are only two logical answers - either due to the lax enforcement of community standards (i.e. regulations and laws) there is a population that is coming from out of the area/state; or the significant release of inmates from State prisons is resulting in the rise in local homeless population. The cause must be addressed otherwise we will continue to only treat symptoms and never solve this problem.

Given the level of crime that occurs within the homeless population it is logical to assume that a great deal of the problem is originating from prison releases. Persons with criminal records that are released with no program to provide housing or employment will end up homeless. This must also end.

I urge you to take the first step to approve the proposed ordinance changes and start to restore the Parkway.

Thank you for your support.
Steven Kahn
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Steven
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From: [Jason Bolton](#)
To: [Rich Desmond](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Action to the American River Parkway Needed!
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 11:11:37 AM

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Dear Mr Desmond,

I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. This support is based on the contingency that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wraparound services for the unhoused – especially for those living on the Parkway – a priority. There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines. While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, we will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Without this element, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem. And shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason Bolton

Jason Bolton
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From: [Melanie Schaffner](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #2 BOS Meeting 8/10/2022 - Ordinance To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:09:12 PM

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Re 8/10 agenda item #2 Ordinance Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area

I am writing today in support of the proposed ordinance that would prohibit encampments on/near certain public property. I am a long time resident of Sacramento County and my and my family's lives have been greatly impacted by the encampment issues. I own a home with my husband and young son near the S. Watt and Elder Creek area of Sacramento County. There is a very large homeless encampment that has developed over the past 2 years directly across the street from our home. We have had ongoing issues with the encampment and our quality of life is greatly suffering. We are unable to enjoy or feel safe at our home, we live in constant worry and fear. My son cannot play in the yard for fears of what might take place due to mounting issues with the encampment. There are constantly physical altercations at the encampment, fights spilling into the street and onto our property. Dogs from the encampment have come onto our property numerous times, threatening the safety of my own animals and family. Our life has been a complete nightmare these last couple years because of the encampment. There is piles of trash, drug needles, human waste and debris at the encampment. The garbage/debris spreads onto the road and blows onto our property and neighboring properties. Wreckage from the encampment such as abandoned boats and trailer have been towed/pushed into the road by the encampment people and has caused several accidents. During one of those accidents, caused by the encampment's boat trailer which was left about a foot in to the road, my husband went to help the person involved in the accident and several individuals from the encampment came over and threatened my husband's life with their dogs and crowbars. There have been multiple huge fires started at the camp, burning down several RVs and surrounding vegetation and threatening to burn the neighboring properties, mine included, as the encampment is surrounded by many acres of dry fields/pastures.

This encampment and others like it pose a great risk to the safety of the surrounding community. We've filed numerous complaints and reports but unfortunately nothing can be done due to all the "red tape" protecting the unhoused individuals & encampments. It seems there is far less concern for the safety and wellbeing of the residents impacted by the unhoused encampments. I'm hopeful this ordinance will the pass and will provide law enforcement the tools necessary to finally resolve encampment issues like the one across the street from my home. If things are allowed to continue as they have been, I fear for the harm that will come to my home and family. We cannot continue to do nothing, the safety of our community is at stake.

Sincerely,

Melanie Schaffner

Sacramento County Resident

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 025

From: [David](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Agenda item #2, Wednesday August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:09:58 PM

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I support this item. For whatever reasons this problem has gotten out of hand.

Sent from my iPad

From: [mel anderson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Agenda items #2 & #3 BOS Meeting 8/11/22
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 4:11:37 PM

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8 August 2022

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community are just one paycheck away from homelessness. Their issues are not lost on us.

However, Rio Linda/Elverta doesn't have the means to support the homeless in this community, and we definitely do not have the means to clean up or resolve the issues caused by the homeless in this community. Those resources must come from Sacramento County.

In closing, we urge you, please vote in favor of passing items #2 and #3 on Wednesday's agenda, and passing those ordinances which would limit the impact of the homeless on the Dry Creek Parkway.

Kind Regards,

George Anderson
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Elverta, Ca 95626
Melman916@yahoo.com

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 027

From: [Geri Bigelow](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:48:17 PM

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Regarding the Board of Supervisors meeting Wednesday August 10,2022 Items number two and three.

Thank you for taking the time to help ensure our American River Parkway becomes safe again for our residents, visitors and the animals and plants that call the River parkway home.

As someone who lives near the parkway and in years past spent a lot of time there I rarely go there now and never alone. Not only safety issue but the environmental and property damage issues should be of grave concern for all the residents of this county.

Thank you for your time,
Geri Bigelow

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 028

From: [Cheryl Cook](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Frost. Supervisor](#)
Subject: Aug 10 Agenda Items
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:51:05 AM
Attachments: [Aug 10 Agenda Dry Cree Parkway.pdf](#)

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Please see attached.

Kind Regards,

Tonia Silva
Treasurer
Rio Linda/Elverta Chamber of Commerce



August 9, 2022

Supervisor Sue Frost, et al.

As the President of the Rio Linda/Elverta Chamber of Commerce, I am reaching out to express support for the August 10, 2022 agenda items #2 and #3, which in short, will make camping on the Dry Creek Parkway illegal and will allow Sacramento County to remove homeless camps that are currently there.

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Obviously, this prevents our community from taking advantage of Dry Creek. The swimming holes that have been used for over a century have been overtaken by homeless encampments preventing our kids from cooling off in the summer. The Fall run of Chinook Salmon is now nearly non-existent, and the various local organizations who do creek clean-ups have all stopped, primarily because of the human feces and the hypodermic needles that line the shores and endanger their health.

The homeless camps along the parkway have negatively impacted the business community as well. Many businesses have had to deal with broken

windows, as well as decreased hours because of the crime that rages when the sun goes down.


Item #3 is of particular importance, creating an ordinance banning “containers with flammable or combustible liquids and generators powered by gas or propane”. Nearly every year we deal with fires in the “Ground Zero” area of the parkway; a highly populated area of homeless which abuts the Elkhorn Manor neighborhood. Fires in this area threaten the nearly 70 homes in Elkhorn Manor and the Rio Linda Plaza shopping center, and drives up insurance costs for the residents there.

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In closing, we urge you, please vote in favor of passing items #2 and #3 on Wednesday’s agenda, and passing those ordinances which would limit the impact of the homeless on the Dry Creek Parkway.

Kind regards,



Wendy Stirnaman
President, Rio Linda/Elverta Chamber of Commerce

Cathy Scharf, Vice President

Tonia Silva, Treasurer

Liliette Freeman, Director

Lee Welch, Director

Gene Moore, Director

Charlea Moore, Director

Cindel Pena, Director

Anthony Silva, Director

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 029

From: [Max Pone](#)
To: [Kennedy, Supervisor](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10 Agenda item 2
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:12:26 PM

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Dear Supervisor Kennedy, I have never written to you before but the items up for a vote tomorrow, August 10 are of utmost importance to me and my friends and neighbors. Please vote to pass the amendments on Agenda Item 2. My understanding is that it will then be prohibited to camp on or near certain public properties in the unincorporated county of Sacramento. The second portion for sections 9.36.058, 9.36.067 and 9.36.083 relate to fires, remaining in parkways between sunset and sunrise, camping in the American River Parkway and Dry Creek Parkway. This means so much to so many of us to see that these areas are safe again and there for ALL the public to enjoy. Please lend your support. My views on homelessness and unhoused will be saved for another time. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Armbruster
1710 9th Avenue
Sacramento 95818

Sent from my iPad

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 030

From: [Cheryl Goble](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10 meeting
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 8:01:10 AM

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I pray you will take on the full responsibility of cleaning up the land around our waterways as is your responsibility--not that of volunteer citizens like "Sacramento Picks It Up." This is unconscionable. I am a long-time Sacramento County resident and taxpayer, and I urge you to do whatever is needed here for the County to do its job. If you need more money/resources, please get them to do this. Don't make citizens take their time and effort to do a dirty job--yes, the County's job. Thank you for hearing my voice.

God bless you! 🙏

From Cheryl Goble in Fair Oaks, CA

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 031

From: [Steve Hullibarger](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10, 2022 Board Meeting Agenda Items #2 and #3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:46:03 PM

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After years of ineffective, expensive and wasteful political posturing around the issue of homeless encampments, these two proposals appear to represent solid, clear-thinking approaches. The American River Parkway should no longer be managed as a homeless magnet. It is well past time to take realistic actions to benefit the people who legally live in, and finance, Sacramento County. These proposals should be adopted, but as just a start to clean up this mess.

Steve Hullibarger
Fair Oaks

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 032

From: [Shawna Reed](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); richsesmond@saccounty.gov; [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#)
Subject: August 10th Agenda Items #2 and #3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:05:18 AM

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Hello,

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In closing, we urge you, please vote in favor of passing items #2 and #3 on Wednesday's

agenda, and passing those ordinances which would limit the impact of the homeless on the Dry Creek Parkway. Homeowners and Tax payers need a win for once and our children, elderly, and neighbors in general need to feel free and safe once again.

Kind regards,
Shawna Reed
Home Owner & RLE resident
[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 033

From: [Corey Brown](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Board of Supervisors August 10th Hearing - Support for Items 2 and 3 related to the American River Parkway and Dry Creek
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:32:57 PM

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Dear Honorable Members of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of Agenda Items #2 and #3 that provide you with additional tools to reduce the risk of fire, flooding, health and safety threats to park visitors, and destruction of the natural, cultural, and recreational resources of the American River Parkway and Dry Creek.

The County has a compelling interest in protecting the American River Parkway from further damage caused by fires and other threats related to illegal camping and other activities that regularly occur in the Parkway. The American River Parkway is a nationally recognized treasure as indicated by its inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. In addition, the State of California has enacted several laws recognizing and calling for the protection of the Parkway's resources.

As an avid Parkway user, I have been shocked by the increasing and extensive damage that fires have caused to the Parkway over the past several years. I have personally seen burnt cooking equipment, food cans, and propane tanks when walking through burn sites.

It will take generations of time to restore the mature riparian forests that have been devastated by fires that are most likely related to illegal camp sites.

Our generation runs the risk of leaving our children and future generations with a severely damaged American River Parkway. The proposed ordinances along with other actions are needed to provide you with the tools you need to ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy a healthy and safe Parkway.

At the same time, I want to encourage you to continue to increase your efforts to provide shelter and housing opportunities and services for those in our County that are suffering from homelessness, with a priority on persons illegally camping in the Parkway. I especially want to commend the County for seeking additional state funding that can be used to provide alternative housing and shelter to reduce illegal camping in our parkways.

In conclusion, we have an urgent need to protect our Parkways natural, cultural, and recreational resources and the health and safety of Parkway visitors. For these reasons, I sincerely urge you to approve agenda items 2 and 3.

Sincerely,

Corey Brown
Cibrownci@icloud.com

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 034

From: [virginia suarez](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Board of Supervisors meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 2 p.m.
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 4:02:31 PM

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I am an owner at University Park and have seen first hand the havoc the homeless have created in our community. I strongly urge the board to adopt the ordinance that will prohibit camping in our once beautiful parkway and other public spaces . The litter, on once pristine Howe Avenue from Fair Oaks to 50, is disheartening. The aggressive panhandlers is frightening and disturbing. As a retired county social worker, I am aware of the resources available to those in need. The homeless MUST avail themselves of resources rather than set up their personal camps at will without regard to the public's health and safety rights. Virginia Suarez

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 035

From: [Leo Winternitz](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Dianna Poggetto](#); [John Costa](#)
Subject: Comment on Agenda Items No's. 2&3 for the Board of Supervisors Meeting on Wednesday, August 10
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:32:13 PM

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Dear Sacramento County Board of Supervisors,

I am a Sacramento County resident of District 3 and fully endorse adoption of agenda item nos. 2 and 3, prohibiting camping and encampments in certain sensitive public property locations including the American River Parkway and the Dry Creek Parkway.

In particular I have grave concerns for what many used to call the jewel of the Sacramento region, the American River Parkway. Fire, garbage, toxic debris, devegetation, soil compaction, water quality deterioration, wildlife habitat degradation and public safety concerns have reduced what was once a haven for wildlife and recreationists to a scary place. While illegal campers were not the sole cause for these injuries, the facts indicate they are a significant cause.

I recognize that illegal homeless campers removed from the Parkway need alternative facilities where they can be housed and provided basic human needs. I recommend that the Board of Supervisors strongly look at Parking Lot A at Cal Expo. The site is adjacent to the Parkway, used for overflow parking, and at a distance from residential and business areas. Yet it provides ready access for construction of facilities for the homeless and for the care they may need. The Board of Directors of Cal Expo would have to agree to this use but I have no doubt that as state representatives they will recognize the critical need and work with Sacramento County to make this happen.

Thank you for allowing me to comment on this important topic.

Sincerely,
Leo Winternitz

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ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 036

From: [Lily Xu](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: E-Comment for 8/10/2022 BOS meeting at 2pm
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:43:52 PM

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For agenda items 2 and 3.

Comment:

My name is Lily and I am a medical student at California Northstate University, Advocacy Co-chair of our Sacramento Street Medicine chapter, and resident of District 1. I strongly OPPOSE BOTH ITEM 2 AND 3 on the 8/10/2022 agenda. Are we supposed to be made to believe that banning homelessness will solve the problem? No. The only solution to homelessness is housing. Bans, fines, criminalization, etc. all contribute to and exacerbate the problem. How, then, in the interim of building more housing, can we address some of the sanitation and environmental concerns that we are facing? We need to work together with other community organizations and offices to improve sanitation in encampments. We must ensure nearby restroom facilities have functional water taps, are stocked with hand hygiene materials (soap, drying materials) and bath tissue, and remain open to people experiencing homelessness 24 hours per day. If toilets or handwashing facilities are not available nearby, assist with providing access to portable latrines with handwashing facilities for encampments of more than 10 people. These facilities should be equipped with hand sanitizer (containing at least 60% alcohol). Insufficient housing places a SIGNIFICANT burden on the community. Ultimately the ONLY solution is to create more housing - be it through construction of affordable housing units or taking action against the institutions who are creating the problem.

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 037

From: [Carol Lambdin](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Encampments in public and along American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:01:58 PM

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This is much needed in Sacramento area streets and our American River Parkway. If you don't enforce and support a area for them to go the law will be ineffective. Camping on our public streets and being allowed to strew garbage, trash, tents and human waste is not good for the surrounding environment or health of the homeless.

I encourage you to set up a mandatory place with bathrooms, security, and regular trash removal.

Thank you

Carol Lambdin

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 038

From: [Susan Lockington](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Fw: Ordinance RE: Illegal Camping
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:46:18 AM

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----- Forwarded Message Sent to Eric Guerra, District 6 -----

From: Susan Lockington <suelockington@yahoo.com>
To: eguerra@cityofsacramento.org <eguerra@cityofsacramento.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 09:43:40 AM PDT
Subject: Ordinance RE: Illegal Camping

Dear Sir,

I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. This support is based on the contingency that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wraparound services for the unhoused – especially for those living on the Parkway – a priority.

I am an avid runner and cyclist, and greatly appreciate the beautiful Parkway trail that we need to preserve. I see first hand that there are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines.

While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, we will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Without this element, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem. And shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Susan Lockington, Campus Commons resident

From: [Heike Sharp](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Hearing August 10, 2022. Item #2 and Item #3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:15:05 PM

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Dear Sirs,

as a long time County Park Passholder, I am happy to see that someone is finally stepping up to protect our parks & river parkway. I no longer walk my dog on the trails because of the danger of aggressive stray dogs. Also, as a woman walking along the river alone, I have accidentally fallen on "camps" that made me feel threatened. The homeless camps are destroying the eco-system, and contaminating both the parkways and the river with trash, poop, and drug paraphernalia. I am sad to say that I have not swam in the river for years, I don't even let my dog in the water any more. These beautiful nature areas used to be a respite for families, and now they are dirty, unhygienic, and unsafe.

Thank you for finally putting these ordinances on the agenda for consideration. It is the first step towards protecting these natural gifts and making our community safe again.

Regards,
Heike Boehnke-Sharp

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From: [Stephanie Wilson](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: Homeless ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:31:00 AM

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Supervisor Serna,

I live in your district and I wanted to voice my opposition to the critical infrastructure ordinance and parkway ordinance that are up for a vote tomorrow.

I work with unhoused community members at a community mental health clinic and I live in a part of Sacramento County where there are a lot of unhoused folks. I run almost every day along the American River Parkway. I have never had a negative experience with an unhoused person out on the parkway. I have been harassed many times by people (who I assume were housed) while I'm running around the city.

I know that a housed woman was murdered along the parkway and that many unhoused folks are assaulted and even killed along the parkway. Violence is a common problem in every community though and I wonder if the rate of violence is any different than that of the surrounding communities, given that thousands of people are using the parkway every day.

The fires along the river are devastating and I have personally called 911 to have a fire put out that was near an encampment. Why aren't we empowering the people in those encampments to put out their own fires- distribute fire extinguishers, develop relationships and direct communication lines with the local fire department so the fires can get reported as soon as possible? I would also like to contest the idea that all the fires along the parkway are caused by the unhoused... I imagine many of them are caused by other users of the parkway but the unhoused get blamed for it.

I also know from experience that this strategy just won't work. I worked at a city park in San Jose for years and every time the city would do a sweep, within the same day the tents and residents were back. It will just make it harder for these folks to get permanent housing because now they'll have a misdemeanor on their record (or they may be on probation or parole and so they're going back to jail/prison), not to mention the financial, physical, and emotional toll it takes to endure a sweep.

I hope you will vote to oppose these ordinances tomorrow.

Stephanie Wilson

From: [Carol Gage](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Homeless ordinances - SUPPORT
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:03:25 PM

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Supervisor Desmond:

This two-part effort to both **both** prohibit camping near certain critical public properties in the county **and** deal with camping/encampments along the American River Parkway are crucial and long-overdue. We've been homeowners in your district since 1978 and are simply *horrified* at what's been happening to the county in general as a result of homelessness. *But the human degradation and despair on display specifically along the Parkway just makes our hearts hurt.*

It's time for the Board to take a stand on homelessness, Supervisor Desmond, and help save our community. These two proposals just might be where the rubber meets the road for Sacramento County.

Frankly, for the Board to continue to do nothing meaningful about homelessness at this stage of the game, after so many years of inaction and waffling, would be, in our opinion, political malfeasance. It's time for both the city and the county to both step up!

Thank you.

Carol and Bill Gage
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Sacramento, CA 95825
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From: [Kristi Anderson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Rich Desmond](#)
Subject: Homeless ordinances- SUPPORT
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:24:09 PM

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Dear Board Clerk,

We are writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. This support is based on the contingency that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wrap-around services for the unhoused – especially for those living on the Parkway – a priority.

There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines.

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Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

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From: [Tim Castleman](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [John Hiber](#); [Cindy Caulk](#); [Keith Coolidge](#); [Michael Smith](#); [Jose Bodipo-Memba](#); [Dennis Greenbaum](#); [Val Vento-Johnson](#); [Susan Fossum](#); [dhall.wickland](#); [Patty Selsky](#); [Mark Krausse](#); [Tony Park](#); [John Wiley](#); [Noah Lane](#); [Stan Phillippe](#); [Bill Hambrick](#); [Dianna Poggetto](#); [Anna Ballard](#); [Scott Wolcott](#); [Alexis Fitzpatrick](#); [Ken Whittall-Scherfee](#); [John Lisle](#); [Leo Winternitz](#)
Subject: Illegal camping ordinance comments
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 11:01:30 AM

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Regarding the proposed new ordinance amendment I have two concerns and a comment.

1. Much of the behaviour is already illegal
2. Camping in areas not included in the new amendment will become legal

Comment:

As a recovered alcoholic with over 30 years since my last drink I hope you will agree my experience is valuable to the conversation. I was once arrested for public intoxication at one of the places now infested with addicts and alcoholics. I have learned that recovery is NOT dependent on "wrap around services" such as Housing First and Social Welfare services. In fact these well meaning efforts actually delay recovery and inflict greater harm on those they are intended to help! I hold that an honest look at the data proves this but it may take the professional class some time to give up their addiction to grants and government funding. In the near term I urge the council to stop paying to exacerbate this public health crisis and start enforcing the laws already in place. I don't believe it is legal to inject illegal drugs in public, defecate on the sidewalk, steal shopping carts, leave piles of trash, start fires and a myriad of other destructive behaviours.

Ask yourselves why wealthy communities don't have the severity of these problems. I suggest that it is because there is a lot less tolerance of illegal behaviour so vagrants flee to areas where they will be given sandwiches and blankets instead of arrest and confinement.

Please don't misunderstand my comments as cruel and unsympathetic. My sentiment is quite the opposite as I firmly believe that soft white gloves only prolong the misery for these unfortunates and they should be compelled to accept secure shelter, health care, vocational training and an opportunity to rejoin society. They will not do this if they have the current level of choice!

Funding needs to be directed to secure institutions where the aforementioned opportunities may be provided. In short, stop trying to help people that are not willing to accept it. Lock them up where they do not create a public nuisance with destructive activities that are already illegal. Focus our resources on funding institutions where they will have a real chance of escaping the hell of addiction.

Thank you for carefully considering my comments,
Tim Castleman

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 044

From: [msbncali](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Issues #2 and #3 - Meeting Agenda 8-10-22
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 4:04:40 PM
Attachments: [RL & ELV Comm Meeting.pdf](#)

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Regarding issues #2 and #3, meeting agenda Wednesday 8/10/2022, please see attached letter.

Thank you,
Barbara

August 8, 2022

Supervisor Sue Frost, et al.
700 H St. Suite 2450
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Sue,

As a member of the Rio Linda Elverta community, I am reaching out to express my support for August 10, 2022 agenda items #2 and #3, which in short, will make camping on the Dry Creek Parkway illegal and will allow Sacramento County to remove homeless camps that are currently there.

As you well know, Rio Linda and Elverta are unreasonably impacted by the homeless assault on our communities. This community has no resources to offer the homeless. We are not a wealthy community. We are short on jobs and resources for the people who already live here.

The homeless continue to come here in droves, many of who are not even from the Sacramento area. Because we have open spaces and our law enforcement presence is minimal, they come to our small town to set up camp because they are able to hide out and do things they shouldn't be doing.

Even worse, they camp along the banks of Dry Creek, in the Dry Creek Parkway, and on Cherry Island where they use the creek not only for bathing and for a water supply, but for defecation and urination.

Obviously, this prevents our community from taking advantage of Dry Creek. The swimming holes that have been used for over a century have been overtaken by homeless encampments preventing our kids from cooling off in the summer. The Fall run of Chinook Salmon is now nearly nonexistent, and the various local organizations that perform creek clean-ups have all stopped, because of the human feces and the hypodermic needles that line the shores and endanger their health.

Item #3 is of particular importance, creating an ordinance banning "containers with flammable or combustible liquids and generators powered by gas or propane". Nearly every year a wildfire ignites in the "Ground Zero" area of the parkway; a highly populated area of homeless that abuts the Elkhorn Manor neighborhood. This wildfire threatens the nearly 70 homes in Elkhorn Manor and the Rio Linda Plaza shopping center and drives up insurance costs for the residents there.

Rio Linda/Elverta doesn't have the means to support the homeless in this community, and we definitely do not have the means to clean up or resolve the issues caused by the homeless in this community. Those resources must come from Sacramento County.

In closing, we urge you, please vote in favor of passing items #2 and #3 on Wednesday's agenda, and passing those ordinances which would limit the impact of the homeless on the Dry Creek Parkway.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barbara Cable', with a stylized, cursive script.

Barbara Cable
Elverta Resident

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 045

From: [Coleman Dupre](#)
To: [Rich Desmond](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:06:18 AM

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Dear Supervisor Desmond,

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While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, we will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Without this element, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem. And shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Sincerely,

Coleman Dupre
District 3 resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: [shelly Lambdin](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:29:21 PM

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing regarding homeless encampments around Sacramento County. As everyone knows and sees homelessness is a huge and difficult issue and is getting worse by the day. This cannot continue as it is currently.

I am of the opinion that the majority of homeless people are in that position because of poor choices, drug addiction and mental illness. Very few are homeless just because of unfavorable luck. As a society we must come up with better solutions. As a property tax payer and income tax payer it is very upsetting to see these people all over town on the sidewalks, under bridges and overpasses, open spaces and the river ways with no account. It is also a health and public safety issue as many of these people are also criminals not to mention filthy. The garbage and human waste they leave wherever they are is abominable.

I am sick of seeing it every where I go in town. We must come up with solutions. It is unconscionable that a country and state as wealthy as the USA and California has not been more proactive on this issue. Please address this issue and find solutions whether it be institutions, jail or designated places.

Concerned citizen, sincerely
S.Bell

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 047

From: [Kevin Lange](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Meeting 8/10/22
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:09:43 PM

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Hello

I want to see these two items pass at the meeting on 8/10/22

[2:00 PM -- Introduce An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area; Waive Full Reading; And Continue To August 23, 2022 For Adoption \(Homeless Initiative\)](#)

Supervisory District(s): All
Impact Area(s): Countywide

3. [2:00 PM -- Introduce An Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway; Waive Full Reading And Continue To August 23, 2022 For Adoption \(Regional Parks\)](#)

Supervisory District(s): All
Impact Area(s): Countywide

thank you

Kevin Lange

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 048

From: [Barbara McKnight](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Meeting 8/10/22
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:34:23 PM

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Good Day

Both Item agenda 2 & 3 must be passed. I too have cleaned up the Parkway, and I had this problem nearly 20 years ago when we lived on Park Road. The homeless set up encampments right across the street from my home making it unsafe to use the trails. I also suggest that the families of these people be located and forced, through fines, fees, or loss of tax refunds to take care of their own relatives by housing them in the family home, or in an institution or other housing at the family's expense. It is a shame that I will no longer use the Parkway, I have been menaced and accosted on more than one occasion, and now I have to give up a favorite pastime because these homeless people have not been removed permanently which is the county's responsibility.

Barbara McKnight
916-342-6365

From: [Steve Dupre](#)
To: [Rich Desmond](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: New Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:39:59 AM

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Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Sincerely,

Steve Dupre

From: [SHOC](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Edwards, Ann](#); [Bob Erlenbusch](#)
Subject: Opposition to Homeless Ordinances on 8/10/2022 agenda - sign on letter
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:30:13 PM
Attachments: [SSNSC 8-10-22 BOS sign on ltr.docx](#)

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SERVICES **NOT SWEEPS COALITION**

August 9, 2022

TO: Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
Ann Edwards, County Executive

FROM: Sacramento Services Not Sweeps Coalition

RE: Opposition to Homeless Ordinances on 8/10/2022 agenda

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We agree the homeless crisis in our community is both an environmental and humanitarian crisis, neither of which will be “solved” by these two ordinances. Instead the ordinances essentially criminalize our unhoused neighbors, a policy that has been proven to be counter-productive, both by HUD and USICH [U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness].

The reality is that homelessness has doubled in the past three years, with over 70%, or more than 10,000 people annually living outside due to lack of shelter and affordable housing. Sadly, the Board of Supervisors has refused to address real solutions such as making building more affordable and permanent supportive housing a priority. According to the Sacramento Steps Forward Public Dashboard, in the first 90 days of 2022, 2,427 people entered the homeless system, or 27 people a day.

It is wrong and unjust to consider this an environmental justice issue versus a housing justice or homeless civil rights issue. For decades homeless advocates have advocated for sanitation, routine garbage pickup as well as fire safety instruction for the encampments. You ignored our pleas for these immediate environmental justice solutions for the American River Parkway until the pandemic and then only provided an inadequate response of 40 port-a-potties for an estimated 2,000 or more people experiencing homelessness on the Parkway.

Of course, all this would be moot if the County invested in comprehensive solutions including

prevention, diversion and affordable housing with services.

SSNSC oppose these two proposed ordinances for the following reasons:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->▪ <!--[endif]-->The County will include an overly broad definition of “critical infrastructure,” making it nearly impossible for our unhoused neighbors to know where they can camp, if anywhere in the County, without fear of being cited. Of course, we share concerns about potential damage to our levees, or potential impacts from camping in front of a fire station or electrical grid. However, we oppose defining critical infrastructure so broadly as to include just about any County government building, including libraries and community centers, for example;

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Signed,

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August 9, 2022

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From: [Steve Schweigerdt](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellus, Liz](#)
Subject: Parkway Enforcement Ordinances Agenda items 2 and 3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:05:52 PM

Dear Supervisors, I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. Homeless individuals are occupying critical infrastructure – Park land itself – which is necessary for the health and well being of existing Sacramento County residents and displacing them from the Parkways. Please pass this ordinance.

I agree you need to provide a place for the homeless individuals to move to. This should be done as simply and quickly as possible.

1. Identify public land or purchase vacant properties (for future housing development) that are suitable for a Safe Ground location – they are all over the place!!!!
2. Provide 10x20 plots for homeless campers to set up in a defined space that is to be kept orderly and managed by the campers themselves. Provide basic sanitation with portapotties.
3. Enforce the ordinances to prevent camping anywhere else.

The current situation is the worst of all possibilities and Sacramento is becoming a larger and larger magnet for homeless to come and live however they want. Just see what Elk Grove passed last week.

The Parkway Foundation and Sacramento Picks it Up are doing a wonderful job – please honor their work and put these basic tools in place to help us all benefit from our Parkways. Please also include their suggestions:

- 1) Designate all regional waterways as “critical infrastructure” to include not only our rivers, but also their tributaries, including creeks, sloughs and canals.
- 2) Pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, debris and the storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high water mark of all of our rivers and tributaries;
- 3) Immediately enforce all existing anti-dumping laws within 150 feet of the high water mark of our waterways, including but not limited to, California Fish and Game Code §5652; and
- 4) Advance and fund consistent creek, river and other waterway cleaning and restoration by our regional departments and agencies.

The current contamination of our waters and soils is an inexcusable, ecological travesty. Therefore, I implore you to take immediate action to rectify the damage inflicted by years of neglect and abandonment and ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Sincerely and Urgently,

Steve Schweigerdt

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ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 052

From: [Lisa Dupre](#)
To: [Rich Desmond](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Please Protect the American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:59:20 AM

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Dear Supervisor Desmond,

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Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Sincerely,

Lisa Dupre
District 3 resident for 23 years

From: [Dave](#)
To: [Rich Desmond](#); [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment - August 10th Meeting Hearing Matters 2 &3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:24:27 PM

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Thank you for consideration of my thoughts and for including this in the public record of the meeting for August 10th.

I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines.

In addition we are losing a jewel of Sacramento County - the parkway is becoming unsafe and more of an eyesore than a jewel. When I kayak down the river now it is very common to encounter multiple campsites and all the trash and danger they entail.

Sincerely,
David Witte

From: [Marissa Boyd](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public comment for 8-10-22
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:36:48 PM

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Regarding:

ITEM: #2 Introduce An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area

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My comment is as follows:

Our politicians have done very little to serve our unhoused population, and to prevent the unhoused population from growing during this pandemic with meaningful systemic change and services, such as longer rent moratoriums. These amendments that are being proposed are barely distinct from the Ugly Laws that were mercifully done away with on a national level in 1974 but continue to echo in sentiment through our current city codes. It is painful to watch people in our community be driven to living in tents on the streets because our City is not providing what we need. We ask for housing and we get a handful of tiny homes and an expired contract for some soiled hotel rooms. We ask for cooling centers in the summer and warming centers in the winter and we get four or five that don't have the capacity or the supplies for the people we are trying to keep alive. We ask for real mental health care and instead we get cops called on our unhoused neighbors, often resulting in our neighbors being brutalized, traumatized, arrested for existing, and treated worse than animals. How do you say you want to remove the people from the street and clean up their tents when you give them no alternatives? You leave them with less than nothing. You have no empathy and no sense of justice as you let human beings starve, get heat stroke, pass away from dehydration, or freeze to death. You do not have the housing and services that are necessary for the number of unhoused people we have but you don't want to have to look at them and their tents every day. You don't want to feel bad about what a terrible job you have done so you want to sweep human beings under the rug and forget them. Your neglect of these people and your readiness to call the cops and viciously punish people in our community for trying to survive in this nearly unsurvivable climate has been evident in everything you do. Blood is on your hands.

From: [John Todd](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Frost, Sue](#)
Subject: Rio Linda Elverta Neighborhood Association
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:35:14 AM
Attachments: [image.png](#)



9 August 2022

Supervisor Sue Frost, et al.

As a member of the Rio Linda Elverta community, I am reaching out to express my support for August 10, 2022 agenda items #2 and #3, which in short, will make camping on the Dry Creek Parkway illegal and will allow Sacramento County to remove homeless camps that are currently there.

As you well know, Rio Linda and Elverta are unreasonably impacted by the homeless assault on our communities. This community has no resources to offer the homeless. We are not a wealthy community. We are short on jobs and resources for the people who already live here.

Yet, the homeless continue to come here in droves, many of who are not even from the Sacramento area, because we offer wide open spaces and our law enforcement presence is minimal. They come to our small town to set up camp because they are able to hide out to do things they shouldn't be doing.

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The community of Rio Linda/Elverta is not indifferent to the plight of the homeless. There are organizations here that help feed and clothe the homeless. Indeed, many of us who live in the community are just one paycheck away from homelessness. Their issues are not lost on us.

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Kind regards,

[Stacey Bastian](#), Chair

[John Todd](#), Co-Chair

Rio Linda Elverta Neighborhood Association

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 056

From: [Erin Nasca](#)
To: [Nottoli, Don](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sac County Parkway Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:20:35 AM

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My family - children and dogs - frequent the Parkway and have seen used needles, fires, aggressive dogs, and countless piles of trash located on the parkway and in the water. We have participated in clean-ups and feel it is a never-ending cycle and destruction to a beautiful resource that we live along. I feel for the homeless, but would like my family to feel safe visiting the Parkway and not have to worry about being accosted or coming into contact with used needles and endless trash.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,
Erin Nasca
Resident in the College Green East Townhomes along the American River at Larchmont Park

From: [Heather Ward](#)
To: [Nottoli, Don](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sac County Parkway Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 11:06:47 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

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Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

HEATHER WARD
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ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 058

From: [Mike Jaske](#)
To: [Nottoli, Don](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#)
Cc: [Edwards, Ann](#); [Kothari, Chevron](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: SacACT Comments on Proposed Anti-Camping Ordinances
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 5:21:59 PM
Attachments: [2022-08-10_items2-3_SacACT_ordinance_opposition_final.docx](#)

Attached are the comments of the SacACT Homelessness & Housing Committee on the two "anti-camping" ordinances on the Board of Supervisors agenda for the meeting of August 10, 2022.

Mike Jaske, Co-Chair
SacACT Homelessness & Housing Committee

August 8, 2022



Don Nottoli, Chair
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
700 H Street, Suite 2450
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: BoS Meeting, August 10, 2022, Agenda Items 2-3: Anti-Camping Ordinances

Chair Nottoli:

Sacramento Area Congregations Together Homelessness and Housing Committee (SacACT) opposes the two ordinances scheduled for consideration at your Wednesday, August 10, 2022, meeting as items 2 and 3. The editorial in the Sacramento Bee on Sunday August 7, 2022 says it all, but we will repeat our arguments.

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The proposed ordinances do not come with an explicit commitment to provide shelter or housing, so implementing them as proposed does nothing to solve the real problem – lack of housing, and shelter with supporting services leading to housing. The Board letter for the Critical Infrastructure ordinance at least acknowledges the requirements of Martin vs. Boise in limiting “sweeps” without housing, whereas the Board letter for the Parkway ordinance doesn’t even acknowledge this as a factor in evicting people from the parkway. See attached citations.

Sweeping or displacing residents of encampments in “undesirable” places will do nothing to solve the visibility of encampments, rather, it is sure to exacerbate neighborhood complaints if existing encampment residents shift to public parks or private property from the more “hidden” locations they are in now. The only way to avoid these future conflicts is to provide housing or interim shelter, such as Safe Stay tiny home villages, to each person displaced.

SacACT is formally on the record with City Council and this Board as opposing sweeps without housing or interim shelter, suited to their needs, for each displaced person. We urge you to modify the ordinances to explicitly say no person will be displaced without being offered a safe and appropriate place to live.

We ask you to stand up more Stay Safe communities and prioritize placing folks residing in areas of concern, such as those around infrastructure and the parkway in capacity as it becomes available. Housing these folks is the

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answer. The Stay Safe tiny home community model offers people safety, privacy, and dignity while receiving the services and support they need to recreate their lives.

The County (and local cities) must abandon the use of ordinance, laws, and law enforcement to solve this problem. These won't work, trying to do so will create new problems. Instead increasing housing and interim shelter capacity is the only viable answer. The scale of unsheltered homelessness grew gradually in our county, and it can only be reduced at the pace that alternative housing and interim shelter capacity becomes available. Enacting these proposed ordinances as if they are the solution to the issue of visible homelessness and damage to the Parkway provides false hope to those expressing concern and guarantees further trauma and damage to the unsheltered among us.

Please reject these ordinances or at least send them back for major changes that require offering housing or interim shelter with supportive services as an explicit commitment in the ordinance text that will prohibit any mass expulsion.

Ethically and morally, we believe that all of our County residents, regardless of race or ethnicity, wealth or poverty, housed or unhoused, deserve equal opportunities to decent housing in our communities. Everyone deserves housing, and when everyone is housed the entire community benefits.

Mike Jaske, Co-Chair, SacACT Homelessness and Housing Committee

CC Members of the Board of Supervisors
Ann Edwards, County Executive
Chevon Kothari, Deputy County Executive for Social Services
Emily Halcon, Director of Homeless Initiatives
Board Clerk

Attachment

Citation from Board Letter Summarizing Critical Infrastructure Ordinance

“In addition to capacity for enforcement and prosecution, the County’s ability to enforce the ordinance and issue criminal citations to homeless individuals camping or maintaining an encampment on public property would be contingent upon the availability of alternative shelter in accordance with federal case law established by Boise.

In Boise, the Court held that “the Eighth Amendment prohibits the imposition of criminal penalties for sitting, sleeping, or lying outside on public property for homeless individuals who cannot obtain shelter.” As more emergency housing and shelter is made available to individuals experiencing homelessness, the better able the County is to respond to camping and encampments on public property, including the use of criminal citations for those who refuse offers of shelter. Thus, the increased availability of emergency housing and shelter is key to the County’s ability to criminally enforce ordinances and statutes prohibiting individuals from unlawfully being on public property because alternative shelter is available to them in accordance with Boise.” [pp. 7-8]

Citation from Board Letter Summarizing American River Parkway Ordinance

“The intent of the proposed ordinance is to provide the County with an additional enforcement tool to address camping and the proliferation of unpermitted structures used as makeshift shelters in the Parkways, and reduce public safety concerns relating to the use of flammable or combustible liquids and generators in parks, However, the ability to enforce the proposed ordinance, like the existing Code provisions, is dependent on law enforcement capacity and prioritization, as outlined in the proposed Action Plan. In addition, the Action Plan describes the County’s commitment to conduct outreach efforts to offer alternative shelter and other services to individuals camping in the Parkways.” [page 8]

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 059

From: [Sara Stephens](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:39:03 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

I urge you to approve Items #2 and #3 on your August 10, 2022 Agenda relating to prohibiting and removing campsites from the American River Parkway and other sensitive areas within the County.

I have been a Sacramento County resident for the last 30 years and have spent countless hours enjoying the many recreation opportunities afforded to those of us who live near the American River and Parkway. The Parkway is the very reason my family chose our current home and why - even though my husband can work remotely from anywhere in the U.S. - we continue to stay in the Sacramento area. Aside from the benefits to our region's human residents, this area is also critical habitat for wildlife, fish, and native plants.

I am deeply concerned by the growing destruction of the river and parkway by people who camp there illegally. Fires, illegally dumped garbage, polluted water, and the sense of threatened personal safety resulting from illegal campsites are devastating what has long been the jewel of the Sacramento region. This destruction cannot be allowed to continue.

While implementation and enforcement of these proposed ordinances is an essential first step, our community will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Without this element, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem. Shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need. Because of this, I also urge you to convene public workshops that will 1) help us all better understand the County programs that administer the \$181 million dollars invested annually in helping those in our community who need support, and 2) afford the Sacramento region a collective opportunity to offer insights/input that might speed up the process of moving people off the streets and into housing and/or programs that address addictions and mental health.

Sincerely,

Sara Stephens
5273 Dredger Way
Orangevale, CA 95662

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 060

From: [elisa rancano](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 8:43:01 PM

Dear Sacramento County Board of Supervisors,

I would like to enthusiastically encourage you to support the ordinances on Wednesday's agenda. I am a lover and appreciator of our beautiful American River Parkway and I have seen first hand the destruction that can be caused by encampments. I am sensitive to the difficult situation facing unhoused people but the parkway is a precious and vulnerable habitat that deserves special protection. More should be done to provide shelter and services to our homeless neighbors but allowing camps along the river is not a solution.

Thank you for your attention.

-Elisa Rancaño
Fair Oaks

From: [Kathy Kayner](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 7:49:53 PM

Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I used to hike, bike and photograph wildlife on the Lower American River Parkway. I enjoyed the beauty and peaceful atmosphere of the Parkway for many years as I am a life long resident of Sacramento. After I retired in 2012, I would be out on the Lower American River Parkway about four times a week. Sometimes more. I would consistently visit a pair of Great Horned Owls during their nesting season for two years in a row and document, via photos, them raising their Owlets and eventually teaching them how to hunt etc. After they left the area, I found a female Mink who was raising young in a slough not far from Del Paso Blvd and Northgate. I would stand for hours waiting to see her and her young and photograph them as well.

Then came the unwanted attention from men who told me they live on the Parkway and really enjoy the freedom from being told what they can and cannot do. A few of them invited me to their camps to see how awesome their life is and that I should join them. I asked how long they have lived there. Some said eight years or more. One said over twenty years. Of course I never went with them but was quite uncomfortable with them coming up to me while I would wait for the Mink.

Eventually, I quit riding and hiking the Parkway as I did not appreciate being approached by residents of the Parkway but also all the fires in the summertime that destroyed habitats and killed wildlife. I would cry whenever I rode by a burned area. Yes, some fires could have been accidental (cigarettes etc) but most started with illegal campers.

Now, there are areas of the American River that have high concentrations of E-Coli. I know it has been said that the cause of this are the birds. I understand that can happen but when you have a high population of individuals camping along the American River, I do not think digging holes to bury their feces is what they are doing. There is a reason there are so many buckets found by volunteers and no doubt County workers that clean up after camps are abandoned, are filled with feces. It is far easier to just empty the buckets into the river, swish the river water around in the bucket and take it back to their camps.

I respectfully request that you take the necessary steps to remove the cause of the degradation of our beautiful Parkway immediately. Please do this not only for the many families, individuals and visitors but for yourselves as well. I know a few of you live near or on the Parkway.

I know the Homeless Advocates do not want any of the Homeless to be “kicked out” of the Parkway as the City and County have not done enough to provide housing for the people. I understand there are plans in the works to get housing and safe camp sites set up. But when you have a career resident of the Parkway who does not want to live in a home or apartment or hotel, what happens next??? Do you just walk away and leave them there? If you do have a “bed” for them and they refuse, what are the next steps??

The Advocates have to know there are some in the Parkway that are regular drug users and some that are not mentally able to live in a home, apartment or hotel. Is there a plan to have them treated, rehabilitated etc?

I know the task at hand is a daunting one. I know you all care about the Parkway and those that live there. I just want to encourage you to find a way to help those who live on the Parkway to find the treatments and help that the need so they can live normal lives and that our Parkway will not lose its title of being the Jewel of Sacramento.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email!!

Sincerely,

Kathy Kayner
Secretary
Save The American River Association

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 062

From: [Chris Smith](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:01:45 PM

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors,

I would like to comment on **items 2 and 3 of the Agenda of the August 10, 2022** meeting. Having spent over 65 years living here and enjoying the American River Parkway I'm very concerned about the negative effects the unhoused have had on our once beautiful river. **Please pass both of these ordinances.**

Also, I have been reading about the **\$ 3.4 million dollar annual cost for the Florin Road 100 unit Safe Stay Shelter**. I strongly support these types of shelters and hope the City and the County can create more, but I can't seem to find any breakdown on what the \$ 3.4 million dollar includes. The only thing I've found on the county FAQ is not specific. It says:

The County will contract with an experienced shelter operator(s) for daily operational responsibilities. That operator will be responsible for 24/7 operations, provision of food and other supplies, regular cleaning and maintenance of the site, safety and security services, managing entry and exit from the site, engaging with occupants and connecting them to other services, and on-going data collection and reporting.

Can anyone help me discover the "lease" and "operations" breakdown for this annual fee?

Thank you for your time,
Chris Smith
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Subject: SAY NO to The Emergency Shelter and Enforcement Act of 2022!
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 8:48:45 AM

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I am completely against The Emergency Shelter and Enforcement Act of 2022 for a number of reasons including,

1. This is not a solution to the problem of affordable housing. Shelter doesn't equal housing.
2. It will displace thousands and thousands of people
3. It criminalizes poor, unhoused folks. It's inhumane!
4. It's illegal based on precedent by judge Nunley (Sac Homeless Union vs. City of Sacramento). ILLEGAL SWEEPS!

If we really want solutions, we should bring the impacted people to the table so their voices, experiences, and needs can be considered. Clearly, that's not the goal of this so-called act, which was brought forth by and is supported by businesses, not unhoused folks and their advocates.

The worst part of this measure is that it further criminalizes the poor and unhoused, doesn't help them, and doesn't offer real solutions, such as creating and getting folks into actual affordable housing. We need permanent solutions for housing, not a bandaid or criminalization of those without housing options.

We don't need law enforcement agents interacting with the unhoused as that has led to deadly interactions in the worst cases and simply inhumane and very unhelpful interactions in the best cases. Not to mention that Sacramento is already on thin ice with the jail situation being among the very worst in the nation - the Mays Decree is evidence of this and is meant to address the dangerous and unconstitutional conditions of Sac County's jails. The May's settlement resulted from an extensive investigation into jail conditions and years of intensive negotiations with the County. That's no way to help folks who are unhoused - to send them into a revolving door of stints in the cruel and unusual punishment chamber that is "Hotel Sacramento." Sacramento residents, including myself, say, "NO!"

Lastly, this act is cruel and contains illegal elements such as sweeps of unhoused folks, as ruled by judge Nunley (Sac Homeless Union vs. City of Sacramento). I demand that you reject this act and instead look for some real affordable housing solutions along with services for the unhoused that are based on the needs they themselves state, not on just making them disappear so that they don't clog up the streets, rivers, or leave traces of themselves around town that are signals of a City and County that has failed its people.

Thank you,
Sarah Reiwitch
Resident of Sacramento

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 064

From: [Bruce's Comcast](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email; susanpeters@saccounty.net](#)
Subject: Support for Camping Ordinance Chapter 9.120
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 6:42:13 AM

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Dear Board,

I am a regular user of the bike trails and the American River Parkway. I strongly support the proposed ordinance. The County must act to protect this resource and assure enjoyment for all. I have observed the trash, camps and debris and have had unfortunate interactions with campers in my time on the trail.

It is fundamental that we must provide services, mental health and drug treatment. It is also fundamental that people must eat and go to the bathroom and these activities endanger our waterways, the riparian environment and have lead to a degradation of this treasure.

I have ridden similar trails in Boise, other parts of Idaho and Iowa, Upstate NY, Washington and Oregon and across Missouri on the KATY trail and Nowhere else does this problem exist as it does on the AR parkway. Please act to protect this resource for all

Thank you Bruce Cline, Folsom resident and avid trail
User

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sheryl Hitomi](#)
To: [Rich Desmond](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Support of Parkway ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:54:25 AM

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Dear Supervisor Desmond,

As a resident of Fair Oaks in Sacramento County, I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. This support is based on the contingency that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wrap-around services for the unhoused – especially for those living on the Parkway – a priority.

There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines.

While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, we will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Without this element, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem. And shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need.

I have personally participated in the American River Cleanup days hosted by the Parkway Foundation, and want to ensure the beautiful space is protected for generations to come.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,
Sheryl Hitomi

From: sunmoonkfp@gmail.com
To: [Nottoli, Don](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: The parkway is a treasure.
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:43:31 PM

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Dear Supervisor Nottoli,

The parkway is a treasure. Please ensure it is well taken care of.

I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. This support is based on the contingency that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wraparound services for the unhoused – especially for those living on the Parkway – a priority. There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines. While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, we will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Without this element, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem. And shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,
Al Harrison
925-200-6471

From: [Steve Hoover](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Wednesday, August 10th Meeting; items 2 & 3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:12:41 PM

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

While we understand that the homeless issues are many and very complex, we support the proposed ordinances as outlined in items 2 & 3 of the B.O.S. meeting August 10, 2022.

The American River Parkway has long been the "Crown Jewel" of Sacramento County's open spaces; beautiful, yet vulnerable to abusive treatment.

The masses of unhoused people living along the parkway have brought fires, filth, and a flagrant disregard for the rights of all citizens. They, collectively, are a destructive force to this exquisite area, and their presence dissuades many families from enjoying the Parkway for fear of aberrant behaviors so often found near these encampments and beyond.

Public libraries and schoolgrounds cannot become the de-facto "home" for the unhoused. School personnel and library staff are not trained for dealing with drug-induced behaviors and attendant violent outbursts that so often evidence themselves within the unhoused population.

Why not increase the "safe ground" camping sites replete with support facilities and trained medical staff? Cal-Expo, often under-utilized, could be a good place...empty office buildings could be leased for this purpose (like facilities on Kings Way near the old phone buildings)...

Respectfully, Steve and Linda Hoover

From: [Virginia Hass](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 4:13:57 PM

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Dear Supervisor Serna,

We are writing in **SUPPORT** of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. This support is contingent that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wrap-around services for the unhoused – especially for those living on the Parkway – a priority.

There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The physical destruction caused by illegal camping is destroying the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines. It will take decades to recover from the environmental impact caused by these camps. In addition, the conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are creating a humanitarian catastrophe.

While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, we will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need, and without these services, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem.

Thank you for taking the time to read our email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Virginia & David Hass
2681 7th Avenue
Sacramento

From: [Corrine Sako](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Kennedy. Supervisor](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Frost. Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Nottoli. Don](#)
Subject: 8/10/22 BOS meeting - Public Comment Item #2
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:17:05 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Dr. Corrine McIntosh Sako. I am a licensed psychologist in independent practice, a community mental health advocate, a business owner in District 3, and a resident of District 2. I am writing to express my extreme opposition to item #2, which would Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area.

This county has a humanitarian crisis on its hands, which deserves a humanitarian response - not one that further traumatizes our most vulnerable residents and increases the ways they are stigmatized, criminalized, and disenfranchises them. Making it harder to be homeless does not solve homelessness.

Policing and incarcerating our way through marginalized communities not able to meet their basic needs is not an ethical solution. In fact, it contributes to a public health crisis. Street sweeps negatively impact health through two outcomes. The first outcome is material loss, including belongings and medical items. The second outcome is instability, including geographic displacement, community fragmentation, and loss to follow-up. These outcomes may contribute to less effective management of chronic health conditions, infectious diseases, and substance use disorders, and may increase physical injuries and worsen mental health. Providers also reported that sweeps may negatively impact the healthcare system by promoting increased usage of emergency departments and inpatient hospital care. Even after declaring racism a public health crisis in this county a year and a half ago, this Board is considering adopting an ordinance that would aggrandize racial disparities, since 40% of people living outside in Sacramento are people of color.

If this County is serious in its resolve to effectively and humanely mediate its homelessness crisis, it will look to the community service providers and organizations who work with this population every single day. Accessible housing and supportive services help to decrease homelessness, not ordinances that ban where someone experiencing homelessness is able to find shelter before there is accessible housing and supportive services made readily available.

Thank you for your consideration,
Dr. Corrine McIntosh Sako

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ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 070

From: [Annie Hyatt](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: 8/10/2022 2:00 Meeting, Item #2
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 7:14:13 AM

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Hello,

Thank you for working on this issue and being sensitive to both sides of the situation: business owners and residents as well as the unhoused. My family and I recently moved back to the area after being gone for 28 years and was sad our area looks a bit run down and there are so many people living on the streets (as it is everywhere in this country).

Unfortunately, I don't have any input on how to help make it better for everyone, but I do appreciate those of you who are working on it. As a new business owner and resident in Arden/Arcade, I am rooting for you and know you will engage with those people who understand the homeless situation best.

Cheers,

Annie (Lee) Hyatt

425.233.5833

From: [Larry Galizio](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: 8/10/2022 Meeting Agenda Item 3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 7:03:10 AM

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Chair Nottoli, Vice Chair Desmond, and Members of the Board:

I write in strong support of the proposed Ordinance to the Sacramento County Code amending sections 9.36.058, and 9.36.067, and adding section 9.036.083 concerning camping and constructing a camp facility in the American River and Dry Creek Parkways.

While recognizing the complexity of homelessness necessitates a multipronged, intergovernmental approach, the urgency of the issues identified in the analysis for this item demand immediate action to protect the health and safety of your constituents, the ecosystem of the affected areas, and sustainability of portions of the County that you serve.

We live within walking distance of the American River Parkway in Carmichael, not too far from where the young woman was murdered. We have three young children who have a reasonable expectation that riding their bikes, walking the dog, and simply enjoying what should be a public treasure isn't a place where adults without permits, without sanitary facilities, some with significant substance abuse, mental illness, and even some with criminal records are allowed to populate because elected officials and public safety officers haven't the legal means to protect the environment they're elected and paid (indirectly) by the residents to oversee.

Additionally, as detailed in the analysis for this agenda item, the repeated incidences of fire, pollution affecting the river and surrounding habitat, substance abuse, litter, and continued risk of crime to those populating the encampments and those frequenting the areas demonstrates both an untenable and urgent situation, as well as a failure of leadership by elected officials and our communities.

To those opposing this Ordinance I ask: What will your response be when another individual is murdered or badly injured because of an inability for County officials to remove and/or prevent encampments? When a several acre fire destroys habitat, kills or injures people, destroys homes and property, and contributes more to the air pollution already harming all of us in the region? When the American River Parkway becomes a place where residents can't and don't go because it's too dangerous, too despoiled, and simply another example of failure by the adults to create spaces where kids and families can actually recreate and engage in radical acts of bike-riding, playing away from the concrete jungle, and enjoying three-dimensional life rather than staring at a screen?

Apparently some Sacramento County residents find the status quo acceptable and are willing to tolerate the danger, filth and litter, and harmful situation detailed in the analysis and experienced by anyone visiting the American River Trail. For the sake of the health and sustainability of the Trail and its neighbors and visitors seeking its preservation, I hope our elected officials recognize the unsustainability of the status quo, the urgency of the situation, and the need to enact this Ordinance as one element of a much longer-term project of improving our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence Galizio
Carmichael, CA.

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Larry Galizio

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 072

From: ftbiglione@gmail.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Supervisor Serna](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Katie Valenzuela](#); [Jeff Harris](#); [Bellas. Liz](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #2 & #3, Wednesday August 10th, 2022 meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:37:05 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of approving and enforcing Items # 2 & 3 on today's agenda.

I have been canoeing the Lower American River for 15 years and am heartbroken by the increasing environmental destruction I observe along its banks.

The American River Parkway and its tributary streams are priceless.

Protecting them from debris, environmental damage, and wildfire is not inconsistent with providing shelter to the unhoused that are currently living there.

Sacramento County can do both.

What the County and Cities public works and parks departments cannot do is restore or replace the Parkway; only nature and time can do that.

Stop the destruction now. Give our homeless real opportunities for treatment by rehousing them in clean safe environments far from the Parkway.

And give our Parkway the time and space to heal itself.

Generations to come will thank you, as we do daily for the many who worked so hard to protect and preserve the Parkway so long ago.

Sincerely,

Tom

Tom Biglione
PO Box 15466
Sacramento, CA 95851

Cell 209-601-2724

"The health of our waters is the principal measure of how we live on the land."

~ Luna Leopold

From: [Sarah](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Agenda item 2 - meeting august 10th 2pm
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:54:35 PM

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Hello, thank you for taking the time to read my email. We are Wilhaggin residents. I'm a mom of three young children and our family uses the American river parkway all the time because it's right out our back door. Our kids love to go exploring down the trails, we use the rope swings along the river, we float the rapids, we ride bikes on the bike trail, we take our dog on the trails, etc. We love our safe neighborhood and we love that we have such a great resource just outside our back door. We are also very very grateful for the amazing job the sheriffs do in our neighborhood association at keeping the neighborhood safe and keeping the homeless people moving on. I read every single neighborhood newsletter (sheriffs report) and I see they are dealing with more and more transients coming in, and so far I haven't noticed transients along the river in the areas we go but if there were I know we would not feel safe to take our young kids down there anymore and I don't want that to happen. I've seen other neighborhoods where they've let the homeless problem grow and there's no kind of regulation whatsoever- trash spilling out everywhere ,

homeless people urinating on the sides of buildings, mental illness , drug problems, and so on. If no one stands up to protect our neighborhoods the problem will get worse and worse. We need to continue to protect our safe neighborhood so it doesn't become like that. Let's please ban homeless encampments along the American river parkway to keep it safe and clean for all of us to use and enjoy.

**Thank you,
Sarah Dunlap**

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 074

From: [Ellen Gemma](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Agenda items 2 and 3, Aug. 10 meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 7:15:30 AM

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Hello.... Please add me to the list of those in total support of banning camping on the parkway... it is becoming a fire danger as well as increasing crime potential. The problem has only become worse and worse over the past years. We live in Fair Oaks and are often on the parkway and on Sunrise Blvd and surrounding areas so see the increase. We can provide temporary housing but must require sobriety help and mental health help. These issues must be addressed. Thank you for finally starting to look at the full issue and caring about the rest of the community as well as these folks.

Ellen Gemma
ellengemma@comcast.net

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Susanne Christenson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: American River Parkway and Homelessness.
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:38:06 AM

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SacCounty Board of Supervisors

I am writing in support of the proposed ordinances (item 2 and 3) regarding homelessness along the American River Parkway, near schools, libraries and parks. Let's work together to make our community safe and clean for all to enjoy and to find shelter and care for those that are homeless. It is shameful what our government has allowed to happen. I have lived in this community for 40 years and my husband 70 years. We were always so proud of our community.

Susanne Christenson

Susannechristenson@gmail.com

From: [Ted Glum](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Rich Desmond](#)
Subject: Aug 10 2pm meeting. Homeless ordinance support
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:21:41 AM

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Dear Supervisor Desmond,

We are writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure.

There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines.

Ted and Mary Glum

Caemichael, CA

From: [KATHLEEN RODRIGUEZ](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10 Board Meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 7:54:34 AM

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My husband and I are in favor of Agenda Items 2 and 3 on today's agenda. We need to protect our parkway and critical areas, but we also need to provide services for the homeless, so they have somewhere safe to live and a path out of homelessness. It is a two way approach.

Kathy and Larry Rodriguez
1523

From: [beryl michaelis](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: august 10, 2022 board of supervisors
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 6:06:45 PM

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Subject: august 10, 2022 board of supervisors

Agenda item Section II
items 2 and 3

First; place those who Supervisor Desmond refers to as the unhoused into suitable housing.

then and only then should he and the rest of the supervisors consider prohibiting camping on public property whether by the American river or anywhere else. In this already dystopian culture where the numbers of people without homes are increasing at an alarming speed, the supervisors would do well to address the challenge by providing housing rather than taking away what little shelter is currently available.

Suggest each supervisor live the life of an unhoused person for just a day or two before they make these draconian rules.

It is clear from his behavior, that supervisor Desmond has no concern whatsoever for sheltering the unhoused and apparently that is true for several of the other supervisors.

The real leadership which is apparently sadly lacking from several of the supervisors would be to forge ahead with housing perhaps using a variety of different pilot projects many of which have been reasonably successful around the country.

The action of taking away whatever shelter they do have demonstrates the real contempt, lack of compassion, lack of decency and underlying lack of concern for the entire community the supervisors Who support these measures of prohibiting camping have for those challenged with homelessness.

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 079

From: [James Simon](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10, 2022 meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:04:35 AM

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RE: Agenda Items 2 and 3

Honorable Supervisors:

My wife and I, current residents and Sacramento County, support items on today's agenda regarding camping and hours of remaining in the respective parklands. We have read the packet and agree with the stated reasons for the need for the ordinances and the ordinances as reasonable first solutions to the problems that "camping" in the parklands create for the environment, government, and the users.

Sincerely,
James Simon
Anita Scuri

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 080

From: [Janet Rezos](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10,2022 meeting, Agenda items #2 and #3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 4:52:22 PM

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As Carmichael residents, we support the ordinances prohibiting camping, fires, and remaining on the parkway between sunset and sunrise.

The American River Parkway is the best public space in the county. We walk there 5 days a week. Time spent on the parkway heals the mind and body.

Thank you.

Janet Rezos and Stephen Woodward
Sent from my iPad

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 081

From: [Heather Brownholtz](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10th 2022 meeting Agenda items #2 & #3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:53:02 AM

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August 10th 2022 Meeting date
Agenda item's #2 & #3

Supervisors~

As a Carmichael Business Owner & Resident of District 3, please know I am in full support of the proposed ordinances to establish safe & clean neighborhoods, sidewalks, schools and keeping our American River parkway the jewel of our city.

Having been the victim of a home invasion 2 months ago, I was confronted with a transient woman in my bathroom. She broke into my home, loaded up two bags with our valuables, and was brash and brazen to come into my home in broad daylight; I am grateful to be alive. Having experienced that terrifyingly scary moment of having to defend my home, we need strong laws protecting our community. Other home invasions in Sacramento this year alone have led to murders. We can no longer look the other way and just pour \$\$\$ into countless programs. We need to protect the tax paying, hard working members of Sacramento. The children of our community do not need to see sidewalks littered with trash and drugged out humans, we need clear sidewalks so children can attend school safely and to walk to parks or local establishments. Our sidewalks are protected by the ADA and the disabled have limited choices of transportation so their safety needs to be considered with critical care and immediate action as clear passageway and safety of our most vulnerable, those with disabilities, will benefit greatly from safe sidewalks and entrances to necessities of daily needs and employment.

The transient problem has exploded in recent years and the time is now to begin to make Sacramento the safest city in the State!

With the murder of Emma Roarke on the American River Parkway the time is NOW to establish laws protecting the citizens and children of Sacramento. These 2 ordinances send a clear message of how Sacramento will reestablish societal norms based on public safety and creating a safe community for all to thrive, run professional and profitable businesses that create jobs and add to a thriving community.

Passing ordinances #2 & #3 are critical first steps in reestablishing societal norms necessary for a thriving business climate and safe community for the residents of Sacramento the Capital of California.

Heather Brownholtz
CFO Brownholtz & Associates

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 082

From: [Sandy Malaney](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10th 2022 Meeting date Agenda item's #2 & #3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:49:55 AM

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August 10th 2022 Meeting date
Agenda item's #2 & #3

Supervisors~

As a Sacramento Business Owner & Resident of District 3, please know I am in full support of the proposed ordinances to establish safe & clean neighborhoods, sidewalks, schools and keeping our American River parkway the jewel of our city.

Passing ordinances #2 & #3 are critical first steps in reestablishing societal norms necessary for a thriving business climate and safe community for the residents of the Capital of California.

Sandy and Mick Malaney

Sent from my Sandy's iPhone

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 083

From: [devoetwo \(null\)](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10th meeting about homeless encampments
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 8:44:24 AM

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Dear elected officials, I am pleased to hear that you are finally getting serious about our homeless situation in Sacramento. These people have demonstrated that they can't follow the rules and laws that the rest of us are forced to follow. They should not be allowed to live like vermin on our streets and parkway. Those of us trying to recruit workers to Sacramento find it very difficult to do when our officials allow these unfortunate homeless to destroy the jewel of Sacramento, the American river parkway. Not to mention making it scary to walk the streets of our city. We need to allocate spaces for them to set up camp that are away from the parkway. They are destroying the river with their needles and feces. They get aggressive on our city streets. Those of us who pay all sorts of taxes aren't getting our money's worth! Please do your jobs and clean up our once proud and lovely city before it's too late. R Patrick DeVoe, M.D.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Kim](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10th, 2022 board meeting
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:11:41 PM

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Hello,

In regards to items #2 and #3 on the agenda for August 10, 2022 regarding homeless encampments on the American River Parkway and adjacent to public areas I strongly encourage immediate action. As someone who has lived in the unincorporated area of Sacramento my whole life I am saddened by the decline of our parkway the “jewel of Sacramento”. The litter problem is out of control despite volunteers picking up trash and there have been numerous fires caused by cooking and human feces are found throughout the parks. Encampments next to public and private buildings are causing our neighborhoods to be called ghettos and now I live in what’s considered a “bad” area. If I didn’t grow up here I would have left already. I am constantly accosted by panhandlers asking for money. Please pass these ordinances so we can start to get a handle on the problem.

Sincerely,

Kimberly DeWein

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ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 085

From: [Mark Jaffe](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: ["S Jaffe"](#)
Subject: Board of Supervisors - August 10th Meeting - Agenda Items 2 and 3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:14:28 AM

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To the Board of Supervisors

My family and I live in Carmichael on River Oak Way on the river, and very close to Sarah Court park. This is strongly express our support for items 2 and 3 on the agenda.

The people who live on the river create a lot of garbage, start fires, leave dogs off the leash, use drugs and leave syringes on the river bed, use the river for a toilet, and create a very unpleasant environment for people who want to use the river for fun and recreation. It is very common to see drug transactions happening at Sarah Court park. When my daughter who is 15 wants to go down to use the beach near the river I no longer let her go alone. If she goes with a friend it is not uncommon for her to encounter

People living on the river and made to feel like she is an intruder.

Last month I found someone who had been living on the river climbed a fence and was then living in the back corner of my backyard. So now when my daughter wants to go in the back yard, I have to "keep an eye on her".

We moved here 3 years ago and 100%, the beauty of the river and the area was the reason. Please take action to ensure that this beautiful resource and area is not ruined.

Mark Jaffe
5947 River Oak Way

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 086

From: [Antony Smith](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Rich Desmond](#)
Subject: Board of Supervisors Meeting August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 6:56:17 PM

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I support the proposed amendments to the County Code under Items 2 and 3 of the August 10, 2022 meeting.

I realize that the problem is complex and other measures are necessary, including the provision of alternate locations for sleeping.

Antony Smith

8824 La Riviera Dr., # E
Sacramento, CA 95826

From: [Metcalf, Robert](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Comment, Matter 2, August 10, 2022 Hearing
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:23:35 AM
Attachments: [Tiscornia results.doc](#)

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I submit this comment regarding Hearing Matter 2,
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10, 2022 2:00 PM
Introduce An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The
Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or
Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area;

I am a microbiologist. Since May, 2020, my wife and I have conducted weekly microbiology tests of American River water at three sites at Tiscornia Beach for the Save the American River Association.

We use the *E. coli*/Coliform Count Petrifilm, an FDA approved test widely used in the food industry. 1 milliliter of river water is inoculated on a circle of nutrients, which is then covered by a transparent film. After overnight incubation, invisible *E. coli* cells develop into visible blue colonies with gas bubbles.

The EPA limit for *E. coli* in recreational waters is 320 *E. coli* per 100 ml, which translates to 3 *E. coli* per Petrifilm. The Central Valley Quality Control Board performs weekly tests on the American River, including one test at Tiscornia Beach. They use the Colilert Quantitray 2000 test, which requires a laboratory with a sealer and incubator. The maximum *E. coli* count for the Quantitray is 2419/100 ml, = 24/Petrifilm.

The Central Valley Quality Control Board commissioned a study to determine the source of *E. coli* from Paradise Beach to Sutter's Landing. The conclusion was that the main source was from geese, and to a lesser extent dogs, not humans. How reassuring.

Why did the Central Valley Quality Control Board study not include *E. coli* from Tiscornia Beach, where hundreds of citizens enjoy the beach and river during warm months?

I invite you to view our *E. coli* results from July 2, 3, and 4, 2022. The huge spikes, over 10 times the EPA maximum, are likely not from geese, but most likely from human sewage dumps into the American River that endangered the health of recreational users of Tiscornia Beach. Note that six of the nine samples are greater than 24/ml, the limit of the Quantitray test. From the table with results since May, 2020, you'll note many spikes of *E. coli* far exceeding the EPA maximum level that are likely human sewage dumps.

I would be glad to answer questions. I also invite supervisors to join us on our Saturday morning sampling at Tiscornia Beach, to learn how easy it is to perform and interpret the Petrifilm tests.

I invite you to view a photo essay on tracking *E. coli* in the American River:
<https://roundhousenews.org/4719/news/citizen-science/>

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Metcalf

Professor Emeritus, Biological Sciences, CSU Sacramento
e-mail: rmetcalf@csus.edu

Escherichia coli Counts/ml (= blue colonies with gas bubbles on Petrifilm)

Date of Sample	Tiscornia #1	Tiscornia #2	Tiscornia #3	Steelhead Cr
5/13/20	4	1	0	4
5/27/20	5	19	22	
6/6/20	10	24	12	
6/16/20	29	26	40	
7/11/20	2	2	0	1
7/18/20	>50	>50	>40	
7/25/20	1	0	0	0
8/1/20	30	6	6	2
8/8/20	3, 20	3	>50	0
8/15/20	30	33	40	3
8/22/20	4	7	8	7
8/29/20	10	40	21	1
9/5/20	4	7	6	1
9/12/20	>70	3	18	1
9/19/20	2	46	4	1
9/26/20	14	3	5	5
10/3/20	4	4	7	0
10/10/20	38, 45	11, 15	3, 7	2, 3
10/17/20	0, 1	4, 6	3, 5	0, 1
10/24/20	2, 2	25, 27	20	2
10/31/20	4	5	9	1
11/7/20	0,3	25, 15	10, 21	0,2
11/14/20	0,1	12, 12	3,6	1,1
11/21/20	0	12	6	1
11/28/20	0	2	1	0
12/5/20	0	0	1	2
12/12/20	13	30	>70	2
12/19/20	1	1	1	1
12/26/20	3	5	2	0
1/2/21	3,7	5	4	1
1/9/21	0	3	0	1
1/16/21	1	13	0	0
1/23/21	0	11	2	0
1/30/21	3	7	3	2
2/6/21	2	0	1	2
2/13/21	8	3	4	11
2/20/21	1 (0)	1 (3)	2 (2)	3 (9)
2/27/21	14 (9)	8 (4)	5 (7)	0 (0)
3/6/21	4 (5)	7 (5)	3 (0)	1 (2)
3/13/21	1	0	0	2
3/20/21	0 (2)	2 (9)	0 (2)	3 (4)
3/27/21	1 (4)	1 (0)	7 (12)	0 (1)
4/3/21	6 (7)	0 (3)	2 (8)	2 (1)
4/10/21	0 (0)	1 (2)	2 (12)	0 (0)
4/17/21	19	5	3	1
4/24/21	0	2	3	0

Escherichia coli Counts/ml (= blue colonies with gas bubbles on Petrifilm)

Date of Sample	Tiscornia #1	Tiscornia #2	Tiscornia #3	Steelhead Cr
5/1/21	19	75	2	0
5/8/21	0 (2)	5 (4)	5 (5)	2 (0)
5/15/21	25	40	>80	0
5/22/21	2	4	6	1
5/29/21 In	30	>100	50	0
6/5/21	0	12	3	1
6/12/21	0	3	>50	2
6/19/21	9	>50	>100	9
6/26/21	12	~120	~120	0
7/3/21	25	32	22	20
7/10/21 H	42	28	>400	0
7/17/21 L	5	20	20	1
7/24/21	8	32	55	1
8/14/21	5	20	9	1
8/21/21	28	75	55	0
8/28/21	1	45	60	0
9/4/21	0	10	5	0
9/11/21	2	6	6	0
9/18/21	0	21	2	2
9/25/21	2	4	8	1
10/2/21	23	7	14	0
10/9/21	8	19	2	Not tested
10/16/21	2	6	30	1
10/23/21 rain	8	11	6	16
10/30/21 muddy	11	30	20	4
11/6/21	3	8	10	1
11/13/21	11	10	14	3
11/20/21	6	6	5	0
11/27/21	0	7	10	1
12/4/21	0	14	7	1
12/11/21	8	11	6	6
12/18/21	1	1	2	3
12/25/21	5	11	10	10
1/1/22	0	0	0	~150
1/8/22	5	5	4	60
1/22/22	0	0	4	2
1/29/22	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	0 (>50!)
2/5/22	0 (0)	1 (6)	3 (10)	0 (0)
2/12/22	0 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
2/19/22	1 (1)	1 (0)	0 (0)	0 (1)
2/26/22	0	5	1	3
3/5/22	1	1	3	2
3/12/22	1	7	0	0
3/19/22	1	1	1	1
3/26/22	1 (0)	7 (9)	21 (23)	1
4/2/22	55	3	9	1

Escherichia coli Counts/ml (= blue colonies with gas bubbles on Petrifilm)

4/16/22	4	33	4	10
4/23/22	2	13	4	13
4/30/22	4	1	3	2
5/7/22	0	1	1	4
5/14/22	7	20	37	2
5/21/22	4	3	0	0
5/28/22	3	4	3	0
6/4/22	0	5	5	0
6/25/22	6	33	9	7
7/2/22	40	>100	10	0
7/3/22	60	65	37	Not tested
7/4/22	0	2	35	Not tested
7/9/22	16	20	24	1
7/16/22	>80	75	>200	0
7/23/22	45	4	17	0
8/7/22	8	10	3	0

0.5" Rain on October 20 & 22. 7 inches of rain on October 24. **October 23** Petrifilms loaded with environmental coliforms, blue areas not distinct colonies.

October 30, 2021. River water muddy. Hundreds of environmental coliforms on #2 and #3. Blue areas in the center of the Petrifilm, blue colonies at the edges.

November 27, 2021. Lowest water level. Had to walk on mud to get to edge of the Tiscornia sites.

December 18 & 25, 2021. Very high water, no difference in sites 1,2,3. #2 and #3 only half normal distance to building and big tree. Very muddy.

January 1, 2022. Very high level, rapid movement of water downstream, from side to middle. Wouldn't be surprised if all Tiscornia's are similar as the water moves quickly and continuously past the shoreline.

January 8, 2022. Very high water level at Tiscornia. Steelhead Creek high and very turbid.

January 22, 2022. Water level back to summer, indentation in #1, #2 and #3 far from the building and big tree. Water flowing out. Steelhead Creek mostly clear.

January 29, 2022. Water Level Low. Steelhead mostly clear

February 5, 2022. Water Level Low. Steelhead Creek turbid.

February 12, 2022. Lots of non-E. coli coliforms in Steelhead Creek water

February 19, 2022. Water Level Low. Steelhead Creek mostly clear.

February 26, 2022. Water level low, flowing downstream, clear.

March 26, 2022. Water level low. Clear water. Surprise at results #2 and #3.

April 2, 2022. Debris floating in water shreds of plants. Tried to avoid in collecting.

May 14, 2022. Lots of scum on sampling sites

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 088

From: jeffba@winfirst.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Comments for August 10, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting at 2:00 p.m.
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:36:27 PM

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Hello Supervisors,

Regarding items 2 and 3 on the August 10, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting agenda I support moving forward and approving these items.

For over two decades I have observed the decline of the American River Parkway due to homeless encampments. It is past the time when action needs to be taken. We have allowed the most irresponsible members of our society to determine how government policy is set when it comes to preserving the jewel of Sacramento, the American River Parkway. It is time for those who are responsible and possess good judgement to take action to recover our parkway.

I support providing somewhere the homeless can camp with proper services to help them, but the American River Parkway is not that place.

Jeff Baldwin
Sacramento, CA 95833

From: [Jon Schwedler](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Comments in support of Prohibiting Camping in public/American River
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:45:05 PM

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Dear Supervisors-

I am submitting comments in support of amendments that would prevent camping in public areas and along the American River.

I have lived in Sacramento for twelve years with my wife and our two sons. In that time we have owned two homes, and currently reside in Sierra Oaks. My sons have attended public schools here, and both will be attending Rio Americano High School this year.

But to be frank we may not live in Sacramento much longer. I have invested in this city as a school parent, a coach, and help look after my elderly neighbors. But I do not feel like the leaders of this city are taking action to create an environment conducive to a positive way of life for myself and my family. The homeless and crime problems, and causal mental illness and addiction issues, are out of control, and have been for half the time I have lived here.

I used to treasure living near the American River as a runner and a fisherman. But not anymore. Now I have to dodge homeless encampments, trash, and suffering people who are living in a city that refuses to take the actions they need to help them. I have had insane homeless people throw rocks at me, witnessed them walking the trails with weapons, and had my children (who bike to school on the ART) tell me that homeless people have shouted threatening things at them. Neither my wife or I feel comfortable with her walking or running on the trail alone any more. And that's just on the ART.

And this problem, of course, is not just limited to the ART. It is all over our city, with homeless people creating blight, trash, and raving all over Sacramento. My wife went out to eat downtown last week and reported she had to walk past a homeless person laying in the street without pants on. How is it possible this is rampant this is how we're living in the capital of the world's 5th largest economy?

When is it going to end? I want to invest in my home; I want to put solar on the roof, I want to rip out our grass and put in xeric landscaping; I want to support local businesses and see them succeed. But unless Sacramento's leaders take steps now to prove they are going to change the living conditions in this city, I am going to move my family and business elsewhere. I've had enough.

Please take all measures possible, including the two measures under consideration today, to improve our homeless situation in this city, both for the homeless themselves (because truly what mercy can it be to keep people living in this squalor) and for the citizens and families working to make this city their home.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jon Schwedler
Sierra Oaks

ITEM: #2 [Introduce An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area](#)

ITEM: #3 [Introduce An Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway](#)

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Jon Schwedler
916/769-4728

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 090

From: [Michael Seaman](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Encampments and camping ordinances
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 4:40:48 PM
Attachments: [EncampmentsAndCamping_ordinance_ltr.docx](#)

The attached letter contains my comments on the two ordinances under consideration for the Boards' August 10th and August 23rd meetings. Please provide the letter for the Supervisors' consideration.

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Michael Seaman
Arden Arcade CA 95825

Local control was a good idea in 1776 and it still is
Energy efficiency 1st in the loading order.
Take a ski or snowboard lesson from a Pro.

Michael Seaman
2837 Merrywood Drive
Arden Arcade, CA, 95825

August 9, 2022

Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022, Timed Hearing Matters #2 and #3

Dear Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As an Arden Arcade resident, I am deeply concerned about the long-term health and sustainability of our local waterways, including our rivers, creeks and related tributaries. These channels provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats and foster healthy human recreation.

I have read County Executive Ann Edwards' memo to your Board concerning the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 9.36 of the Sacramento County Code related to fires, remaining in the Parkways between sunset and sunrise, and prohibiting camping or constructing, maintaining or inhabiting any structure or camp facility within the American River and Dry Creek Parkways. I agree with the proposal to protect the American river Parkway and the Dry Creek Parkway. However, I am concerned that the proposed ordinance would leave out the American River's tributary creeks: Steelhead Creek, Arcade Creek, Chicken Ranch Slough and Strong Ranch Slough. The issues – water quality, hazardous substances, garbage and debris, wildlife protection and wildfires - that drive your intent to control encampments and camping in the American River Parkway also apply to those waterways.

Those tributary streams are integral parts of the drainage network of the American River. They also provide critical habitat for several fish and wildlife species that are protected through the federal Endangered Species Act (Chapter 35 (commencing with Section 1531) of Title 16 of the United States Code), the California Endangered Species Act (Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 2050) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code), the California species of special concern laws, the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. Sec. 703 et seq.), and other related laws. To better understand the significance of these waterways and related public property, I urge you to read the comment letters submitted to the State Clearinghouse in response to the Notice of Preparation issued by the San Juan Unified School District for a proposed new middle school campus at the Creekside Surplus School site, which is bounded on the north and northwest by Chicken Ranch Slough. Of particular relevance is a letter from the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, which can be found at <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2022060230>. There was a similar letter from the Sacramento Area Creeks Council, which is available by contacting saccreeks@gmail.com.

I have also reviewed Ms. Edwards' memo concerning an ordinance amending Chapter 9.120 of the Sacramento County Code to prohibit camping and encampments on or near certain public property locations in the unincorporated County area. I agree with the rationale put forth therein. However, I encourage you to include the above tributary waterways in the scope of this ordinance as well. The Chapter 9.120 ordinance would, in the words of Ms. Edwards' memo, prohibit camping and encampments "Inside of, or within 30 feet of wildfire and flood risk areas

during severe weather.” I believe the threat of wildfire is not determined exclusively by “severe weather”, but is instead associated with our region’s dry season and is exacerbated by drought. I have attached photos of the burn scar from a fire of June 29, 2002 associated with an encampment on the banks of Chicken Ranch Slough on school district property at the Creekside Adult School. The fire happened around 3:30 a.m. during a time period of fairly mild overnight and daytime temperatures (not “severe weather”). It was made worse by some kind of accelerant, as one can imagine from the propane tanks in photo #3. A neighbor who was up at the time saw the flames and called Metro Fire, who contained the blaze before it could spread. But it could have easily spread (see photo #5) to other properties - including the significant eco-reserve that is the Creekside nature Area - because California is a tinderbox. And it could have been worse had it happened when no one was able to alert the firefighters in time or if the wind, humidity and temperature had been different. Climate change has extended the risk of wildfire across most of the year. Please ensure that the ordinance is clear about minimizing the risk of wildfires every day, not just during “severe weather”.



1. Chicken Ranch Slough burn scar 08/03/22. Damage and debris from this fire on school property on 06/29/22 have yet to be abated.



2. and 3. Encampment debris. 06/29/22





4. Encampment debris ~30 yards upstream from #2 & #3 06/29/22



5. Combustible vegetation immediately upstream from #4 06/29/22

As for the risk of floods, I urge you to protect the 500-year flood plain, rather than the traditional bankfull discharge (the 3-5 year recurrence interval) or 100-year flood plains when defining the “within 30 feet” no-camping zone. Intense atmospheric river events, brought on by climate change, have made the 500-year flood the priority for risk management at our region’s streams.

Also, the proposed ordinance would ban encampments and camping within 25 feet of youth-serving facilities, defined as public or private primary or secondary schools and public libraries. Surely the County must be aware that children also use local parks. My community has parks equipped with play structures, playing courts and fields, open fields, pathways, picnic areas, community centers, a fishing pond, a pre-school and a swimming pool – all of which are used by children. Strong Ranch Slough runs through one of parks (the one with the pre-school and the swimming pool) and Chicken Ranch Slough runs through the other two. It is hard to believe the Supervisors want to protect children who use public schools and libraries, but not protect children who use parks. Youth-serving parks should be included by the ordinance. I also believe 25-feet is not an adequate distance for separating youth-serving facilities from the adverse exposures the ordinance would intend to address. The zone should be greatly increased.

The ubiquitous nature of our region’s encampments-and-camping situation is unsustainable and unacceptable. The damage done to our waterways by encampments and camping far outweighs the public purpose intended by the *Martin v. City of Boise* decision. The tributary waterways are integral parts of the American River Parkway system they run through neighborhood parks that are frequented by children and are part of our region’s critical infrastructure. If it is worth protecting the Parkway ecosystem, then it is equally important to protect the entirety of the waterways that are part of that system. Please include the following in the proposed ordinance:

- 1) Designate all regional waterways as “critical infrastructure” to include not only our rivers, but also their tributaries, including creeks, sloughs and canals.
- 2) Pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, debris and the storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high water mark of all of our rivers and tributaries;
- 3) Immediately enforce all existing anti-dumping laws within 150 feet of the high water mark of our waterways, including but not limited to, California Fish and Game Code §5652; and
- 4) Advance and fund consistent creek, river and other waterway cleaning and restoration by our regional departments and agencies.
- 5) Recognize public parks beyond those in the Parkways, particularly those used by children, as being part of the county’s “critical infrastructure”.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the drafts of both ordinances.

With respect,

Michael Seaman

From: [BigbmanComcast](#)
To: [Rich Desmond](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Hearing Matters #2 & #3 Wednesday August 11th, 2022 2:00pm
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:21:01 PM

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From: BigbmanComcast <bigbman@comcast.net>
Date: August 9, 2022 at 7:08:29 PM PDT
To: Rich Desmond <RichDesmond@saccounty.net>
Cc: BoardClerk@saccounty.net
Subject: Parkway Camping Ordinance

Supervisor Rich Desmond,

I am writing in support of the ordinances being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping and fires on the American River Parkway.

There are multiple destructive issues on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover. The campers and camps are a public health hazard, along with the physical destruction to the Parkway.

Implementation and enforcement of these ordinances will be essential to saving this incredible resource for the general public.

Thank you,

Brian McElligott
4347 Stollwood Drive
Carmichael, CA 95608
916 257-4432

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 092

From: [Scott Brownholtz](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Homeless Ordinance Comments
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 8:59:04 AM

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Board of Supervisors Meeting
8/10/2022

- [Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area](#)
- [Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway.](#)

I have been a proud Carmichael resident for 22 years...recently the homeless crisis has reduced all the Carmichael has to offer. This is a health and safety issue. We need boundaries that protect the tax-paying law-abiding citizens. I am in FULL support of the above ordinances.

Sincerely,

Scott Brownholtz

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 093

From: [Tina Royer](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: In support of Issues #1 and #2 on 8/10/22 Agenda
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:33:43 AM

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Please accept this email in support of the above referenced agenda items.

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 094

From: [Maria Patrone](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Item 2, Item 3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:15:48 AM

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Hello,

I am lending my support for Item 2 and Item 3 regarding the proposals concerning encampments of the homeless population. While I support resources for homeless integrating the homeless back into society and restoring their dignity, it should be done in a suitable location with all encompassing services. Steps, if you will, out of homelessness. Perhaps a campus in a remote location, not blocking city sidewalks, streets, walking/cycling paths, or near any vulnerable site. Additionally, the general population should be free from having this situation dumped on their doorsteps due to the feckless handling our city/state leaders have thus far produced. Again, I support Item 2 and Item 3.

Maria Patrone

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 095

From: [Diane Deterding](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Items #2 & #3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:43:31 AM

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I am writing in support of items #2 & #3. It is imperative for the health of our children, our businesses and our community, that you pass these items. It is time to clean up our streets and our parkway.

Thank you,
Diane Deterding

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 096

From: [Costa, Erica](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Letter of Support: Illegal Encampment Mitigation
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:06:31 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Letter of Support - Illegal Encampments County Ordinance 9.120.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

Please see Assemblymember McCarty's letter of support for item #2 on tomorrow's agenda related to illegal encampments and amending ordinance 9.120.

Thank you,

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August 9, 2022

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
700 H Street, Suite 1450
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Amending Ordinance 9.120 of the Sacramento County Code

Dear Sacramento County Board of Supervisors,

As the Assemblymember representing the Seventh Assembly District of California, I would like to express my support for the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 9.120 of the Sacramento County Code, which would prohibit camping on or near certain public property locations in the unincorporated areas of the County.

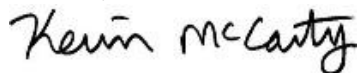
If amended, Chapter 9.120 would greatly enhance public safety by allowing the County to prohibit encampments on public property, such as the American River Parkway (the Parkway), a 23-mile long natural corridor that runs through the heart of Sacramento and is designated as both a state and federal Wild and Scenic River. This natural open space corridor provides habitat for a series of protected species and recreational uses for an estimated 5 to 8 million visitors each year. In recent years the Parkway has become an illegal campground for the unhoused.

Estimates indicate that several hundred persons illegally camp along the American River Parkway. Fire officials indicate that campfires from illegal camps are a major cause of wildfires along the Parkway. In 2021, more than 11 percent of the Parkway burned. In addition to the risk of fires, illegal campsites cause ecological damage to the habitat and result in wildlife abandoning nearby habitats.

The proposed ordinance amending Chapter 9.120 of the Sacramento County Code, would allow county officials to protect flood infrastructure, recreational resources, and public health and safety. The proposed ordinance would also protect adjacent communities from wildfire risk, flooding risk, or other significant environmental harm by removing illegal campsites.

As a principal co-author of Assembly Bill 2633, legislation introduced to authorize the removal of persons engaging in the act of unpermitted camping in Sacramento County, I urge you to vote in favor of the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 9.120. This amendment is vital to the safety and quality of our public lands, especially the natural jewel that is the American River Parkway.

Sincerely,



Assemblymember, 7th Assembly District

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 097

From: [Teeann Duncan](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Meeting Aug 10, 2022 - Items 2 and 3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:31:04 PM

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Meeting Aug 10, 2022 - Items 2 and 3

It is very important to pass these ordinances to protect our public property and parkway from the negative impact of homeless camps.

Teeann Duncan

From: [yaquimorey](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:09:23 PM

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August 10, 2022
Item #1 & Item#2

I have lived in the Carmichael area basically my entire life. I now own a home in Carmichael. In the last few years the homelessness has gotten out of hand. I cannot go to the nearby grocery stores without seeing homeless encampment and all the filth that comes with it. Anywhere I go in the area the problem exists.

But my biggest concern is the fact that I am having to deal with it literally in my own backyard. I have a utility box at back fence. I have had homeless people camping there. They have attached their "tents" to my fence. They smoke drugs and do their bodily functions there as well. They have also stayed across the street at a semi vacant office building. I have found used needles, crack pipes and Marijuana in my driveway on the sidewalk and in the area where the utility box is. All of this is in the "heart" of Carmichael. The average home value is between \$400k to \$800k, we have a higher class Senior residence a block away. We live on a street which is the direct path to the neighborhood High School, we also have students walking to other nearby neighborhood schools. These children will have to pass by all this, luckily I am the one who found the drugs and not the children. I have no idea if these drugs were laced with fentanyl or something else. The street for which I am referring to is Engle Ave. It is not public parks this my home, my neighborhood. I have attached pictures and videos of some of what we have had to deal with in just the last few months.

This has got to be fixed!! I know none of you would want this in your backyard, so please don't let one of the oldest most prestigious neighborhoods in Sacramento County fall to the wayside. We are counting on you.

Thank you,
Sandra Morey
Carmichael resident

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 099

From: [Hazel Watson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Proposed camping ordinance
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 7:37:52 AM

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Please do not criminalize poverty. Do not pass anti-camping ordinances. Instead focus on providing services to people and building affordable housing.

From: [Harry Struthers](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [DLR](#); [Vince Jacobs](#); [Harry Struthers](#)
Subject: Public Comment -
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:50:01 AM

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For the 2pm Wed Sept 10 Board Meeting, we wish to make the following statement relating to Agenda Items 2 & 3 - Camping and Encampments on unincorporated lands - American River Parkway:

We believe we are at a tipping point in the long term protection of the American River Parkway. If clear and effective steps are not taken now to protect these areas, we believe our ability to do so will be lost indefinitely, That would be tragic. Please vote in favor of these two agenda proposals. Thank you. Harry and Linda Struthers 28 Covered Bridge Road. Carmichael, CA 95608.

From: [Leah Burdick](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment for August 10th Meeting
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:29:30 PM

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Hello,

I am a constituent of Supervisor Rich Desmond.

This is regarding the August 10 meeting where the following items will be addressed:

ITEM: #2 Introduce An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area

ITEM: #3 Introduce An Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway

I write this email in favor of these ordinances and Rich Desmond's position. The challenges with the unhoused must be addressed. In the six years I've lived in this area, homelessness gets worse and worse with encampments along popular streets in the area. It not only creates litter and detracts from the value of our neighborhood, but it also puts the unhoused at risk of being hit by vehicles.

It's time that we protect our residents and businesses from this seemingly unchecked issue. For that, I support passing both ordinances noted in items #2 and #3.

Thank you,
Leah Burdick
Arden Park

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 102

From: [Katie Pavy](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment Items 2 and 3 Board of Supervisors Meeting 8/10
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 8:58:43 PM

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Hello,

My name is Katie and I am a medical student at California Northstate University. I oppose Items 2 and 3 on the 8/10/2022 agenda. These ordinances are not genuine attempts to address homelessness; rather, they further criminalize our unhoused neighbors. Many supporters of these items are concerned about the environmental and public health impacts of encampments located on the Parkway. These hesitations are valid, yet the solution does not lie in criminalizing folks living on the Parkway. Instead, we should ensure current public restrooms are well-stocked and accessible to those living outside, or we should invest in portable toilets with hand hygiene stations for encampments. Under California's Assembly Bill (AB) 685, sanitation is declared a human right; however, the state has failed to uphold this right for its residents living outside. Additionally, Sacramento lacks adequate shelter space for unhoused people displaced under this ordinance. Furthermore, pursuant to *Lehr vs. The County of Sacramento*, the city would need space to store the belongings of displaced residents. Clearly, Items 2 and 3 will not solve the issue of homelessness in Sacramento. The solution to homelessness lies in housing and services.

From: [Ezra Kautz](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: Public comment re 8/10/22 #2 - Encampments in American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 4:41:03 PM

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The 2022 point-in-time count found 9,278 unhoused individuals in the County. Efforts to fund dozens or even hundreds of shelter beds are laudable but obviously not adequate to solve the problem.

The County should focus on steps it can take to increase the supply of affordable housing and bona fide shelter sufficient to address this crisis, rather than eliminating what little space those thousands of our neighbors have to live.

My family lives less than a mile from Discovery Park, and while I would personally benefit from increased recreational opportunities, that is trivial next to others' basic survival needs.

If there are real environmental concerns, try addressing them narrowly first rather than removing camps wholesale.

Thank you.

From: [Sara Lennertz](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public comment submission: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 2:00 PM, items #2 and #3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 4:38:01 PM

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I am writing to submit public comment for the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 2:00 PM. My comments are in relation to items #2 and #3 and I fully support the enactment of both proposed ordinances.

I am a long term resident of Sacramento County, having lived in the county for a total of 39 years. I have resided in the Arden-Arcade area for the past 14 years and have been an avid runner and user of the American River Parkway for 7 years.

The dramatic increase in the homeless population over the past several years has been disturbing on multiple levels.

1) The number of people in extreme poverty and without shelter is unacceptable; no one should have to cope with such dire circumstances. State and local governments have a duty to establish systems to provide services and supports to homeless people including housing, medical care, mental healthcare, drug and alcohol addiction treatment, etc. However, we cannot sit on our hands while waiting for those systems to be developed. Action must be taken to protect our community now.

2) The increase in the homeless population has led to increased crime and reduced safety. Many people, including myself, no longer feel safe utilizing the American River Parkway due to the recent history of increased crime. I have observed, and reported to 311, several encampments on sidewalks in busy areas such as Marconi and Fulton. These encampments block the sidewalks, making them impassable for individuals with disabilities requiring walkers or wheelchairs and creating an unsafe environment for all. Encampments near businesses are also hurting the local economy. The Target store on Fulton and Alta Arden used to be a frequent stop for me; however, I no longer feel safe shopping there due to the encampments along Alta Arden and the criminal activity that has

spread from them to the Target store.

3) The natural resources in our community must be protected. The American River Parkway has been a refuge for wildlife and humans for decades, for centuries. It is a priceless resource that is being destroyed more and more each day as homeless individuals sully it with garbage, drug paraphernalia, and human waste. The American River is a water source for many in our region and the water quality has declined, the e-coli bacteria levels have increased, and the levees have been damaged.

For all of these reasons, I fully support the enactment of both proposed ordinances.

Thank you for your time.

Sara Lennertz

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 105

From: [Andrei Fintescu](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10, 2022 2:00 PM AGENDA- CAMPING PROHIBITED ON PARKWAY
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:22:37 PM

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Hello,

Being homeless is not a crime, and we need to make sure every unhoused person has a space to exist. But society also has the right to regulate its land use, and zoning laws have been upheld numerous times by the SCOTUS. The American River Parkway is land set aside for recreational uses, and I believe it is one of the greatest urban parks in America. The homeless encampments generating trash, fires, violent crimes, and disease are unacceptable in this location. I have volunteered for some of the river cleanups but have stopped because of the health hazard from profuse drug needles and human feces.

Sacramento is still rich in unused and under-used land, and the county must act now and designate appropriate places for the homeless, and even those housed in their vehicles, to exist. These spaces should be chosen to have the least negative impact on productive society while still allowing reasonable access to services and amenities. The American River Parkway is the least appropriate space for this use.

Thank you,
Andrei Fintescu

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 106

From: [Jennifer George](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public comment
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 4:35:53 PM

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I support items 2 and 3 of the agenda scheduled for Aug 10

Thank you, Jennifer

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From: [Tiffany Tran](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment: 8/10/2022 at 2pm, Items 2 and 3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 4:48:38 PM

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My name is Tiffany and I am a medical student at California Northstate University, and Advocacy Co-Chair of Sacramento Street Medicine. I strongly OPPOSE ITEMS 2 AND 3 on the 8/10/2022 2pm agenda. Both are attempts by the County to circumvent Martin v Boise — making people move with nowhere to go is cruel and unusual punishment. These two ordinances will do nothing to fix homelessness; only services and affordable housing will. The critical infrastructure ordinance is deceptive, as the County may overly define critical infrastructure so that our unhoused neighbors may be constantly confused about where they can sleep at night. The American River Parkway Ordinance does not have to be seen as an environmental justice issue vs homeless rights issue. People who live outside go to the Parkway so as to not bother nor be bothered by the general public, and County services such as sanitation and trash pickup can be increased in order to balance both needs. Additionally, the County does not have adequate shelter space for all of the unhoused citizens that these ordinances would displace. Again, the only solution to homelessness is to provide affordable housing and services, NOT criminalization.

Tiffany Tran

(she/her)

College of Medicine '25
California Northstate University
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From: [sa](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Re: Amending
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:05:50 PM

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For August 10 th Board Meeting

- Sacramento County Code Chapter 9.120 Item 2
- Sacramento County Code 9.36.058 and 9.36.067 Item 3

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On Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 9:01 PM, sa <dsmithee@aol.com> wrote:

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors,

We fully support amending Chapter 9.120 Of the Sacramento County Code, as described in Item #2 and as well amending Sacramento County Code Section 9.36.058 and 9.36.067 Item 3 as described.

Thank you for taking this on. Something absolutely needs to be done.

Darrel Smithee
Debra Smithee
2820 Carrisa Way
Sacramento, CA 95821

ITEM: #2 [Introduce An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area](#)

ITEM: #3 [Introduce An Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway](#)

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From: [Lisa-Noelle LeGare](#)
To: [Nottoli, Don](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento County Board Meeting 8/10/2022-Agenda Items 1 and 2
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 8:31:12 AM

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Dear Supervisor Nottoli:

I am writing to express support for the two county ordinances prohibiting/restricting fires, camping and encampments on or near certain public property locations in the unincorporated county area, and along the American River Parkway.

Over the last few years, the homeless encampments have expanded along Folsom Blvd from the unincorporated area starting at La Riveria Drive to Bradshaw along the light rail line/Folsom Blvd., and private business perimeters, as well as on the American River Parkway.

I and others have tried over a number of years to identify problem areas where the homeless or transients set up what are now permanent camps/enclaves. These camps always seem to be set-up where jurisdiction and enforcement are ambiguous, and the enforcement buck gets passed time and time again. These enclaves are like homeless magnets where every day more tents and tarps appear, the individuals deal or use drugs, cook over open fires, accumulate an abundance of personal waste, trash and debris, and cause problems for local businesses and residents that are already under strain. The American River Parkway, long known as a recreational attraction, is now a place where heightened personal vigilance is necessary, and trash, pollution and crime abound. The fire hazard cannot be over-emphasized given the number of encampments where open fires and other unsafe activities are occurring.

The news reports on the Sacramento-wide increases in the homeless population only serves to emphasize that (1) what the county and other responsible entities (such as Sacramento Sheriff/HOT, Cal-Trans, MTA, SMUD, Sacramento Regional Parks, etc.) have been doing or are allowed to do is not working as a community solution; and (2) the citizens of Sacramento County are paying the price in increased crime, neighborhood and environmental deterioration, fire safety, and overall decline in quality of county life. I am therefore all in favor of County ordinance actions meant to dissuade the homeless from engaging in behavior and activities that diminish safety and quality of life for all residents of Sacramento County. One can only hope that the new ordinances with added prohibitions and enforcement teeth will help.

Lisa LeGare
Resident Tiffany Cordova Neighborhood
Sacramento, CA 95827

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 110

From: [Rachael Brown](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, Wednesday, August 10th, Agenda Items #2 & #3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:48:26 AM
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Good morning Board Clerk,

Please find the attached Letter of Support for the above-mentioned agenda items included in today's meeting. Please confirm receipt.

Thank you,
Rachael



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County of Sacramento
Board of Supervisors
700 H Street, Suite 2450
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: August 10, 2022 Board Meeting: Agenda Items #2 and #3

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express our support for the ordinances that will prohibit camping and encampments near certain public property locations and in the American River and Dry Creek Parkways. While these ordinances address locations outside the Power Inn Alliance's district boundaries, we recognize that this is an important step for the County to take.

As the region continues to grapple with the issues that homelessness and the pandemic have brought to our city and county, the reality is that this complex issue needs a variety of solutions. These ordinances are efforts to begin tackling the mounting concerns, and we think it is a step in the right direction.

Our business community is ready for solutions and eager to support local government when it acts. The discourse between the City and County has been frustrating to hear and watch as the situation worsens. We expect more productive collaboration from our leaders on this critical priority for the people who elected you. In conclusion, we are offering our support for these ordinances and hope this is the beginning of more solutions for this pressing issue.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachael Brown".

Rachael Brown, Executive Director
Power Inn Alliance

COMMUNITY

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From: [Lori Alvi](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:14:25 AM

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

You must prevent the law-abiding, tax-paying residents of this county from being marginalized by the homeless crisis. The fact that I, and my neighbors, must pass a minimum of 4 separate large homeless encampments within a .5 mile radius of my home is unacceptable and an embarrassment (near Winding Way and Auburn Blvd.). These encampments include pedophiles who have not registered a location as sex offenders (no "residence"), active drug users (we have found used needles on the ground), and leave literally tons of garbage and human waste. Seriously? Everyone agrees these people need access to services, if they are willing and able to comply with the requirements. But things cannot stay where they are! We have started dreaming of moving out of Sacramento County due to this single reason, and it will be a sad day when we are forced to leave. You have the support of your constituents to address the issue - you just need the courage and creativity to do it. Offer the services, if they are not utilized, the camps need to abide by the law and leave.

Lori Alvi
4351 Dartmouth Drive
Sacramento, CA 95841

As a Sacramento-area resident, I am deeply concerned about the long-term health and sustainability of our local waterways, including the rivers, creeks and other tributaries. These channels provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats and foster healthy human recreation.

I am also a volunteer with a local group that has been feverishly attempting to clean and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries. Since March 2021, this group has removed over 700,000 pounds of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped debris from our waters and parkways. Every day, toxic and pathogenic wastes are also being discharged into these waters and adjacent soils causing long-term damage. Textiles and other debris accumulate in these areas, armor the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water needed to support aquatic life. Our ecological systems are literally suffocating while toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Tragically, some of these channels have already become solid waste sites, as evidenced by our recent 2-day cleanup that spanned a mere 1100 feet of Arcade Creek near Rio Linda Blvd, or 1.2% of the 16.2-mile creek. During the event, volunteers manually removed over 12,000 pounds of debris from this small section of creek (video: https://youtu.be/KUx_JhrcV68).

Exhaustive efforts to clean our waterways are frequently negated shortly thereafter by re-occupancy and the rapid re-accumulation of waste, garbage and personal property. This has recently occurred in countless sites along Arcade Creek, Steelhead Creek and the American River; areas that required thousands of volunteer hours to clean over many weeks or even

months.

This situation is unsustainable and unacceptable.

I have become disheartened by the failure of our leaders to take necessary action to stem this recurrence and implement appropriate corrective action. Thus, I request that you immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

- 1) Designate all regional waterways as "critical infrastructure" to include not only our rivers, but also their tributaries, including creeks, sloughs and canals.
- 2) Pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, debris and the storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high-water mark of all of our rivers and tributaries;
- 3) Immediately enforce all existing anti-dumping laws within 150 feet of the high-water mark of our waterways, including but not limited to, California Fish and Game Code §5652; and
- 4) Advance and fund consistent creek, river and other waterway cleaning and restoration by our regional departments and agencies.

The current contamination of our waters and soils is an inexcusable, ecological travesty. Therefore, I implore you to take immediate action to rectify the damage inflicted by years of neglect and abandonment and ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Sincerely and Urgently,

Lori Alvi

From: [Suzanne Latimer](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento County Supervisors Mtg- August 10, 2022 - Agenda Items 2 & 3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:01:12 PM

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I have been a homeowner & resident of College Greens East for over 26 years. During this time span I have seen many undesirable changes occur in our community, but nothing as concerning as the last couple of years have been. One of the draws to this particular neighborhood has always been the close proximity to the American River Parkway, which has always been touted as one of the Crown Jewels of our Once Beautiful City. I live right across the street from the river, and yet have NOT been able to access its once many amenities secondary to the many homeless vagrants that occupy & have completely taken over this once family recreational area! Families that used to walk their dogs, ride their bikes, or just plain get outdoors & enjoy the nature surrounding the river, no longer do so for fear of being mugged, raped or even killed by a drug addict looking for his next fix!! Additionally, because of the extreme drought situation facing us now, we have the added fear of fires started in the dry grassy area along the parkway spreading to our homes as well. Only a few weeks ago our fears were realized on my street, Rio Bravo Circle, when this occurred. Fortunately, it was a rare day when the air was still & the wind was not blowing all day, keeping the embers from flying up into all our beautiful but dry trees. Our hardworking first responders were able to contain the fire before it jumped to our homes. However the dense smoke filled the air & the noxious odor burned our noses for many hours afterwards, even inside our air conditioned house; making it extremely difficult for those of us that have breathing problems.

I understand that the entire nation, & particularly California, of which I am a native, going back four generations, is going through a very difficult time at present; and even though we have a surplus State budget, the trickle down effect of funds is not working as it should in our local communities. We have a limited support system for the unfortunate, TRULY unhoused citizens living in our County. I am all for using our taxpaying monies to assist those that temporarily need that extra assistance, enabling them to get back on their feet. Most of the needy families are happy to cooperate with those providers of service & get the help they need.

However, like the MAJORITY of our law abiding citizens, we would like it very much if our elected officials would stop pandering to the MINORITY and LISTEN to us!! We are tired of having the ner-do-well, law breaking, "homeless" druggies foraging our garbage cans, leaving a littered mess. After they illegally ride the Lite Rail out to our neighborhood from downtown, & meander down to the River, they are stealing items from our yards & defecating & urinating in our bushes. As well as camping out, or even breaking into empty homes that are for sale or rent. These individuals are NOT law abiding citizens down on their luck!! They are druggies looking for their next fix and/or the mentally ill who have slipped through the cracks of our social services system. Most are very aware that they are breaking the law & just scoff at us because they KNOW they can get away with it! As tax paying, & more importantly to you,

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Suzanne Latimer](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento County Supervisors Mtg- August 10, 2022 - Agenda #2&3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:27:01 PM

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Suzanne Latimer

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From: [Joe O'Connor](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#)
Subject: Today's Proposed Ordinances Involving the Homeless Camps
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:29:54 AM

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Due to another engagement, I'm unable to attend the BOS meeting today, but I would like to express my support regarding two proposed ordinances involving removing homeless camps from the American River Parkway and other areas where they obstruct normal civic life and present a public hazard within the county. The problems these camps create are well known, so I don't feel the need to list them here. I also realize that the next step, dealing with the displaced homeless, will not be easy, but things can't continue on the current course.

Joseph O'Connor

From: rogers91@sbcglobal.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Wed. Aug. 10 Agenda items 2 and 3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:32:26 PM

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Dear County Supervisors,

It's possible to have respect and compassion for the unhoused and also to believe that reasonable restrictions on their behavior are neither cruel nor unfair. **Please vote for the ordinances that will ban camping in our beautiful, fragile, shared public spaces on the Parkway.**

Amy Rogers
2740 Creekside Ln
Sacramento, CA 95821

From: [Christine Bagley](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Christine Bagley](#)
Subject: Agenda item #2 & Agenda item #3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:40:06 AM

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Homeless Ordinance meeting 8/10/22

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I have lived in Carmichael for 53 years. I am in Support of passing the below ordinance.

I have two legally blind Sons that the homeless have negatively impacted from an ADA standpoint.

My Sons are not legally allowed to drive and unfortunately navigating the streets of Carmichael as a pedestrian has proven unsafe. Both my son's walk to work and due to the tents on the sidewalk's, being constantly approached for money and/ or drug's They have had to modify their commute to navigate the dangerous sidewalk's. This has affected our entire family and negatively impacted my son's financially. My Son's are the true definition of vulnerable and they work full time despite their disability. The homeless have impacted their right to commute to work under safe conditions.

I am also very concerned about the environmental impact of the trash, feces, pollution on our river parkway.

My family and Son's both ride their bikes and they are blind and have had issues navigating the pounds of trash on the parkway.

I am in full support of passing the following ordinance

Homeless Ordinance Comments

- [Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area](#)
- [Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek](#)

Parkway

Christine Bagley

From: [Jerry Blalock](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Medical Facility
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:10:34 AM

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Dear Board,

I am very concerned that so far no mention, that I have heard, has been made or action was taken by any gov't or supervisory body to plan for and to begin construction of a medical facility for the large number of homeless (I have heard as high as 80%) who have the medical, disease, psychiatric, etc. challenges that need attention. With the large budget surplus California has garnered this year it seems funds are now available - I am a bit frustrated that we can pour billions into a so-called "bullet" train, and "save" money by not building more much-needed reservoirs for water storage (not one in the last 40 years!), but a medical facility for the stricken homeless seems far from being on the books.

The two Ordinances mentioned under the heading of *Hearing Matters* are a great step forward in the beginning of some kind of homeless control.

Sincerely,

Gerald D. Blalock
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Carmichael, CA 95608
916-607-6460

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 118

From: [ALLISON Graff](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Rescind Ordinance 2022-0110
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 11:22:17 PM

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Rescind ordinance 2022-0110. The houseless should not be criminalized. Sweeps kill. Rescind ESEA.

Allison Graff

From: [Da Bigwave](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Rich Desmond](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:33:01 AM

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Dear Sacramento County Board of Supervisors,
We strongly encourage you to support Item #2 and #3 on the August 10, 2022 Board of Supervisors Agenda. The two proposed ordinances are needed to prohibit camping near certain designated public property and to prohibit camping along the American River Parkway and Dry Creek Parkway.

We support adoption of the two ordinances for all the reasons mentioned in the public comments received in support of the ordinances that have been published in the August 10 Board of Supervisors Agenda.

We are sympathetic to the plight of homeless people but more needs to be done to ensure their encampments do not spoil our environment with trash and human waste.

We support relocating homeless people to county designated camping areas where basic sanitary facilities and trash collection can be maintained at County expense in an orderly and efficient manner.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,
David and Sharon
Fair Oaks, CA

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 120

From: [Lisa Williams](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Support for item #2 and #3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:28:34 AM

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As a citizen of Sacramento I am extremely disappointed of our city officials, what they have done to our beautiful city. Please vote to support item #2 and 3. It's time to step up and make smart decisions not ones of nonsense that you have been making in the past! It is disgusting, despicable and I am ashamed of our city. Please pay attention to what the people actually want! We work hard and we pay taxes to keep our city safe and clean. You are protecting the criminals and the people who are drug addicts on our streets instead of the people who actually are paying taxes and need protection. What you have been doing is clearly not working. It is not safe for homeless people to be walking in intersections or blocking sidewalks. They do not have the capacity to make deci to help themselves. The ones who choose this life to avoid the law should not be on our streets. Our children deserve better! I never thought America would have areas looking like India. It is awful.
Thank you, I am praying you make the right decisions.

Lisa Williams

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 121

From: [Jennifer Hall](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Support for Item 2 and 3 on the August 10 agenda
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:24:45 AM

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Hello,

I am a resident of Sacramento County. I walk regularly on the American River parkway and wanted to voice my support for the ordinances being proposed. I am supportive of item 2 and 3. I would like to be able to walk without fear of fire or harrassment during the day on the parkway.

Thank you,

Jen Hall

4884 Kipling Drive

Carmichael, CA 95608

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 122

From: [Liz Fedler](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: In support of Camping prohibition on the American River and Dry Creek Parkways
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:55:56 AM

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As a law abiding, tax paying citizen, I am asking for your full support of the ordinances that will prohibit camping along the American river parkway, dry creek parkway, and other public property in the unincorporated areas of Sacramento county. Our community safety is at stake here along with supporting the citizens who dutifully follow the law. Pandering to those who choose to flout laws and taxes with no consequences only makes the problem worse. Last year's murder along the parkway and this year's several encampment fires are a testament to why these policies should be supported.

Thank you for your support

Elizabeth Fedler- Jorgensen , Sacramento county resident

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 123

From: [Hayes, Rebecca](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Rich Desmond](#)
Subject: August 10 Board Meeting in Support of Item 1 and 2
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:55:14 AM

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I am writing this email in support of

ITEM: #2 [Introduce An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area](#)

ITEM: #3 [Introduce An Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway](#)

I cannot express the angst that the homeless situation is causing in our community. I have lived in the area my entire life. I do not understand why we are letting this situation get out of control and ruin our community. Our river parkways are a mess.

Please! We need more laws to rid our streets of homeless, to protect our local children, and support local businesses. We need to support our law enforcement to help our community.

My family is hard working. I have worked and paid taxes here since I was 16 years old. Because we work so hard, we pay an extreme amount of taxes. I find it unfair that while we work and pay taxes, others can live free on our streets.

I am an educator. I worked in Grant Joint Union High School District for 12 years and have been at American River College for over 23 years. I work hard at being part of the solution. I help people in our community gain skills to achieve their goals and become a productive person in our society. Believe me when I say, I have helped many homeless students to help themselves and to see

brighter futures. I can absolutely say without blinking an eye, that letting people live in homeless camps in public areas is **NOT HELPING them**. It is **enabling** them to sustain a lifestyle of homelessness and not moving on.

We love to walk our dogs on the river trails. I can no longer go alone. I have had some scary encounters. It is **absolutely unsafe**, especially alone and for children, to take a leisurely walk along our beautiful river. It is soooooo sad for this community.

Isn't it time to be proactive? Much of the petty crime would not be committed if we cleaned up our community.

I hear the other side of the argument...where will they go? Well, where were they before? We are encouraging the homeless to come to Sacramento and enjoy a lovely lifestyle at our river. They are coming to the communities that allow them to stay. We feed them. We give resources to them. Their medical is paid for. They can put up a tent and live rent free. I would like to help and support individuals "in our community" that are having a bad go for a bit (in fact - we would have more money and resources to help them if the out of city and state homeless were not coming here), but it is not okay to make our community a destination city for anyone that wants to live the free life.

You only have to drive about 15 minutes in many directions to go to communities that are not "allowing" or putting up with homeless tenants. Drive to Wilton. Drive to El Dorado Hills. Why are those communities not littered with tents? **The community is not allowing it. It is an easy solution.**

At this point, the community is asking for something to be done. It is not fair to those of us that are working, paying taxes, and striving to live in a nice, safe, community.

I am in full support of Item 1 and 2.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Rebecca Hayes

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 124

From: [Noorafsha Khan](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Critical Infrastructure & American River Parkway - Meeting 8/10 at 2pm.
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:44:19 AM

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Meeting Date	08/10/2022
Time	2pm
Agenda Item	Items 2 and 3

My name is Noorafsha and I am a medical student at California Northstate University. I strongly OPPOSE ITEMS 2 AND 3 on the 8/10/2022 2pm agenda. Both are attempts by the County to circumvent Martin v Boise — making people move with nowhere to go is a cruel punishment. These ordinances will not improve nor fix the situation the unhoused population is facing. What will help is services and affordable housing. These ordinances will displace these citizens who have nowhere to go. Instead of implementing this "critical infrastructure" ordinance, the County needs to provide adequate shelter space as well as provide affordable housing and services, not this criminalization. This will only cause the issue to worsen. The American River Parkway Ordinance does not have to be seen as an environmental justice issue vs homeless rights issue. People who live outside go to the Parkway so as to not bother nor be bothered by the general public, and County services such as sanitation and trash pickup can be increased in order to balance both needs. Insufficient housing places a SIGNIFICANT burden on the community. Ultimately the ONLY solution is to create more housing - be it through construction of affordable housing units or taking action against the institutions who are creating the problem.

Thank you.

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 125

From: [SANDS KING](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: A letter concerning the Board's Agenda towards Homeless Encampments
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:08:01 PM
Attachments: [Community standards and problem solving.docx](#)

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I am writing to you in regard of Sacramento community's frustration at not being able to stem the increasing tide of homelessness-even though the county rolls out program after program, and builds interim housing, etc. This homelessness problem has nothing to do with building more housing. The problem is centered in mental illness, addictions, and no valid solutions that guide individuals back towards fiscal self-sufficiency.

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Let us at least agree on the basic principle that drug addiction and mental illness are intractable problems that need different solutions, and these present policies do not address these issues, and only add distinctly with the immediate region's downfall. These problems, as they exist currently, only undermine the community's fiscal growth and tranquil security of residents with a problem that deserves more than a band aid, and a bad choice as a solution. Allowing encampments do not solve any issues that we are faced with.

A) ***Gas prices are "through the roof". Ordinances that pertain to sidewalk easement and right-of-way need to be properly enforced. Local business should not be impacted by people continually obstructing any sidewalk.

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C) There is a current ordinance that pertains to blocking sidewalks, which results in an infraction. This law enforcement instrument needs to be promoted to a misdemeanor, in which reaches the correct level of guiding behavior and promotes safety- to an acceptable and normal community standard, that we are currently losing.

These conversations and focused problem-solving are a very good start. Any camping within residential and community property is not acceptable. A regulated and enforced area of shelter that falls within community standards, that controls criminal behavior is what everyone wants and needs that guarantees safety to all.

From: [John Malin](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #2 and #3, Wednesday August 10th, 2022 Meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:49:54 AM

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The county's plan to ban camping in the American River Parkway is an indefensible and inhumane abdication of the board's responsibility to pursue real solutions to homelessness, and will do nothing to address the rightful concerns of residents impacted by the presence of homeless encampments. This proposal seems to operate under the logic that if unhoused people are banned from existing in a certain place, they will then disappear into the ether, never to be seen again. We all know that this is not the case, and those unhoused people removed from the parkway will simply be living on the city's streets instead.

While inducing unhoused people to move into the city may allow the board to feel that they can wash their hands of the issue and continue to pass responsibility for dealing with the problem to the city, it will not solve the concerns of any of the residents who are supporting this measure, who will find that the encampments that were formerly located in the parkway, are now located on the streets in front of their businesses, schools, and homes.

I am understanding of the desire many residents have to see enforcement, but enforcement that is not paired with increasing humane shelter and long term housing solutions is not a solution at all. All this ordinance will accomplish is increasing the suffering of our most vulnerable neighbors, without making our communities safer, or preventing more and more people in our county from falling into homelessness.

I implore the board to rescind this proposed ordinance and instead engage with honest deliberation with the city of Sacramento, and other cities in the region, to address the real causes of homelessness, and pursue real solutions.

Last night the City of Sacramento, in pursuing an ordinance that is flawed in its own right but at least pairs enforcement with requirements for emergency shelter space, called for greater collaboration and cooperation with the county, which has more resources and expertise than the city for addressing the root causes of homelessness. The Sacramento Board of Supervisors must cease its shameful abdication of its responsibilities, and work with the city to be a partner in solving this problem, not just cynically picking it up, and moving it somewhere else.

-John Malin
Sacramento Homeowner

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 127

From: [William Hixson - SacHotelAssoc](#)
To: [William Hixson - SacHotelAssoc](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #2 and Agenda Item #3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:28:07 PM
Attachments: [SHA Letter to Sacramento County.pdf](#)

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Dear Chair Nottoli, Supervisors, and County Executive Edwards,

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Sincerely,

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Sacramento Hotel Association



Wednesday, August 10, 2022
2pm County Board of Supervisors Meeting

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and County Executive Edwards
Sacramento County
700 H Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Will Hixson
Executive Director
Sacramento Hotel Association

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 128

From: [Karen Ganon](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Aug. 10 homeless ordinances
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:21:54 PM

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Please do NOT pass these ordinances until plans and places are set up for the people displaced. Thank you!

From: [Ruthel Hawkins](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10 meeting @ 2:00
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:53:07 AM

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Board of Supervisors,

This email is in regards to the Aug 10 meeting this afternoon @ 2:00

The agenda item # is 1 & 2

I am a homeowner at Mobil Country Club, in Rancho Cordova. I have resided at the park for 5 years.

My intention of this email is to voice my 100% support for the homeowners, who have tirelessly given their time and efforts towards the removal of the homeless encampment on Citrus Road, behind Mobil Country Club.

As senior citizens, and homeowners, we deserve the right to enjoy each day within this Park and our homes, without the continuous disturbances and ongoing safety concerns that are caused from this large tent community.

Sincerely,

Ruthel Hawkins
Mobil Country Club

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ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 130

From: [Joyce Seubert](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Board Meeting August 10, 2022: Agenda items 2 and 3 prohibiting camping in public areas
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:21:55 PM

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I am in favor of passing of these two ordinances in order to protect people and wildlife in and around the American River Parkway and other public areas. Camping in these areas causes myriads of problems, including contamination of water and land from fecal matter, dangers to public users of the areas from possible harm by campers, fire danger to the public areas and surrounding communities. These are just a few of the negative effects of allowing camping in such areas. It must be stopped. People can't even safely enjoy the river anymore. And who knows what negative effects, perhaps long term, it is having on wildlife?

From: [gmail](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [T Bunu](#)
Subject: Board of Supervisors August 10, 2022 2:00 PM agenda
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:10:19 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

This email is regarding the August 10, 2022 2:00 PM agenda.

As a member of District 3 as well as a parent of a child who works at In N Out Burger (store 276) located at 2001 Alta Arden Expy, Sacramento, CA 95825 I urge you to pass the two ordinances that would prohibit camping and encampments in certain sensitive public property locations to benefit our community.

Item #2: There are several encampments located on the south side of Alta Arden Expy starting at Cal Expo and ending at Watt Avenue. For example, there is camping on the sidewalk in front of the Goodwill and a large pile of trash blocking the bike lane near Howe Ave. You have the data of the fires and assaults in this location ... example: a few months ago a homeless person attacked another homeless person known in the area and set fire to his sidewalk camp on Alta Arden Expy across the street from In N Out Burger. The success of HBA demonstrates that customers (sales tax revenue) would increase if you helped to attract similar developments. Rancho Cordova, Citrus Heights (Bird Cage area), Folsom (Pallado area), Roseville (Galleria area) do not have the visible camps, graffiti (look behind Mimi's Cafe), blowing street trash (always), passed out people on the sidewalk & behind Mimi's Cafe, and groups of homeless congregating in the parking lot near the Guitar Center/Goodwill who cause problems at the local businesses and bus-stops. Sometimes I wonder if you want local community members to dine, shop, and purchase their cars from this location.

Item #3: The American River Parkway is often called the jewel of Sacramento; I agree. The community enjoys walking and biking on the trails and also volunteers to clean-up annually (parkway foundation). There was a fire near mile marker 11. I do not know who caused it. Many negative impacts will be eliminated if you prohibit free camping and encampments.

Respectfully,
terbunu@gmail.com

From: [cathy.creswell](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Kendra Lewis](#)
Subject: BOS August 10, 2pm Meeting Agenda Items 1 and 2
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:18:36 PM

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On behalf of the **Sacramento Housing Alliance** we urge the Board of Supervisors to reject both ordinances and instead work to develop immediate and long term solutions to the crisis of homelessness in our County. While the ultimate solution to homelessness is affordable housing, especially permanent supportive housing, we know that more immediate actions are needed to protect and serve those living on the streets and along the river. We appreciate the investments the County has already made in providing services and developing the Stay Safe Communities. However, these ordinances do nothing to reenforce those approaches and appear to be limited to enforcement and moving people regardless of whether there is a safe space, shelter or home available. The ordinances are not linked to increasing shelter opportunities or permanent supportive housing and will only force unhomed people to move further out of public view or into surrounding communities. We also believe the proposed ordinances are explicitly inconsistent with the County's housing element program and policies and the County's duty to affirmatively further fair housing. Sacramento County is facing an unprecedented humanitarian crisis that deserves real solutions; to get people off the streets and river parkways and provide permanent supportive housing. These ordinance do neither. We do appreciate the need to protect the environment and County infrastructure, but those protections should not come at the expense of our most vulnerable populations. Reject these ordinances and instead work to provide a real pathway home, to safe, service enriched shelters, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing.

From: [JHBS Eychaner](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: BOS meeting 8/10 Public Comments
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:11:50 AM

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Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
Meeting of August 10, 2022

Comments by Jim Eychaner
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Agenda item 2—Prohibiting camping

Proposed County Code chapter 9.120

The proposed policy is based on a clear concept but terribly vague geography. Before enacting this policy, the Supervisors should provide themselves and the public with reasonable estimates of how much land area would be affected and how much of the regulated area is now occupied by the activities to be prohibited. That is, does this policy apply to 100 acres or 100,000? Would camping activities be displaced from 10 acres or 10,000?

Equally, before enacting this policy, the Supervisors should provide an equal area of County property where the same camping activities would be permitted. You can't say

"they can't camp HERE" without also saying "they can camp THERE." Our unhoused neighbors will need just as much space to sleep, eat, and defecate tomorrow as they do today. The County holds title to at least 1472 parcels of land on the tax roll, not counting parcels held by the Housing Authority, Water Agency, and other County entities. Which of those parcels will the Supervisors make available for camping? A vague promise to decide that "later" is a clear decision not to do it at all.

Finally, the proposal protects whatever assets the County values at any time, but ignores assets an unhoused neighbor might value. The contrast of definitions is striking. Definition G "Facility" is broadly open-ended and could include essentially anything, because it uses the term "asset," which in military parlance is universal (places, things, people, ideas, or software, all without limit). In stark contrast, definition K "Personal property" is narrowly limited to "the following items" listed explicitly.

Agenda item 3—Regional parks

Proposed County Code chapters—

9.36.058 Fires.

Under proposed ¶ D, an automobile and its fuel tank would be prohibited as “a container with flammable or combustible liquid.”

9.36.067 Hours of Use.

Some of the most powerful personal experiences along the Parkways occur during the transition from false dawn to dawn to sunrise, as the overnight quiet slides away, the birds begin to sing one species at a time, the animals move toward their daytime haunts, and the light creeps across land and water. Proposed ¶ B would make illegal all those experiences before sunrise.

9.36.083 Prohibition On Camping

A. Findings.

Item 8 attempts to justify the proposed action as a means to protect “the health and welfare of unsheltered individuals camping in the Parkways.” As above under agenda item 2, you can’t say “they can’t camp HERE” without also saying “they can camp THERE.” Simply chasing unsheltered citizens away and confiscating their property is harm, not protection.

From: [Melinda Eppler](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: BOS: August 10, 2022 Item #2/Encampment Ordinance
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:13:49 PM

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Dear Chair Nottoli, Supervisor Rich Desmond, Supervisor Patrick Kennedy, Supervisor Phil Serna, Supervisor Sue Frost:

As Executive Director of the Fulton Avenue Property and Business Improvement District (PBID), I represent 132 property owners and close to 600 businesses along a 2.3 mile stretch of Fulton Avenue between Arden Way and the Cap City Freeway. While this historic commercial corridor is a small sliver of Sacramento County, it generates a high percentage of sales tax revenue, largely due to the number of Auto Dealerships and Shopping Centers that have actually called Fulton Avenue HOME for decades.

Over the past 2+ years, the effectiveness of the PBID's private security patrol and clean-up crews (at a cost of \$180,000 annually) has been crippled by Martin -vs- Boise, emergency ordinances, and judgements made by law enforcement and the judicial system. Experiencing the mounting homeless crisis and chaos that it creates in the business community, is a fierce and ugly storm that is not just passing through. The lack of collaborative action and progress being made by County AND City leadership is disturbing.

I ask that you not only support this Ordinance, but include that Public Sidewalk encampments in front of Business Districts' Shopping Centers, Auto Dealerships, Restaurants and other Commerce be prohibited as well. This inclusion would greatly reduce the level of vandalism, theft, property damage and threat of harm that a large number of our property and business owners are experiencing due to the proliferation of the homeless population.

Our PBID is a public/private partnership, and needs to be able to show progress; specifically with respect to the number of people living on our sidewalks, streets and private commercial properties. WE, the private side of this Partnership ARE DOING OUR PART. We need YOU the public side to do yours.

Thank you for listening to the Fulton Avenue Business District's collective voice, we need your help and support.

Most Sincerely,

Melinda C. Michael

Executive Director
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ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 135

From: [Jerri L. Swoyer](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: comment for Aug. 10, 2022 agenda item
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:14:33 PM

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I am visually impaired and have not been able to find the agenda for today's meeting; however, I want to comment on items regarding homeless encampments. I am a resident of district 3.

I am very concerned with irreversible damage being done to our public infrastructure and environment. I am extremely concerned regarding pollution of our rivers and streams and fire dangers caused by encampments along the American and Sacramento rivers. This must stop. We must clean-up these areas and protect and preserve them.

I am also concerned regarding the unmitigated use of illegal drugs in and around these encampments. The danger to human life, both of the drug users and the surrounding communities is simply unacceptable and must be policed and eliminated.

Just moving the homeless from one area to another is hardly the solution and care must be taken to immediately provide adequate housing and treatment for the unfortunate. We have the financial resources to do this. Now. We need to stop wasting resources on studies and committees and construct adequate housing units NOW. Those who simply wish to flaunt the law and/or profit off the lives of the unfortunate should be dealt with like any other person who knowingly breaks the law.

Thank you for listening,
Jerri Swoyer

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 136

From: [Rachael Brown](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#)
Cc: [Nava, Lisa](#); [McCarthy-Olmstead, Vanessa](#); [Hedges, Matt](#); [Sloan, Rebecca](#); [Riley, Keaton](#)
Subject: FW: Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, Wednesday, August 10th, Agenda Items #2 & #3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:53:31 AM
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Good morning Board of Supervisors,

I wanted to send you our attached letter of support for today's agenda items. I look forward to hearing from the Supervisors after listening to last night's Council meeting. It sounds like there has been momentum towards an official agreement between the two agencies which would outline roles and responsibilities to combat the complex homelessness issue. I am eager to see what the two agencies produce and how the agreement is implemented.

Regards,
Rachael



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Executive Director
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From: Rachael Brown
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:48 AM
To: BoardClerk@saccounty.net
Subject: Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, Wednesday, August 10th, Agenda Items #2 & #3

Good morning Board Clerk,

Please find the attached Letter of Support for the above-mentioned agenda items included in today's meeting. Please confirm receipt.

Thank you,
Rachael

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Re: August 10, 2022 Board Meeting: Agenda Items #2 and #3

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express our support for the ordinances that will prohibit camping and encampments near certain public property locations and in the American River and Dry Creek Parkways. While these ordinances address locations outside the Power Inn Alliance's district boundaries, we recognize that this is an important step for the County to take.

As the region continues to grapple with the issues that homelessness and the pandemic have brought to our city and county, the reality is that this complex issue needs a variety of solutions. These ordinances are efforts to begin tackling the mounting concerns, and we think it is a step in the right direction.

Our business community is ready for solutions and eager to support local government when it acts. The discourse between the City and County has been frustrating to hear and watch as the situation worsens. We expect more productive collaboration from our leaders on this critical priority for the people who elected you. In conclusion, we are offering our support for these ordinances and hope this is the beginning of more solutions for this pressing issue.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

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Rachael Brown, Executive Director
Power Inn Alliance

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ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 137

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To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Fwd: A letter concerning the Board's Agenda towards Homeless Encampments
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:42:53 PM
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Here is my letter in support of Item #2 and #3 for today's agenda with Homeless Ordinances**

Thank You for your time.

----- Original Message -----

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Bicycle versus car accidents have increased in this local area, as some homeless population spontaneously elect to circumvent existing traffic laws and cross heavy traffic patterns that cause collisions, hospitalizations, and in some instances, death. Fair Oaks Boulevard is a major artery to the area, supporting heavy traffic flows.

A homeless centralization is not the answer to most individuals that need mental, and addiction services. This added step only delays service and impacts the entire region negatively with added costs and unnecessary dangers. prolongs the spiral in agony to both residents and homeless, promoting a gap, and an atmosphere of mistrust between residents and those camping in public thoroughfares.

Let us at least agree on the basic principle that drug addiction and mental illness are intractable problems that need different solutions, and these present policies do not address these issues, and only add distinctly with the immediate region's downfall. These problems, as they exist currently, only undermine the community's fiscal growth and tranquil security of residents with a problem that deserves more than a band aid, and a bad choice as a solution. Allowing encampments do not solve any issues that we are faced with.

A) ***Gas prices are "through the roof". Ordinances that pertain to sidewalk easement and right-of-way need to be properly enforced. Local business should not be impacted by people continually obstructing any sidewalk.

B) The provision in the infrastructure ordinance prohibiting camping near a 'youth facility' needs a distance of 500 feet minimum, for day care centers, if not 1000 feet which only aligns with current law that frames and protects public and private schools.

C) There is a current ordinance that pertains to blocking sidewalks, which results in an infraction. This law enforcement instrument needs to be promoted to a misdemeanor, in which reaches the correct level of guiding behavior and promotes safety- to an acceptable and normal community standard, that we are currently losing.

These conversations and focused problem-solving are a very good start. Any camping within residential and community property is not acceptable. A regulated and enforced area of shelter that falls within community standards, that controls criminal behavior is what everyone wants and needs that guarantees safety to all.

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 138

From: [sean.mee](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: homeless/council meeting 8/10/2022 2pm
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:46:59 PM

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Please pass ordinance prohibiting camping(why not RV living also?). Areas of this city and county are experiencing MAJOR blight. For example along old Roseville Rd, just north of Haggin Oaks golf course.

It is the job of board members and county officials to deal with this, and at this point the only thing I could call your efforts is total failure.

I believe CA has about 40% of the estimated homeless population of the country. Why is that? Perhaps because it is allowed to go on. It is sad that over the last 20 years politicians have not been able to deal with this issue. Compassion without wisdom is chaos. Just drive down that road i mentioned and you will witness this reality.

How about you get the state government to stop wasting literally billions of dollars on "affordable" housing that is costing over \$600.00 per square foot. How about not wasting billions on a train that no one is going to use?

How many mental health or drug addictions centers could be funded with that amount of money? I guess we'll never know.

Stop lining the pockets of connected non-profits that obviously do nothing. The state government does worse than nothing. Billions have been spent supposedly on the homeless issue in the last 5 years, and the problem has gotten worse. How is that possible? Someone is walking with a boat load of money.

Do something productive, PLEASE!

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 139

From: [Twana James](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:02:53 PM

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I want to to talk for the homeless

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 140

From: [Tony Manzanetti](#)
To: [Nottoli, Don](#)
Cc: [Supervisor Serna](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#)
Subject: Oppose - Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area.
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:10:59 PM

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Dear Chair Nottoli and members of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

I write in opposition this ordinance as written. It authorizes confiscation of personal property after a 48 hour demand to leave without assurance of a specifically identified and appropriate place for the homeless to go.

While the county has made admirable strides to provide shelter, the staff report makes it clear that there is no assurance all those who will be asked to leave the American River Parkway will have a place to go.

I urge you oppose this ordinance to advocate/demand for inclusion of specifically identified, available, and appropriate shelter and relocation assurance for any person asked to leave under the terms of this proposed ordinance. If, beavers resident in the parkway, had to be removed from the parkway for some reason, we/you would demand this for the beavers.

How can we ask any less for our fellow human Sacramento residents?

I urge the the Board of Supervisors to reject this ordinance as currently drafted and to include a mandatory requirement that every person asked to leave the parkway under the terms of the ordinance be provided with a specifically identified, available, and appropriate shelter assurance and relocation assistance.

Thank you,
~ Tony Manzanetti
(916) 662-4225

Typos by iPad

From: [JOHN VOLEK](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Ordinance 9.120 and 9.3.058
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:13:33 AM

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Board Clerk,

John and Vicki Volek, 5814 River Oak Way, Carmichael, CA. 95608, We are proud residents of Carmichael for over 25 years ! Recently the homeless crisis has become a crisis in our community! We are in support of Ordinance 9.120 and 9.3.058 ! Our leaders need to make this happen NOW! Sincerely John and Vicki Volek

From: [Shannon Albers](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:00:11 PM

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Dear Supervisor Serna,

I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure.

I use the Parkway for recreation and respite. It has gone to being the crown jewel of Sacramento to a dumping ground for people and things. As a woman, I no longer feel safe on the Parkway. I have been in the middle of active fires and am grateful for the quick action of our fire department.

This support is based on the contingency that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wrap-around services for the unhoused – especially for those living on the Parkway – a priority. There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines.

While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, we will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Without this element, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem. And shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,
Shannon Albers

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 143

From: [Kristina Towle](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Ordinance support
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:02:50 AM

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Hello,

This email serves as support for agenda items #2 and #3 to be discussed at the board meeting on 8/10/22. The passing of these will help increase safety to the public and reduce risk for businesses.

Thank you,
Kristina

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Shauna Heckert](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Ordinances limiting or prohibiting homeless in designated areas
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:10:40 PM

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I am a resident of Sacramento County District 3. I am opposed to the 2 proposed ordinances that will limit where unhoused people can camp. These people should not be criminalized. Services not sweeps. The county's solutions are woe inadequate.

Shauna Heckert Pandelidis

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 145

From: [Courtney Poole](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Nottoli, Don](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Board of Supervisors Meeting 8/10- Agenda Item 2 & 3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:03:03 PM

Good morning,

I am writing to submit public comment on Agenda items 2 and 3 of today's Board of Supervisors meeting.

As a resident of district 1 and a social worker in the community, I am deeply concerned about how prohibiting encampment in areas of the county and along the river will affect our community members who are unhoused. Further criminalization and sweeps will harm these individuals and put their health, mental health, and safety at risk. Our lack of affordable housing is so dire, where are you expecting these people to go? Uprooting folks from the homes they have created due to being priced out of all other options will only exacerbate their lack of connection to services and supports. Please consider this when you are voting on these agenda items. These are thousands of people's lives here.

We need more housing, not more criminalization and harm.

Courtney Poole
District 1

Sent from my iPhone

From: charhorseranch@aol.com
To: [Frost, Supervisor](#)
Cc: [Supervisor Serna](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Re: Items #2 and #3 on August 10, 2022 Wednesday meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:51:16 AM

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RE: County Code Amendments for Camping in Dry Creek Parkway and American River Parkway

Dear Supervisor Frost,

I write in full support of the Amendments under consideration for the protection of the Dry Creek Parkway and the American River Parkway.

In addition to the language forbidding camping, construction etc. I wonder if it's possible to also include language that would make it illegal for Parkway users to possess items such as: Saws, Loppers, Pruners, Hedge Clippers, Knives, Hatchets, Axes, Shovels, Chainsaws, or any implements that can be used as weapons to destroy, deface, remove, harm, or cut down Parkway flora without a permit.

I have personally encountered threats from established "campers" with axes and hatchets and I have witnessed the destruction that has occurred in the Dry Creek Parkway as a result of these implements being allowed. Personal threats have caused the Friends of Dry Creek Parkway to cease their efforts at cleaning the Creek and removing Red Sesbania. The destruction of oak trees, native shrubs and bushes, damming of the creek bed, channeling the creek flows and digging into the creek banks has caused terrible damage to the peace, beauty and enjoyment of the Dry Creek Parkway for thousands of residents.

I fully support any actions that will mitigate the destruction and return the people's Parkway to their future enjoyment.

Thank you,

Charlea Moore
Friends of Dry Creek Parkway
916-275-3275 or 916-991-0338
Charhorseranch@aol.com

From: [Mavash Hadavi](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Re: Support!
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:20:47 AM

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Dear sir,

I am supporting the item # 2 and item # 3 ordinances.

Best Regards,



Mavash Hadavi



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From: [Don Taylor](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Homeless problem
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:14:02 AM

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We would love to have attended the public meeting on homeless problem but are out of town.
We would like to make it known how upset we are as property owners in Carmichael.
Our homeless population exceeds San Francisco's and our streets are beginning to look like it.
Being a retired business owner of 43 years having many stores on J Street we know first hand "the homeless".
Having endured years of broken windows. Stolen copper pipes, abuse to our customers and us, the problem is getting out of hand.
So called homeless are not homeless, many do not want a home or to be controlled.
Enabling them will not help them. Most are young males who have dropped out and want it that way.
It's like giving your kids a cookie and telling them they can have no more but leaving the jar open.
Our city is being destroyed by little law enforcement by our mayor. The police are told hands off. What do think will happen!
This has to stop our country is falling apart and Sacramento with it.
Please consider this as constructive for we love our city, but not the unlawful!
Thank you,
Don and Mec Taylor
Taylor's Art Center former owners
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Erin Celli](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Agenda Items August 10, 2022
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 3:23:45 PM

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To the Board of Supervisors of Sacramento County

I concur & support the Recommended Actions on the Agenda of August 10, 2022
Introducing Ordinances to the Sacramento County Code.

We in Sacramento County are being severely impacted by the blight, the destruction & the debris all relating to the continued illegal camping that is exploding in our Capitol City & environs.

These above mentioned action items are new & necessary additions to our code for the County to continue to refine & protect our County structures, individuals, neighborhoods, shopping areas & our safety and peace of mind in Sacramento County.

In addition, the destructive fires, whether deliberately set or not, and the additionally sloppy management by campers of their environs are vastly impacting the quality of life in this City & County. The inability of we residents, legal renters, homeowners, business owners & taxpayers that have chosen to live by the rules of polite society in this beautiful Capitol City are being unfairly challenged & impacted by the many who are choosing to not comply with the current codes in our County.

Further, many of us in the unincorporated County are quite tired of the expanding & continuing blight created by this homeless crisis. Additionally, it is unlikely that over 9,000 people have become homeless from Sacramento County alone. Some of this multitude of folks have arrived here in Sacramento because they have become, perhaps through no fault of their own, and others through their life choices to remain homeless, & many seem to have decided Sacramento is more lenient toward their choice of living arrangements. Those of us long living in Sacramento are tiring of being the safety net for so many who choose to not comply with our existing laws and services.

Further, there is concern that the advocates for these homeless individuals are promoting an agenda that furthers their own personal interests, not those of this Sacramento community as a whole. Many in Sacramento are tired of our dreams & desires for our community being superseded by these advocates for those who do not wish to comply with what we have to offer in Sacramento.

I will follow with interest as you as a Board move forward with this & further homeless crisis solutions.

Sincerely,

Erin Celli

Sent from my iPad

From: admin_dc3history.org
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10 2pm Board of Supv meeting Item #2
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 2:45:26 PM

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Item #2

1. The distance should be 1000 feet for each of these limits. Keep and simple.
2. Several states are making it a **felony or misdemeanor to camp in places that are not specifically designated** for camping. We should do the same. ASAP

From: [Donene Vukovich](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10 Meeting, Agenda Item 2
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:56:29 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. This support is based on the contingency that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wrap-around services for the unhoused - especially for those living on the Parkway - a priority.

There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000-3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, Water quality and power lines.

While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, we will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wraparound services. Without this element, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem. And shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,
Donene Vukovich

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Donene Vukovich

Mobile: 916.289.3956

From: [Ron & Judy](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10, 2022 Board Meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 2:13:15 PM

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For The Record

County Board of Supervisors

Meeting: August 10, 2022

We urge a yes vote on both ordinances on today's agenda: One to prohibit camping and encampments on the American River Parkway and Dry Creek Parkway, and a Second to prohibit camping near critical infrastructure.

Camping along our waterways has not only polluted our ground water, but the waste from these camps is going down into the soil and will eventually poison our ground water supply as well. Allowing our drinking water to be compromised is unthinkable.

Please vote yes and save our water.

Ron Jellison

Friends of Del Paso Regional Park

Del Paso Community Coalition

Sacramento Horseman's Association

Ben Ali Neighborhood Coalition

SaveourSuburb.org

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From: [Sara Hinz](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Board meeting agenda 8/10/2022 re: homeless
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:58:58 PM

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Dear Sacramento County Board Members,

The issue of homelessness is complex and as a taxpayer and property owner in Sacramento, I hope you will take my opinions into consideration. I don't want to belabor the multi-faceted causes of homelessness, nor the effects on public and private property since those are fairly well known.

I saw on the news last night that there are an estimated 10,000 homeless individuals in our county and do have some strong opinions regarding what needs to be done.

1. First, view those individuals as human beings, as if they were your family member, as they are someone's son, daughter, father, mother or sibling. If they were your family member, what would you want done with/for them?
2. When clearing encampments, hauling away trash, toxic material and other contaminants is understandable and necessary. However, I've seen so many news reports showing the confiscation and trashing of people's tents and belongings, I am aghast at how anyone thinks that is ok. It is cruel, heartless theft of private property from those who have substantially less ability to replace it. It's all they have. This should not be allowed, it is criminal!
3. It is understandable that no one wants homeless encampments in their backyard, on their sidewalk or in their park. Many people don't want to see these unfortunate people anywhere at all near them. Every time a location is proposed, the NIMBY crowd loudly protests, and sometimes the locations really aren't appropriate. However, there must be places that are adequate, and locations need to be found around the county for relocating and housing the homeless, whether it be utilizing vacant land, or buying vacant buildings, hotels or apartment buildings that could be adapted for housing. I think in the long run, those are less expensive than providing housing vouchers at hotel prices that do nothing to actually help the person find safe, stable housing. Of course, the type of location or housing should be related to the reason the person is homeless, such as whether they need mental health, drug rehab, or other health assistance or if they lost their job and lost their housing due to financial problems.
4. Having dealt with trying to get help for a family member who had mental health issues and who ultimately took their life, I am familiar with the issues and laws regarding involuntary commitment of those dealing with mental health issues. Those laws desperately need to change to make it easier to have a loved one hospitalized, and it isn't something the county board of supervisors can do, but even in light of those laws, I do think that the county can designate zones within the county and create and assign teams responsible to patrol and effectively triage homeless people in that area and if the people want to remain in the county, require they enter whatever options there are for them.
5. Those zones, teams and options must first be created and it is an urgent priority. As long as NIMBYs think that just clearing encampments is sufficient without giving people a place to

go, there won't be any meaningful progress. Clearing encampments is just shuffling people from one unsuitable place to the next and creates more misery. If they're allowed to stay until there is a place for them to go, maybe that will create enough pressure for the residents of our county to finally be willing to accept locations where the homeless can be housed.

6. That said, I am not against regulations that prohibit camping in the American River Parkway or cause environmental damage anywhere, for that matter. The Parkway needs to be patrolled for that purpose so that it becomes safe again for recreation. There should be teams assigned to sections of the Parkway and anyone found camping there needs to be picked up and transported to an appropriate spot that actually exists (see point 3.).

Where there's a will, there's a way and I hope the Sacramento County Board will take action that will create real solutions. Talk is cheap.

Best regards,
Sara Hinz
2285 Stillwind Ln
818-292-7982 (mobile)
Rancho Cordova

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 154

From: [Cindy Keene](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Board Meeting- Clean up the parkway
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 2:26:29 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of Item 2 and 3 on your agenda today.

As a resident of Sacramento County for over two decades, I urge you to start enforcing rules on public property and on the Parkway. We need protect our local community. The public has a right to walk on the Parkway and on sidewalks without fearing for their Safety. No more illegal camping because It Is Illegal!

We also need to protect our beautiful Parkway from transient and homeless persons who leave trash, needles, waste and whom seem to have no respect for this wonderful natural resource. Illegal camping is illegal for a reason!!

Thank you
Cindy Keene

From: [ginger.johnson.enrico](#)
To: [Nottoli, Don](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Camping ordinances Board Meeting 8/10/2022
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:59:59 PM

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Re: 1. [Introduce An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area;](#)

2.

[2:00 PM -- Introduce An Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway](#)

Allowing the drug-addicted, mentally ill, or people without housing to live in parks or camp around critical infrastructure is not compassionate. It is not safe for them, for the rest of the public, or for the environment. Such camping creates public health problems and invites criminal activity. It degrades the campers, the places they camp, and the camping is unfair to other people who live, work, pass through, or would like to enjoy or use the areas as they are meant to be used.

Please pass or amend ordinances to stop this camping and develop compassionate but firm ways to deal with the campers.

Thank you.

Roy and Ginger Enrico

11137 Nile River Ct

Rancho Cordova CA 95670

From: [J Mass](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Comment: Agenda Item #2 for 8/10/22 County Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 2:31:53 PM

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Dear Sac County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Justine Massey and I live in Oak Park in Sacramento. I am writing in opposition to the proposed criminalization of homeless encampments in Sacramento. This would be an inappropriate reaction to the crisis of Sacramento residents not being able to reliably access housing. As a county, we need to address access to basic services. It is not helpful to criminalize people who are doing their best to survive, particularly in extreme temperatures. Instead, anyone experiencing homelessness should be offered resources to meet their basic needs.

Thank you,
Justine Massey

From: [Lori Porter](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: County Board of Supervisors Meeting August 11, 2022, Critical Infrastructure Ordinance
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 3:58:21 PM

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Dear Sir or Madame -

I am writing in regards to Hearing Matter #2 regarding the Critical Infrastructure Ordinance in the August 11, 2022 meeting of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.

Although I have called into the meeting to offer commentary in support of the ordinance, I am unable to continue holding due to business obligations. I respectfully submit my commentary below:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

My name is Lori Porter. I am a 30+ year resident and homeowner in Carmichael. Both my husband and I are business owners and the parents of two college students. Students who are unlikely to return to our beloved community due to the issues related to this ordinance.

I will not mince words. Over the course of the last decade, I have witnessed the runaway rise of homeless encampments and the rapid decline of every part of our community.

- Our public safety is in jeopardy. Roads are a hazard due to debris from spilling over encampments and unhoused people wandering, sleeping, or defecating in the streets. Law and fire enforcement are occupied with non-stop emergency issues tied to mitigating an emergency tied to the homeless.
- Our personal safety is at risk and crime is escalating. A simple errand to a grocery store has become an exercise in self-defense. I live less than 3 miles from my preferred pharmacy, but the parking lot is so unsafe that it's no longer an option. I drive to a neighboring incorporated city. It's not only an inconvenience but a shift of spending power.
- Our businesses are threatened with ongoing vandalism, theft, and filth. Many have closed, and many more are considering relocation. Critical services and tax bases will be removed from our community, further exacerbating the issues we are facing.

- Our parks and parkway are unsafe for children to play in or families to recreate. The safety conditions push young families to seek alternatives in neighboring communities.
- Our schools are shuttering because families are choosing not to locate here due to blight and crime. Needless to say, property values will sink as a result.

I could go on, but everyone on the dais, in the room, or on the call knows the devastating impact on virtually all aspects of life.

Those of us in support of this ordinance are not heartless. I personally understand the complexities of the issue due to a mentally ill brother who was homeless for four years in a different community. We are however frustrated by the explosive growth of an issue that has gone virtually unchecked over the last decade.

It was stated a short time ago that the flow in and translation of vouchers to housing is a problem. It was stated that the broad sweeping of homeless encampments would be both illegal and immoral.

I ask where the morality is when citizens are threatened and homeowners are left virtually helpless as the community crumbles around them.

I urge you to pass this ordinance as a step in the right direction.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Porter



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ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 158

From: [Steve Wirtz](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Kennedy, Patrick](#)
Subject: Items # 2 & 3 Homeless shelter & health care
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 2:26:31 PM

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Supervisor Kennedy and Board members,
I urge you to NOT pass these two items to criminalize homelessness until you have a legally binding agreement on health care with the City Mayor and Council.

Steve Wirtz
95831


From: [Corey Deroo](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Letter for Items #2 and #3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 2:43:05 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[8-10-22 County homeless letter FLORIN ROAD PARTNERSHIP.pdf](#)

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Please see attached.

Thank you.

#WeAreFlorin



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Wednesday, August 10, 2022
2pm County Board of Supervisors Meeting

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and County Executive Edwards
Sacramento County
700 H Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Agenda Item #2 and #3 – Proposed Ordinance to Prohibit Camping in the Unincorporated County Area and the American River Parkway and Dry Creek Parkway

Dear Chair Nottoli, Supervisors, and County Executive Edwards,

Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis in the City and County of Sacramento, and today I am depending on you, my elected leaders, to act in the best interest of your constituents. This human tragedy requires swift action and any progress towards solving it is the right thing to do. I am in agreement that we need to preserve the vitality of the American River Parkway to ensure it is safe, environmentally protected, and can serve as an economic driver for the future. For this I applaud your willingness to take a critical first step and I support these items.

Sacramento County's unsheltered homeless population has risen by 71% since 2019 and this issue affects everyone in the region, from families, to small businesses. Despite an investment of over \$250,000 per year to help maintain the cleanliness and safety of our district, our 320+ property owners, 550+ businesses are still struggling, especially our small- and micro-sized businesses. Please help us.

However, as you are aware, in the absence of a legally binding partnership agreement between the City and County of Sacramento to address overall homelessness policy and response, there is no way to truly solve this crisis. Sacramento County is responsible for providing services including mental health treatment, addiction and detox services, child welfare services, etc., while the City of Sacramento can only provide shelter spaces and enforcement of its laws. To truly solve this crisis, I ask that the County Board of Supervisors and County Executive Edwards, negotiate a legally binding partnership agreement with the City of Sacramento's leadership.

With this said, passing Items #2 & #3 today is an important step towards providing safety for Sacramentans. I urge your yes vote for each of these items on Wednesday, and continue to respectfully demand your full partnership with the City of Sacramento.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. DeRoo", written over a horizontal line.

Corey DeRoo, MBA
Executive Director, Florin Road Partnership

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 160

From: [Tim Crabtree](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Meeting 8-10-2022 Agenda Item #2
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 2:58:03 PM

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Hello,

In regards to Agenda 2 and amending Chapter 9.120 it seems like the undertaking you are doing is not substantial enough. The communities are littered with camps daily and I feel it's extremely important to put forth a ordinance but 25' from a school or library? I appreciate the 25' but half of these camps extend out 4x that distance themselves. A registered sex offender must remain 2500' from a school, and you know whom they are, yet a homeless encampment of individuals with drug and or mental issues are allowed to camp and live within 25' of a school? It seems like we want to make changes but not do enough that is required to make a difference. The homeless are already more Bolden because of our reduced enforceable laws and no bail policies so I don't think 25' of distance is going to make anyone feel that their children are safer from harm. I appreciate all of our First responders for what they face daily and are forced to tolerate. I also appreciate that the board is trying to push forward with change but it just needs to be more aggressive.

Tim Crabtree

From: [Marie Bain](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Meeting Aug. 10 re: Camping on River
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:52:59 PM

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I am writing to support the ordinance amendment to Chapt. 9.120 of the Sacramento County Code to prohibit camping & encampments on or near certain public property locations.

I also support the ordinance of Sacramento County Code amending Sections 9.36.058 relating to fires and 9.36.067 relating to remaining in the parkways between Sunset & Sunrise. and adding section 9.36.083 to prohibit camping or constructing structures in the American River Parkway and the Dry Creek Parkway.

Marie Bain

From: [Tatiana Vazquez](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Opposing Item 2 and 3 on the 8/10/22 Agenda
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 2:58:38 PM

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My name is Tatiana Vazquez and I am a second year medical student at California Northstate University and a Camp Lead for Sacramento Street Medicine. I strongly OPPOSE item 2 and 3 on the 8/10/22 agenda. This ordinance is a cruel act against unhoused individuals, and suggests displacing them from their homes and communities without offering them housing. The solution to homelessness is housing. Additionally, people seeking shelter at American River Parkway live there to avoid public attention and harassment. Displacing American River Parkway residents living outside without offering them shelter puts them at risk for adverse events. As public shelters remain impacted and this ordinance fails to address housing displaced residents, people living outside should be allowed to remain living where they are. Dispersement may cause people living outside to lose existing connections to service providers, which increases the risk for the spread of an infectious disease. Rather than criminalize people outside, support and recommendations can be made to ameliorate the spread of infection. Rather than using resources to sweep encampments, resources can be allocated to make restrooms or portable latrines available to people living outside. Recommendations for encampment spacing can be made. People living outside can remain in their homes without opposing environmental justice.

ITEM 2 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 163

From: [Tiffany Concklin](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Ordinances
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:58:31 PM

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Please hear and consider my request in support of Item # 2 and Item #3!!! I am a small business owner in Carmichael.

We want our beautiful community to be safe for all especially our children!!

Thankyou
Tiffany Concklin

Sent from my iPhone

From: admin_dc3history.org
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10 2pm Board of Supv meeting Item #2 shopping carts
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 5:25:30 PM

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One additional comment - the Sheriffs need to be given authority to arrest those with stolen property - shopping carts.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Nottoli, Don; Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Item 2 and Item 3 for the August 10th Sacramento County BOS Meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 4:51:34 PM

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It's a bit ironic to hear about environmental concerns when state scientific aid and environmental scientist positions don't even pay the hourly wage needed to afford Sacramento's average monthly rent according to the 2022 Sacramento county housing need report. I was houseless for five months while working as a fish and wildlife biologist due to the difficulties of the local housing market.

The California Dept of Water Resources lists the lower American river as impaired for mercury, polychlorinated biphenyls, and pesticides such as bifenthrin and pyrethroids. These are not impacts from houseless folks.

I have worked for fish and wildlife offices for over 5 years. As part of my job duties I walked, kayaked, and boated miles of the American river daily performing salmon and steelhead surveys, and operating rotary screw traps. Most of the trash I encountered was from recreational fishers and boaters/tubers. I cleared tangled fishing line from birds and picked up beer cans I watched folks floating the river on inflatables toss in. I've watched folks visiting the riverway and picnicking leave behind all their trash and dump their children's diapers on the shore. I've witnessed non-houseless folks illegally dump their bags of trash near houseless encampments. The times I felt unsafe while working on the riverway were from interactions with aggressive bicyclists and angry fishermen on their boats, not with houseless folks.

Additionally, these claims that riverway habitat is being degraded as the result of houseless folks is not based in science, and not one so called environmental advocate that has spoken has cited an actual study or any research supporting these claims. "Feelings" about e.coli level don't overrule the actual science about e.coli levels. It's easy to point the finger at folks experiencing houselessness, but ordinances like this only serve to pretend it's fixing the problem. Folks wouldn't live along these locations if they had somewhere else safe to go. Folks wouldn't need Sacramento Picks It Up to help clean trash if the county just provided regular trash pickups at encampments directly.

Criminalizing camping and encampments when folks have no where else to go isn't a solution. It's cruel and short sided. Lack of affordable housing, lack of public toilets, lack of healthcare and mental health services.....these are all deliberate policy choices. Maybe the county should focus on resources instead of brutalizing folks just trying to survive day to day.

From: [Lisa Sanchez](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Agenda Items 2 & 3
Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022 10:21:28 AM

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Again, I would like to confirm this language will be added into the final version of the ordinance to ensure there is no question or interpretation of where the measurement will start from.

Thank you for all your time, energy, and efforts, :-)
Lisa Sanchez

From: [WARNER SEARGEANT](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Comments on proposed Sacramento County Code ,9.120 agenda item
Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022 8:56:39 AM

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Gentlemen and Ladies,

I understand that the above item will be discussed and voted upon this afternoon. As a private citizen and former educator who has resided in Sacramento's north area and Carmichael since 1958, I offer these two specific observations:

1. For at least three months now there has been a homeless tent in the middle of the sidewalk on the east side of Hackberry Lane in our 95608 area, within one block south of not one but two elementary schools....Cameron Ranch Elementary and St. John's the Evangelist K-8 School. Students who walk to school using that route could encounter that tent and all that could go with it. the safety of our young, vulnerable children should be a primary, compelling issue for our community and its elected officials.

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I urge the implementation of the proposed Sacramento County Code 9.120 item! Recognizing that homelessness is a multi-faceted issue, I also urge that steps be taken to significantly augment the size of the Sacramento County Sheriff's homelessness department. When I visited them some time ago, I learned that only two officers were on that "watch."

Respectfully submitted,

Warner Seargeant
3513 Bluff Ct.
Carmicichael, CA

From: [Debra V](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Notes from my comments today
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 7:50:59 PM

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The ordinances are not part of the housing solution. We need to continue to do right for our unhoused neighbors and have enough housing for all. No one should have to sleep outside. No one should have to live without basic things like walls and plumbing and safety. I am here to advocate for a solution to help people. I think we can do more than one thing at a time.

I am here to advocate for our waterways. Included are creeks, sloughs and rivers. Many of our creeks and sloughs pass through underserved neighborhoods in our community. Morrison Creek, Strawberry Creek, Arcade Creek to name a few. All of our waterways should be considered "critical infrastructure" in my opinion. They all flow into either the American River or the Sacramento River. As such, these places (particularly those that flow into the American River Parkway) ARE part of the parkway!

Also - 25 feet is really not going to make a difference. 25 feet is not going to keep the trash and pollutants out of our waterways. We do not have housing for all of the people who are living outside and so in the meantime, I am asking you to mitigate the impact of humans living in places that are not set up for humans to live. What can our county do to provide for clean water, toilets, garbage services and clean up of areas that folks are leaving stuff behind in the environment? Protection of our wild areas from fire? Not to mention support and services for mental health, and the health and safety of pets? 150 feet from the high water mark is what we need.

When I was a child growing up in Sunnyvale, we had a creek that ran through part of our neighborhood. Many of us children would ride our bikes there and spend hours looking at the flora and the fauna; the reptiles, the amphibians, the fish, birds, the plants that lined the creek. The last time I tried to visit that creek I encountered a concrete barrier and cyclone fencing and was only able to peek at the creek through a small opening in the wall. The creek looked very forlorn and forgotten. I doubt any of the children in that area have an idea it is even there.

When I moved to Sacramento in 1979 I was taken with the old architecture, the rivers, the beaches and the creeks and sloughs. I enjoyed spending time picking berries, looking at plants, trees, the animals that get life from the water. 35 or more years ago when my son was 4 or so years old I would take him to the creeks and the rivers, particularly Steelhead Creek and I shared with him the enjoyment of just looking and experiencing a waterway meandering through a neighborhood. A waterway teeming with animal and plant life. And

to just see the water; moving through, unimpeded by much trash or litter.

This past year I have participated in many creek and river clean ups. I am saddened that these creeks, such as Steelhead are not a place I would take a child for a leisurely day looking at nature and fishing/crawdadding. These places are filled with plastics, textiles, shopping carts, needles, batteries and are not places of peace and quiet contemplation. They are creeks with solid waste channels running through them.

The ordinances you are proposing may be stop gap measures; may help protect what we have now somewhat. I am going to ask you to go further and clean and restore what we have and make these places accessible once again to the wanderings of the children and their families who live adjacent to them. Arcade Creek goes through a very underserved neighborhood. Strawberry Creek and Morrison too. Why are there no resources to clean and to make these places as healthy as they can be? At the very least they go into our rivers which produce 80 percent of the drinking water for our region. Why do we have no means of keeping ecologically healthy waterways? A society that does not preserve its natural environment and waterways is pretty much doomed.

Who is responsible for cleaning and maintaining the health of our waterways? Volunteers? What happens when they get hurt or exhausted? What is the plan?

Debra van Hulsteyn

I called in and spoke, but these are my notes and I would like an answer to my last question.

Thanks so much for the opportunity!

From: [Lisa Sanchez](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bell, Liz](#)
Subject: Re: Agenda Items 2 & 3
Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022 10:40:08 AM

Good morning,

My apologies for this second email but I would also like to note for the record that I still encourage the 150 foot measure from the high water line, as noted in the State F&G code 5652.

By having this buffer, it will protect areas at a greater distance, which is needed. To the question of displacing campers outside of this area and possibly into a street of some neighborhood, the street would not be an allowable location either. This would be an added location of not allowing camping just like any street, someone's front yard, etc. I was a bit confused with the question, but campers would not be permitted within this buffer along with anything outside of this buffer that is already not permitted. The 150 foot mark from the high water line would ensure any trash and debris (and their tents & personal belongings) do not get caught in the sweeping waters and dragged downstream.

Please reconsider this measurement as a buffer to protect the waterways that have had no protection.

Thank you,
Lisa Sanchez

On Thu, Aug 11, 2022 at 10:20 AM Lisa Sanchez <lisa.j.sanchez02@gmail.com> wrote:

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Again, I would like to confirm this language will be added into the final version of the ordinance to ensure there is no question or interpretation of where the measurement will start from.

Thank you for all your time, energy, and efforts, :-)
Lisa Sanchez

From: [Naomi](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Fully support Agenda Items #2 & #3 BOS Meeting 8/10/22
Date: Thursday, August 18, 2022 10:03:50 AM

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August 18, 2022

Respected Sacramento County and City Leadership,

You have my and my family's (husband, brother, sister-in-law) full support for agenda items #2 and #3. We are very thankful to see action happening on these critically urgent issues.

As evidenced everywhere, there has been a massive increase in homelessness in Sacramento County. I live right next to the American River Parkway near the Sacramento State University region. In the last year, there have been many fires due to the homeless camps. I have seen these fires from where I live. I have compassion and concern for the homeless. In fact, I regularly try to help a disabled homeless man who is in a wheelchair, and I have volunteered in the food kitchen in one of the homeless shelters in downtown Sacramento.

My Mom recently visited us from New York. She was shocked to see the massive increase in homelessness during her visit in Sacramento. She said it was very disheartening for her to see this happening because she saw what Sacramento was like before the multitudes of homeless began appearing all over the streets of Sacramento region and the American River parkway. She did not feel safe walking along the biketrail because of the homeless encampments that are packed in very closely near Apartment complexes near the Howe Ave. bridge. She heard in the national news about the increase in crime along the American River parkway due to homeless encampments. This is very sad for me also.

I had a personally upsetting experience earlier this summer. I was by the river near my home when a homeless man appeared on the bank of the river. I actually felt afraid because of how he kept looking at me and what he said to me. I was in a very vulnerable location where it was hard for me to safely leave the area. I waited and hoped he would leave, but he didn't. I prayed and asked for God's protection and finally gathered the courage to leave the area I was in to a more visible area where other bikers/walkers/runners might see me. I felt very uncomfortable and unsafe. I thank God for his protection. Since that encounter with this homeless man, I saw this same man camped in a tent very close to the apartments where my husband and I live. There is trash in the encampment, and I have reported it on my 311 app. I also smell paint coming from his tents from time to time, so I think the homeless in that camp are inhaling paint (I've heard of this before as a way to get high or something like that).

It is very frustrating for me to see tents popping up everywhere along the American River bike trail. The homeless are putting up tents very close to the river and are making the river inaccessible to hundreds of other individuals and families who would like to access the river without walking through homeless camps and garbage. Just this morning, I saw boats and kayaks parked next to homeless camps that are at the river's edge under the Howe Ave. bridge!!!

In addition, many people have concerns about their safety due to the possibility of needles laying around where the homeless camps are. Recently, I saw a syringe with a tiny needle on it floating around in a fountain near the Los Rios headquarters on Spanos Drive.

The homeless are leaving garbage all over, are bathing in the river, are washing their clothes in the river, are setting up camps right next to the river, may be using the river as a bathroom for urine and feces, are regularly starting fires along the river, and are making the river inaccessible and unsafe for hundreds of other residents of Sacramento. I saw a hole in the ground with feces and toilet paper that one of the nearby homeless was using as a toilet. This is very close to the river.

I am very thankful that the county and city of Sacramento are taking action to stop enabling the homeless to continue living along the river and creating unsafe conditions for hundreds of other residents. Thank you.

There are many apartment complexes along the American River that are literally right next to the levee. The safety of thousands of people who live in these many apartment complexes are being put at risk on a regular basis through the wildfires that are being started in these homeless camps. One of these fires should have been enough to cause a change in policy where the homeless are moved from the American River Parkway. One of my friends lives in University River Commons and smells the fires from the homeless camps almost every day.

These fires are putting thousands of lives at risk. One of the fires that was started by a homeless camp was right next to the assisted living facility (Chateau at River's Edge) where hundreds of elderly and vulnerable people live. Thank goodness for a good fire department that was able to stop the fire from spreading into the Chateau at River's Edge. I can't imagine the fear the fire caused hundreds of residents and staff who could see the flames from the residences. This is just one example. There are large and small apartment complexes located right next to the American River (along with single family homes) starting around Howe and Highway 50 all the way to the Cal Expo area.

Everywhere there are homeless, there is excessive garbage laying around. This includes our city streets throughout all of Sacramento. It is disgusting and an embarrassment to our city. I am actually embarrassed to have family visit me from out of town or other states because I don't want them to see the garbage in our streets and the homeless camps that are everywhere. I have never witnessed this big of a homeless problem.

Since there is a surplus in California's budget, some massive changes need to be implemented ASAP to remediate the homeless problem. I have some suggestions:

1. Homeless should not be allowed to start any kind of fire. Those who start fires should be cited and possibly arrested because their actions are endangering thousands of other lives and properties. According to a Sac County website, open flames are not allowed in parks. Rules and laws should be upheld.
2. Hire more park rangers or other law enforcement to patrol the American River and remove homeless camps when the ordinances are passed.
3. The city should hire more people to regularly clean the streets and areas where the existing homeless camps are (until all the homeless can be relocated into housing). There should not be garbage on our streets or in the homeless camps along the American River parkway. This should be done immediately until all the the homeless have been moved to housing.
4. The city should provide temporary and transportable bathrooms and showers for the homeless until all of the homeless are moved to housing. The bathrooms and showers should be managed and cleaned by employees that are hired and paid well by the city.
5. The city should have one central department to manage the response to homelessness in Sacramento. An effective response to the homeless crisis is going to be a long-term response that is going to require a clear plan, consistent rule implementation and enforcement, job training, and rewards/incentives for the homeless who are meeting the requirements of any program.
6. The homeless need to be evaluated and categorized according to need and ability. Some homeless will require a lot of support, while other homeless will require less support. Any housing that is provided should come with certain cleaning requirements that the homeless are required to maintain (those who are physically and mentally able to meet specific program cleanliness requirements). They should be required to attend personal growth and mental health seminars in order to stay in the provided housing. The housing should be minimal, but enough to get them off the streets. Many of the homeless will require mentoring and one-on-one follow up, so this idea is going to require quite a few people to be hired to manage the housing developments. Housing should not be given for free!! This would only encourage more people to become homeless in order to get free housing. The unhoused need to work in order to be able to stay in any kind of provided housing, even if the work is only a few hours a day. For those who are physically able, they should be required to work. At the very least, they could work on helping keep our city clean and be hired for beautification projects for our city. There is MUCH cleaning that needs to be done all over Sacramento county. There are many projects that could be started to make this city

more beautiful (cleaning what we have, planting more beautiful bushes and flowers, resurfacing plain and old-looking areas). The current unhoused could be required to participate in these projects in order to stay in housing that is provided. Let's make Sacramento one of the cleanest cities in America!

7. Any program should consider the entire being of each homeless person: physical, emotional/mental (soul), and spiritual (spirit). Some homeless will greatly benefit from Christian prayer and faith in the intervention of a Higher Power.

My suggestions show concern for the homeless while also protecting the hundreds of thousands of other residents of Sacramento. My suggestions also offer some ideas for long-term solutions for the homeless crisis. The homeless crisis is going to require a persevering and long-term commitment. Thank you for your time. I hope to see some of my suggestions implemented as soon as possible.

Thank you again for your tireless work in creating these ordinances and also for your efforts to assist the homeless while also requiring them to contribute to the cleanliness, productivity, and well-being of the Sacramento region. Again, **you have my and my family's (husband, brother, sister-in-law) full support for agenda items #2 and #3.**

Sincerely,
Nae E.

From: [Gary Bradus](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Homeless Ordinances
Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022 3:18:55 PM

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am strongly in favor of agenda items 2 and 3 from the County Board of Supervisors meeting on August 10, 2022. Homelessness is a huge issue for the affected individuals and businesses and these proposed ordinances will vastly improve the situation. Thanks, Gary

Gary L. Bradus

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From: [Glenda Macdonald](#)
To: [WARNER SEARGEANT](#); [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Re: Comments on proposed Sacramento County Code ,9.120 agenda item
Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022 9:27:41 PM

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Thank you.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Wednesday, August 10, 2022, 10:23 AM, WARNER SEARGEANT <searge@comcast.net> wrote:

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Warner Seargeant
3513 Bluff Ct.
Carmichael, CA

AGENDA ITEM CONTINUATION MEMO

MEETING DATE: August 10, 2022

DEPARTMENT: Homeless Initiative

TITLE: Introduce An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area; Waive Full Reading; And Continue To August 23, 2022 For Adoption

BOARD ACTION: **Introduced the ordinance, waived full reading and continued to August 23, 2022 for adoption**

MATERIAL FORWARDED

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA**

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For the Agenda of:
August 10, 2022
2:00 p.m.

To: Board of Supervisors

Through: Ann Edwards, County Executive
Dave Defanti, Deputy County Executive, Community
Services

From: Liz Bellas, Director Regional Parks

Subject: Introduce An Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code
Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating to Fires, and
9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between
Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To
Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or
Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American
River Parkway and Dry Creek Parkway; Waive Full Reading
And Continue to August 23, 2022 For Adoption

District(s): All

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Introduce and waive the full reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 9.36 of the Sacramento County Code related to fires, remaining in the Parkways between sunset and sunrise, and prohibiting camping or constructing, maintaining or inhabiting any structure or camp facility within the American River and Dry Creek Parkways, and continue to August 23, 2022 for adoption.

BACKGROUND

On June 14, 2022, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors held a workshop to discuss a potential ordinance limiting camping on and around critical infrastructure and in proximity to locations providing shelter to the homeless. During this workshop, the Board gave staff direction to return to the Board with two draft ordinances: one to address critical infrastructure and locations providing shelter to the homeless, and during inclement weather, wildfire and flood risk areas; and one to address the American River Parkway. Additionally it was asked if the proposed ordinance would cover the Dry Creek Parkway, a part of the American River watershed.

This report outlines the special status of the American River and Dry Creek Parkways; the impacts of encampments to these areas, including trash and

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debris, fires and crimes; the dangers to the unhoused residing in these areas; the fiscal impact of encampments; and a summary of the potential ordinance under consideration.

Special Status of the American River Parkway

The American River Parkway, and the protection and health of the American River Parkway's natural and recreational resources are of national and statewide interest as recognized in the designation of the Lower American River as part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System pursuant to Chapter 28 (commencing with Section 1271) of Title 16 of the United States Code and as part of the California Wild and Scenic Rivers System pursuant to the California Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Chapter 1.4 (commencing with Section 5093.50) of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code. The American River Parkway provides critical habitat for several fish and wildlife species that are protected through the federal Endangered Species Act (Chapter 35 (commencing with Section 1531) of Title 16 of the United States Code), the California Endangered Species Act (Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 2050) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code), the California species of special concern laws, the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. Sec. 703 et seq.), and other laws.

The California State Legislature has also recognized the critical importance of the American River Parkway's resources through the enactment of additional laws, including the Urban American River Parkway Preservation Act (Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 5840) of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code), the Bushy Lake Preservation Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 5830) of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code), the Lower American River Conservancy Program Act (Chapter 10.5 (commencing with Section 5845) of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code), and by allocating tens of millions of dollars for the protection, enhancement, and restoration of, and additions to, the parkway's natural and recreational resources.

Special Status of Dry Creek Parkway

The Dry Creek Parkway is comprised of approximately six miles of open space and riparian corridor starting at the Sacramento/Placer County line and extending southwesterly along the two forks of Dry Creek to the Sacramento City limits at Ascot Lane. The Dry Creek Parkway passes through the unincorporated communities of Antelope, Rio Linda, and Elverta.

The boundary of the Dry Creek Parkway encompasses the area 175' beyond of the normal top of bank for the Dry Creek channel, as well as Cherry Island

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Soccer Complex, Cherry Island Golf Course, Gibson Ranch, and Northbrook Park.

The Dry Creek Parkway is the last remaining major open space riparian corridor in the North County area. As such, it provides migration corridors, habitat, and forage for a wide variety of aquatic and terrestrial wildlife, including rare, threatened, and endangered species. In terms of overall biological productivity and richness, the riparian habitat within the Dry Creek Parkway compares favorably with the riparian habitat found on the American River Parkway.

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Dry Creek Parkway was created as a means to:

- 1) preserve open space and wildlife habitat in an urbanizing area,
- 2) provide and coordinate additional passive and active recreational opportunities in the North County area, and
- 3) provide critical flood control and conveyance capacity for the lower Dry Creek, a part of the American River watershed.

Overview of Data:

The data listed below is from calendar year 2021, for the Regional Parks system. The majority of park visitation and reports from the public are from the American River Parkway but also include reports from the Dry Creek Parkway.

Trash and Debris

During 2021, Regional Parks staff cleaned and removed 1658 encampments, of which approximately 100 were occupied. Additionally, there were several volunteer groups who contributed thousands of hours of citizen time to clean up both the American River and Dry Creek Parkways. This work resulted in the removal of over 1300 tons of trash and debris from the Regional Parks system in 2021. These efforts were necessary to focus on public safety and health issues as these camps had large amounts of trash and debris

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accumulating; vermin infestations were common in these areas.

Crimes

Regional Parks employs 40 Park Ranger staff, who are sworn peace officers that serve as the primary law enforcement for the Sacramento County Regional Parks system. Rangers have responded to hundreds of crimes in the parks including indecent exposure, sexual registrant arrests for non-compliance, murders, firearm arrests, domestic violence cases, attempted kidnapping, felony assaults, rapes, and robberies. People experiencing homelessness are often victims of these crimes. In 2021, there were six victims of murder in the American River Parkway. All of these victims were residing in or near the parkway in encampments.

To date in 2022, one female victim was raped, murdered and tortured in the Rancho Cordova area of the American River Parkway. She was 20 years old and a frequent visitor to the American River Parkway who enjoyed walking. This young woman's alleged murderer was arrested and is currently being prosecuted. He was a long term camper of the American River Parkway and camped near the location of the victim's body.

Illicit Drugs

Illicit drug use and sales are an issue addressed by Rangers in Sacramento County Regional Parks. Almost all arrests and seizures for these crimes were related to those residing in or frequenting homeless encampments. Methamphetamine continued to be the primary drug seized in these investigations. The following are the top illicit drugs seized in 2021 with approximate gross weight amounts:

Methamphetamine	927.53 grams
Marijuana (for sale)	846.5 grams
Heroin	68.5 grams
Psilocybin Mushrooms	13.2 grams
Cocaine	2.27 grams
Xanax	11 tablets
Adderall	28 tablets

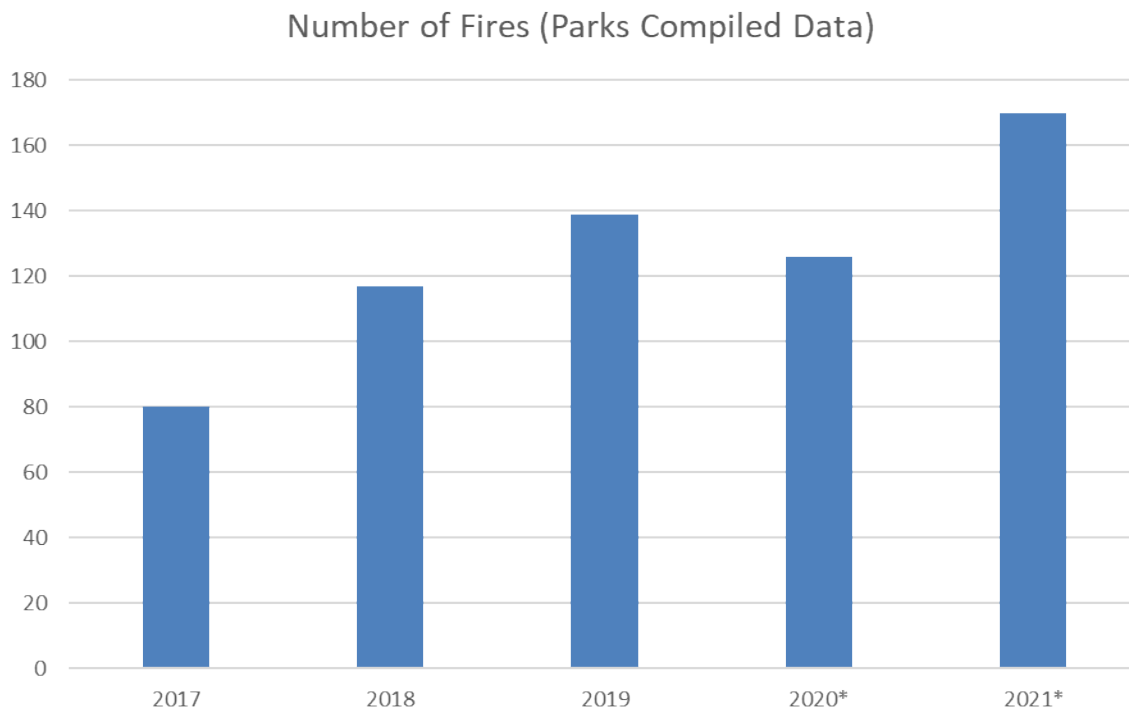
Fires

In 2021, there were approximately 170 fires within the Regional Parks system, the majority of which were in the American River Parkway. Of these fires, over 50 were believed to be arson, with the majority being started by homeless individuals, and according to the fire authorities and Park Rangers'

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investigations, the remaining are attributable to homeless encampments. The number of fires has more than doubled since 2017.

The County has a compelling interest in preventing wildfires that destroy important wildlife habitat, threaten the safety of parkway visitors, and threaten to spread to nearby neighborhoods, further threatening public health and safety. These human-caused wildfires in the American River Parkway have significantly increased destruction of critical wildlife habitat areas, destroyed restoration sites, including habitat that provided mitigation for other habitat remediation projects, damaged critical infrastructure, and created significant public health and safety concerns. Unfortunately, the risk of wildfires is expected to significantly increase in coming years as a result of climate change.



Damage to Infrastructure and Natural Resources

There has been significant damage to infrastructure caused by individuals living in the parks, including digging on and into the levees and shorelines, creation of large pits used to conceal tons of garbage and debris, and tunnels dug for shelter and to conceal generators. These activities compromise the structure of levees and obstruct and/or alter the shorelines in such a manner that can result in flooding or significant erosion to established banks.

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Within the American River Parkway, there are three utility line corridors for SMUD, PG&E and the Western Area Power Administration. Some of these lines are a part of the Western Interconnection, which is the geographic area containing the synchronously operated electric grid in the western part of North America, which includes parts of Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, South Dakota, Texas, Wyoming and Mexico and all of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and the Canadian provinces of British Columbia and Alberta. When wildfires occur under these lines, the power lines are diverted and can result in fines to the utility companies. The latest estimate of cost is \$1 million dollars per occurrence of power line diversion.

The Lower American River Levee System comprises 26 miles of levees between Folsom Dam and downtown Sacramento. The levees play a crucial role in protecting communities in the Arden-Arcade and North Sacramento areas as well as communities to the south in downtown Sacramento, Land Park, Pocket, Meadowview and South Sacramento from floods. The Dry Creek Parkway is designed for the flood conveyance capacity of the Dry Creek Corridor, a part of the American River Watershed. In addition to the damage caused by individuals experiencing homelessness to this critical infrastructure, the unpermitted campsites located within these flood zones create risks to persons that are camping in those locations during times of high water flows.

Fire emanating from unpermitted campsites is a major cause of wildfires in the American River and Dry Creek Parkways and have caused extensive damage to the parkways' natural and recreational resources and threatened the health and safety of parkway visitors. In addition to the threat of increased wildfires, unpermitted campsites often destroy or otherwise damage the ecological value of wildlife habitat by removing or trampling vegetation, causing contamination of lands and waters, displacing wildlife and causing other adverse factors.

Damage to the parkways from these causes can result in permanent losses to these vital and often irreplaceable natural resources. Even where wildlife habitat can be restored, it can take generations of time before the habitat matures to adequately replace the lost natural values.

The parkways are not designated for camping on a continual basis. Because of this fact, there are limited restrooms, water sources, fire hydrants, access

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points, roadways and lighting. Emergency response to unsheltered individuals living in parks is limited due to geographical issues, terrain, narrow roadways, dirt and gravel fire roads, and trails. These limitations become even more significant during the hours of darkness. Even experienced Rangers sometimes have difficulties locating other law enforcement officers requesting assistance as well as victims needing help. This puts people camping at risk should there be the need for response due to fire, medical emergency or other disaster. In addition, Rangers are not available 24 hours a day to provide emergency response.

Best Practices-Engagement with Unsheltered

Evidence shows that the best approaches to help people living unsheltered end their homelessness is on-going engagement by trained professionals accompanied by real time offers of appropriate interim or permanent housing, storage, and specialized services. Given the existing recreational uses of the parkways (running, biking, fishing, etc.) and the challenging landscape that makes access difficult, such an engagement strategy can be difficult for encampments on the parkways. The safety of the unhoused individuals living in County parks, the need to protect the general public from potential catastrophic wildfire spreading from parks to neighborhoods and businesses, upholding of the public trust to provide the recreational amenities as they were designed, and protection of the precious natural resources entrusted to us requires the County to prohibit camping in the American River and Dry Creek Parkways.

DISCUSSION

Proposed Ordinance

The proposed ordinance would amend Chapter 9.36 of the Sacramento County Code to include a new section to prohibit camping or constructing, maintaining or inhabiting any structure or camping facility, without a permit, in the American River and Dry Creek Parkways. The ordinance would also amend existing park regulations relating to fires to ban containers with flammable or combustible liquids and generators powered by gas or propane in parks and establish hours of use for the Parkways. If adopted, the provisions relating to structures and hours of use would apply to the properties owned and managed by the County in the American River and Dry Creek Parkways, and the amendment relating to fires would apply to the entire regional parks system and dependent park districts.

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The intent of the proposed ordinance is to provide the County with an additional enforcement tool to address camping and the proliferation of unpermitted structures used as makeshift shelters in the Parkways, and reduce public safety concerns relating to the use of flammable or combustible liquids and generators in parks. However, the ability to enforce the proposed ordinance, like the existing Code provisions, is dependent on law enforcement capacity and prioritization, as outlined in the proposed Action Plan. In addition, the Action Plan describes the County's commitment to conduct outreach efforts to offer alternative shelter and other services to individuals camping in the Parkways.

Closing the American River and Dry Creek Parkways between one hour after sunset and sunrise further advances the County's interest in protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the public because there is no law enforcement agency proactively patrolling these areas after dusk.

The following are key provisions of the ordinance:

- Prohibition on camping or constructing, maintaining or inhabiting any structure or camping facility in the American River Parkway or Dry Creek Parkway, except with written permission from the Director. (9.36.083)
- Prohibition on modifying the parklands (e.g. dirt, landscaping) or accumulating furniture, household goods, or other items in order to create a structure. (9.36.083 (B))
- Bans the use or maintenance of a container with flammable or combustible liquid or a generator, except when issued a permit by the Regional Parks Director. (9.36.058(D))
- Prohibition on being in the American River Parkway and Dry Creek Parkway between the first hour after sunset and sunrise or such other time as is posted by the Director. This prohibition does not apply to the following: on-duty Peace Officer or County employees; any County-sponsored functions or programs; any person who has received a permit or other written authorization from the Director for use of the Parkway after closing hours; or commuters using the trail to commute to or from their place of origin and destination outside of either Parkway. (9.36.067)
- Any individual found in violation of the provisions of the ordinance could be cited for a misdemeanor.

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Furthermore, the proposed ordinance is narrowly focused on prohibiting camping and maintaining an encampment in particular locations to protect the public health and safety of all residents, including unsheltered individuals, and the County's natural resources. Prohibiting constructing, maintaining or inhabiting any structure, tent or camping facility in the American River and Dry Creek Parkways and limiting access to the parkways between sunset and sunrise advances the County's interest in protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the public and preventing the continued degradation and damage to the parkways.

Action Plan For Removal of Encampments and Storage of Property

Based on the ordinance, areas would be prioritized for encampment abatements considering the following criteria:

- 1) Threat or Impacts on Park/Floodway Infrastructure
- 2) Fire Risk
- 3) Fire Mitigation Activities
- 4) Impact on Access to Park Visitors
- 5) Environmental Issues
- 6) Proximity to Residential and Commercial Properties

Once the ordinance is enforceable, rangers would conduct educational efforts through literature delivered to camps regarding the new ordinance as well other existing related ordinances and laws.

The Office of Homeless Initiatives (OHI) encampment response coordinator is responsible for assessing and tracking camps and overseeing County resources and contracted navigators to encampments throughout the County, including the Parkways. Resources for the Parkways are deployed to areas with coordination with Regional Parks staff, based on the prioritization listed above.

In general, all County outreach efforts, including those facilitated through contracted partners, are focused on engagement, referrals to supportive services and offers of shelter and/or housing. Based on the Board's priorities under the proposed Parkway ordinance, these navigators will concentrate their efforts on camps in prioritized areas of the Parkway. Outreach is an iterative process, often requiring repeat visits to gain trust, assess for individual needs, and make real time connections to limited shelter beds. Outreach staff will maintain data in the County Encampment Management Information Tracking (EMIT) database and regularly communicate with

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ranger staff on efforts and outcomes.

Efforts to contain (i.e. clean-up or move) or close any encampment are conducted in accordance with state, federal, and local legal requirements including the County's 2009 settlement in Lehr et al. v. City of Sacramento et al.(Lehr). Under the settlement agreement, the County agreed to follow specific requirements and protocols regarding the removal and storage of unattended personal property identified during encampment clean ups. These requirements include the posting of notices to vacate at least 48 hours prior to the cleaning or removal of an encampment and storing any abandoned personal property for at least 90 days.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The financial impact of addressing encampments within the Regional Parks system for calendar year 2021 was \$5,623,440. These costs were determined by running reports in COMPASS for the Parks Encampment cost center, as well as three Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) elements the department uses that are associated with encampment patrol and maintenance. This does not include the long term costs or environmental impacts associated with encampments such as vegetation destruction, hazardous waste dumping or wildlife impacts due to dogs and human related issues. Furthermore, it does not capture revenues lost due to park users choosing not to recreate or hold events in our regional parks.

Attachments:

ORD – Proposed Ordinance

ATT 1 – Map of American River Watershed

SCC NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE SACRAMENTO COUNTY CODE
AMENDING SECTIONS 9.36.058 RELATING TO FIRES, AND 9.36.067
RELATING TO REMAINING IN THE PARKWAYS BETWEEN SUNSET TO SUNRISE,
AND ADDING SECTION 9.36.083 TO PROHIBIT CAMPING OR CONSTRUCTING,
MAINTAINING OR INHABITING ANY STRUCTURE OR CAMP FACILITY IN THE
AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY AND DRY CREEK PARKWAY**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento, State of California,
ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 9.36.058 of Chapter 9.36, Title 9, of the Sacramento
County Code is amended to read as follows:

9.36.058 Fires.

A. No person shall ignite, maintain, or use any fire, or ignite or maintain a fire using a gas or electric barbeque cooker, in any place within any park facility except in a barbecue cooker or other cooking device authorized by the Director for that purpose or when allowed by a permit issued by the Director.

B. No person shall ignite or maintain a fire of material deposited in any can, box, trench, pit or other receptacle for the purpose of garbage disposal or incineration.

C. No person shall ignite or maintain a fire using solid fuel such as charcoal, or other material except in areas designated as a picnic area or when issued a permit by the Director.

D. No person shall use or maintain a container with flammable or combustible liquid or a generator except when issued a permit by the Director.

E. Any person violating this subdivision is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished as provided in Section 9.36.035.

F. The presence of any barbeque or other incendiary device in any place within any park facility, except in designated picnic areas or when allowed by a permit issued by the Director, shall be unlawful and constitutes a public nuisance subject to summary abatement as an imminent threat to public health and safety. Any such barbeque or other incendiary device shall be seized and immediately removed from the park facility by the Department and, thereafter, stored in a secure facility subject to retrieval by the owner of such property under such administrative procedures as may be adopted by the Department.

SECTION 2. Section 9.36.067 of Chapter 9.36, Title 9, of the Sacramento
County Code is amended to read as follows:

9.36.067 Hours of Use.

A. The Director is authorized to promulgate reasonable opening and closing hours for park facilities. No person shall enter, remain in, or camp in or on any park facility during the hours or any part of the hours said facility is closed without a permit from the Director.

B. Prohibition on Being in the American River Parkway and Dry Creek Parkway After Closing. It is unlawful for any person to enter or remain in the American River Parkway or Dry Creek Parkway between the first hour after sunset and sunrise or such other time as is posted by the Director. A violation of this subsection shall constitute a misdemeanor. This section shall not apply to the following:

- i. Any on-duty Peace officer, emergency/first responder or County employee;
- ii. Any County-sponsored functions or programs; or
- iii. Any person who has received a permit or other written authorization from the Director for use of the Parkway after closing hours; or
- iv. Persons using the trails for purposes of commuting via foot, bicycle, etc. to and from their place of origin and destination outside of either Parkway.

SECTION 3. Sections 9.36.083 and 9.36.084 of Chapter 9.36, Title 9, of the Sacramento County Code are added to read as follows:

9.36.083 Prohibition On Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway.

A. Findings.

1. The homelessness crisis continues to grow across the County of Sacramento with more people living unsheltered which has contributed to an increase in homeless encampments throughout the County, including in County-owned parks, and in particular, the American River Parkway and Dry Creek Parkways (collectively "Parkways").

2. The American River Parkway is an open space greenbelt extending approximately 29 miles that covers approximately 7,000 acres and includes several distinct areas such as the Lower American River. The Lower American River Parkway spans 23 miles from the Hazel Avenue Bridge to the American River's confluence with the Sacramento River.

3. The Dry Creek Parkway is an approximately six-mile open space area and riparian corridor that starts at the Sacramento/Placer County line and extends southwesterly along the two forks of Dry Creek to the Sacramento City limits at Ascot Lane, and is part of the Lower American River watershed.

4. The Parkways, including the Lower American River, are afforded special protection and recognition under various federal and state laws, including the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Chapter 28 of Title 16 of the United States Code), the California Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Chapter 1.4 of Division of 5 of the California Public Resources Code), the Urban American River Parkway Preservation Act (Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 5840) of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code), the

Bushy Lake Preservation Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 5830) of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code), and the Lower American River Conservancy Program Act (Chapter 10.5 (commencing with line 7 Section 5845) of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code), among other laws.

5. This protection and recognition is afforded to the Parkways because of their important and vital contributions to the quality of life of the greater Sacramento community, the state and nation as a whole. These contributions include functioning as floodway channels, serving as habitats for various fish and wildlife species some of which are protected under the federal and state endangered species and species of special concern laws, providing a myriad of recreational opportunities, and being natural open-space areas for the public to visit.

6. The Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks (Regional Parks) administers and manages approximately 5,000 acres within the Parkways, including having Park Rangers provide law enforcement/public safety services in the Parkways.

7. The Parkways are natural resource areas meant for recreational usage that lack basic amenities needed for extended or continual camping such as adequate restrooms, lighting, access points, roadways, and clean water. Despite that, encampments of unsheltered persons are prevalent in the riparian forest and woodlands areas of the Parkways with approximately 800 to 900 unhoused individuals residing in the Parkways on any given night based on data in and calculations derived from the 2022 Point-in-Time Count.

8. The absence of basic amenities in the Parkways leads to unsanitary living conditions, such as unclean water, accumulation of garbage and debris, increased risk of fire, and exposure to human and animal waste, and poses significant risks to the health and welfare of unsheltered individuals camping in the Parkways.

9. In 2021, the County abated trash, debris, and abandoned property related to abandoned encampments and removed approximately 1,303.5 tons of garbage and debris from the Parkways.

10. The continued existence of encampments of unsheltered individuals in the Parkways results in the degradation of these vital environmental resources that includes, but is not limited to, contamination of water, damage to or destruction of natural landscape, and fires and damages related to.

11. The risk of wildfire in the Parkways continues to increase as the drought persists and more individuals camp unlawfully in the area. In 2021, approximately 300 acres were burned in the Parkways due to fires.

12. It is the obligation of the County to keep the Parkways and similar natural open spaces clean and available for public use, and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of individuals in the Parkways.

13. In 2021, County Park Rangers and other law enforcement personnel responded to, investigated, and/or made arrests related to criminal activity including homicide, assaults, including sexual assault, rape, battery, robberies and thefts in the County's Regional Parks including the Parkways.

14. Responding to emergencies, including calls for service from unsheltered individuals living in the Parkways, are challenging and often hindered due to geographical issues, terrain, narrow roadways, dirt and gravel fire roads, and trails. These limitations become even more significant after sunset. This further puts

individuals camping in the Parkways at risk should there be a need to respond to a fire, medical emergency, inclement weather, or other disaster.

15. The County is seeking to fulfill its aforementioned obligations in a manner that protects the public health and safety of all residents, including unsheltered individuals, and the County's natural resources. Prohibiting constructing, maintaining or inhabiting any structure, tent or camping facility in the Parkways, as well as prohibiting the use or maintenance of containers with flammable or combustible liquids or a generator and limiting access to the Parkways between sunset and sunrise advances the County's interest in protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the public and preventing the continued degradation and damage to the Parkways.

B. Camping or Constructing, Maintaining, or Inhabiting Any Structure or Camping Facility in the American River Parkway and Dry Creek Parkway Prohibited.

(a) No person shall camp or construct, maintain or inhabit any structure, tent or camp facility in the American River Parkway or Dry Creek Parkway, except with written permission from the Director.

(b) No person shall modify the parklands (e.g. dirt, landscaping) or accumulate furniture, household goods, or other items in order to create a structure.

(c) The following definitions apply to this section:

i. "American River Parkway" means the area described in the American River Parkway Plan as defined by California Public Resources Code section 5841(a) as may be amended from time to time.

ii. "Camp" or "camping" means to place, pitch or occupy camp facilities; to live temporarily in a camp facility; or to use camp paraphernalia.

iii. "Camp facility" includes, but is not limited to, tents, huts, or structures, including temporary structures (e.g. not permanently affixed to the ground).

iv. "Camping paraphernalia" includes, but is not limited to, bedrolls, tarpaulins, cots, beds, sleeping bags, hammocks or cooking facilities and similar equipment.

v. "Dry Creek Parkway" means an approximately six-mile open space and riparian corridor area starting at the Sacramento/Placer County line and extending southwesterly along the two forks of Dry Creek to the Sacramento City limits at Ascot Lane.

vi. "Structure" means a thing that is built or constructed using accumulated furniture, household goods, construction debris (e.g. pallets), tarpaulin, dirt, landscaping, or other items to provide shelter for one or more persons.

(d) Penalty. A violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor.

(e) Enforcement and Abatement; Storage of Property.

i. Authority to arrest and cite for violations of this section shall be consistent with Section 9.36.080.

ii. The County may abate or remove structures, tents, or camping facilities established in violation of subsection (a) after providing 48-hours written notice of said abatement. Structures, tents or camp facilities established in violation of subsection (a) may be abated with less than 48-hours written notice by the County, if the structure, tent or camping facility poses an imminent threat to public health or safety. For purposes of this section a structure, tent, or camp facility poses an imminent threat to public health or safety if there are facts and circumstances that would cause a reasonable person to

believe, that there is an increased risk of fire or flood, actual fires or floods, obstructions or interference with the flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, and blockage of driveways or access points providing access to emergency vehicles.

iii. Abatement pursuant to subsection (ii) may include, but is not limited to, removal of camp facilities, camp paraphernalia, garbage, hazardous waste, infectious waste, junk, or debris; and securing the perimeter of the area with fencing, gates, or barricades to prevent further violations. Any personal property identified and left behind during the abatement shall be stored for at least 90 days and notice shall be provided regarding the retrieval process.

(f) The Director is hereby authorized to promulgate rules, protocols and procedures for the implementation and enforcement of this section, consistent with the provisions herein.

(g) The County shall enforce this provision in a manner that is consistent with applicable federal, state and local laws, including but not limited to applicable case law.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The County of Sacramento Board of Supervisors hereby declare that they would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

SECTION 5. This ordinance was introduced and the title thereof read at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on _____, and on _____, further reading was waived by the unanimous vote of the Supervisors present.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on and after thirty (30) days from the date of its passage, and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the date of its passage it shall be published once with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the same, said publication to be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Sacramento.

On a motion by Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, the foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento, State of California, this ____ day of _____ 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors,

NOES: Supervisors,

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Chair of the Board of Supervisors
of Sacramento County, California

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ATTEST: _____
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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SCC NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE SACRAMENTO COUNTY CODE
AMENDING SECTIONS 9.36.058 RELATING TO FIRES, AND 9.36.067
RELATING TO REMAINING IN THE PARKWAYS BETWEEN SUNSET TO SUNRISE,
AND ADDING SECTION 9.36.083 TO PROHIBIT CAMPING OR CONSTRUCTING,
MAINTAINING OR INHABITING ANY STRUCTURE OR CAMP FACILITY IN THE
AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY AND DRY CREEK PARKWAY**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento, State of California,
ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 9.36.058 of Chapter 9.36, Title 9, of the Sacramento
County Code is amended to read as follows:

9.36.058 Fires.

A. No person shall ignite, maintain, or use any fire, or ignite or maintain a fire using a gas or electric barbeque cooker, in any place within any park facility except in a barbecue cooker or other cooking device authorized by the Director for that purpose or when allowed by a permit issued by the Director.

B. No person shall ignite or maintain a fire of material deposited in any can, box, trench, pit or other receptacle for the purpose of garbage disposal or incineration.

C. No person shall ignite or maintain a fire using solid fuel such as charcoal, or other material except in areas designated as a picnic area or when issued a permit by the Director.

D. No person shall use or maintain a container with flammable or combustible liquid or a generator except when issued a permit by the Director.

~~D.E.~~ Any person violating this subdivision is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished as provided in Section 9.36.035.

~~E.F.~~ The presence of any barbeque or other incendiary device in any place within any park facility, except in designated picnic areas or when allowed by a permit issued by the Director, shall be unlawful and constitutes a public nuisance subject to summary abatement as an imminent threat to public health and safety. Any such barbeque or other incendiary device shall be seized and immediately removed from the park facility by the Department and, thereafter, stored in a secure facility subject to retrieval by the owner of such property under such administrative procedures as may be adopted by the Department.

SECTION 2. Section 9.36.067 of Chapter 9.36, Title 9, of the Sacramento
County Code is amended to read as follows:

9.36.067 Hours of Use.

A. The Director is authorized to promulgate reasonable opening and closing hours for park facilities. No person shall enter, remain in, or camp in or on any park facility during the hours or any part of the hours said facility is closed without a permit from the Director.

B. Prohibition on Being in the American River Parkway and Dry Creek Parkway After Closing. It is unlawful for any person to enter or remain in the American River Parkway or Dry Creek Parkway between the first hour after sunset and sunrise or such other time as is posted by the Director. A violation of this subsection shall constitute a misdemeanor. This section shall not apply to the following:

- i. Any on-duty Peace officer, emergency/first responder or County employee;
- ii. Any County-sponsored functions or programs; or
- iii. Any person who has received a permit or other written authorization from the Director for use of the Parkway after closing hours; or
- iv. Persons using the trails for purposes of commuting via foot, bicycle, etc.to and from their place of origin and destination outside of either Parkway.

SECTION 3. Section 9.36.083 of Chapter 9.36, Title 9, of the Sacramento

County Code are added to read as follows:

9.36.083 Prohibition On Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway.A. Findings.

1. The homelessness crisis continues to grow across the County of Sacramento with more people living unsheltered which has contributed to an increase in homeless encampments throughout the County, including in County-owned parks, and in particular, the American River Parkway and Dry Creek Parkways (collectively "Parkways").

2. The American River Parkway is an open space greenbelt extending approximately 29 miles that covers approximately 7,000 acres and includes several distinct areas such as the Lower American River. The Lower American River Parkway spans 23 miles from the Hazel Avenue Bridge to the American River's confluence with the Sacramento River.

3. The Dry Creek Parkway is an approximately six-mile open space area and riparian corridor that starts at the Sacramento/Placer County line and extends southwesterly along the two forks of Dry Creek to the Sacramento City limits at Ascot Lane, and is part of the Lower American River watershed.

4. The Parkways, including the Lower American River, are afforded special protection and recognition under various federal and state laws, including the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Chapter 28 of Title 16 of the United States Code), the California Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Chapter 1.4 of Division of 5 of the California Public Resources Code), the Urban American River Parkway Preservation Act (Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 5840) of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code), the

Bushy Lake Preservation Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 5830) of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code), and the Lower American River Conservancy Program Act (Chapter 10.5 (commencing with line 7 Section 5845) of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code), among other laws.

5. This protection and recognition is afforded to the Parkways because of their important and vital contributions to the quality of life of the greater Sacramento community, the state and nation as a whole. These contributions include functioning as floodway channels, serving as habitats for various fish and wildlife species some of which are protected under the federal and state endangered species and species of special concern laws, providing a myriad of recreational opportunities, and being natural open-space areas for the public to visit.

6. The Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks (Regional Parks) administers and manages approximately 5,000 acres within the Parkways, including having Park Rangers provide law enforcement/public safety services in the Parkways.

7. The Parkways are natural resource areas meant for recreational usage that lack basic amenities needed for extended or continual camping such as adequate restrooms, lighting, access points, roadways, and clean water. Despite that, encampments of unsheltered persons are prevalent in the riparian forest and woodlands areas of the Parkways with approximately 800 to 900 unhoused individuals residing in the Parkways on any given night based on data in and calculations derived from the 2022 Point-in-Time Count.

8. The absence of basic amenities in the Parkways leads to unsanitary living conditions, such as unclean water, accumulation of garbage and debris, increased risk of wildfires, and exposure to human and animal waste, and poses significant risks to the health and welfare of unsheltered individuals camping in the Parkways.

9. In 2021, the County abated trash, debris, and abandoned property related to abandoned encampments and removed approximately 1,303.5 tons of garbage and debris from the Parkways.

10. The continued existence of encampments of unsheltered individuals in the Parkways results in the degradation of these vital environmental resources that includes, but is not limited to, contamination of water, damage to or destruction of natural landscape, and fires and damages related to.

11. The risk of wildfire in the Parkways continues to increase as the drought persists and more individuals camp unlawfully in the area. In 2021, approximately 300 acres were burned in the Parkways due to fires.

12. It is the obligation of the County to keep the Parkways and similar natural open spaces clean and available for public use, and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of individuals in the Parkways.

13. In 2021, County Park Rangers and other law enforcement personnel responded to, investigated, and/or made arrests related to criminal activity including homicide, assaults, including sexual assault, rape, battery, robberies and thefts in the County's Regional Parks including the Parkways.

14. Responding to emergencies, including calls for service from unsheltered individuals living in the Parkways, are challenging and often hindered due to geographical issues, terrain, narrow roadways, dirt and gravel fire roads, and trails. These limitations become even more significant after sunset. This further puts

individuals camping in the Parkways at risk should there be a need to respond to a fire, medical emergency, inclement weather, or other disaster.

15. The County is seeking to fulfill its aforementioned obligations in a manner that protects the public health and safety of all residents, including unsheltered individuals, and the County's natural resources. Prohibiting constructing, maintaining or inhabiting any structure, tent or camping facility in the Parkways, as well as prohibiting the use or maintenance of containers with flammable or combustible liquids or a generator and limiting access to the Parkways between sunset and sunrise advances the County's interest in protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the public and preventing the continued degradation and damage to the Parkways.

B. Camping or Constructing, Maintaining, or Inhabiting Any Structure or Camping Facility in the American River Parkway and Dry Creek Parkway Prohibited.

(a) No person shall camp or construct, maintain or inhabit any structure, tent or camp facility in the American River Parkway or Dry Creek Parkway, except with written permission from the Director.

(b) No person shall modify the parklands (e.g. dirt, landscaping) or accumulate furniture, household goods, or other items in order to create a structure.

(c) The following definitions apply to this section:

i. "American River Parkway" means the area described in the American River Parkway Plan as defined by California Public Resources Code section 5841(a) as may be amended from time to time.

ii. "Camp" or "camping" means to place, pitch or occupy camp facilities; to live temporarily in a camp facility; or to use camp paraphernalia.

iii. "Camp facility" includes, but is not limited to, tents, huts, or structures, including temporary structures (e.g. not permanently affixed to the ground).

iv. "Camping paraphernalia" includes, but is not limited to, bedrolls, tarpaulins, cots, beds, sleeping bags, hammocks or cooking facilities and similar equipment.

v. "Dry Creek Parkway" means an approximately six-mile open space and riparian corridor area starting at the Sacramento/Placer County line and extending southwesterly along the two forks of Dry Creek to the Sacramento City limits at Ascot Lane.

vi. "Structure" means a thing that is built or constructed using accumulated furniture, household goods, construction debris (e.g. pallets), tarpaulin, dirt, landscaping, or other items to provide shelter for one or more persons.

(d) Penalty. A violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor.

(e) Enforcement and Abatement; Storage of Property.

i. Authority to arrest and cite for violations of this section shall be consistent with Section 9.36.080.

ii. The County may abate or remove structures, tents, or camping facilities established in violation of subsection (a) after providing 48-hours written notice of said abatement. Structures, tents or camp facilities established in violation of subsection (a) may be abated with less than 48-hours written notice by the County, if the structure, tent or camping facility poses an imminent threat to public health or safety. For purposes of this section a structure, tent, or camp facility poses an imminent threat to public health or safety if there are facts and circumstances that would cause a reasonable person to

believe, that there is an increased risk of fire or flood, actual fires or floods, obstructions or interference with the flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, and blockage of driveways or access points providing access to emergency vehicles.

iii. Abatement pursuant to subsection (ii) may include, but is not limited to, removal of camp facilities, camp paraphernalia, garbage, hazardous waste, infectious waste, junk, or debris; and securing the perimeter of the area with fencing, gates, or barricades to prevent further violations. Any personal property identified and left behind during the abatement shall be stored for at least 90 days and notice shall be provided regarding the retrieval process.

(f) The Director is hereby authorized to promulgate rules, protocols and procedures for the implementation and enforcement of this section, consistent with the provisions herein.

(g) The County shall enforce this provision in a manner that is consistent with applicable federal, state and local laws, including but not limited to applicable case law.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The County of Sacramento Board of Supervisors hereby declare that they would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

SECTION 5. This ordinance was introduced and the title thereof read at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on _____, and on _____, further reading was waived by the unanimous vote of the Supervisors present.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on and after thirty (30) days from the date of its passage, and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the date of its passage it shall be published once with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the same, said publication to be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Sacramento.

On a motion by Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, the foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento, State of California, this ____ day of _____ 2022, by the following vote:

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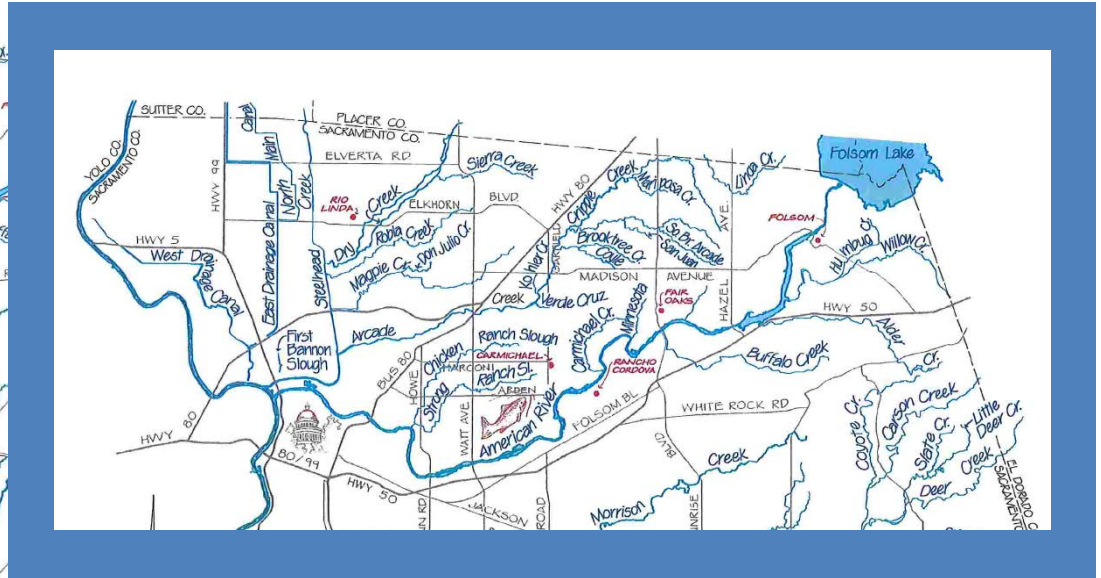
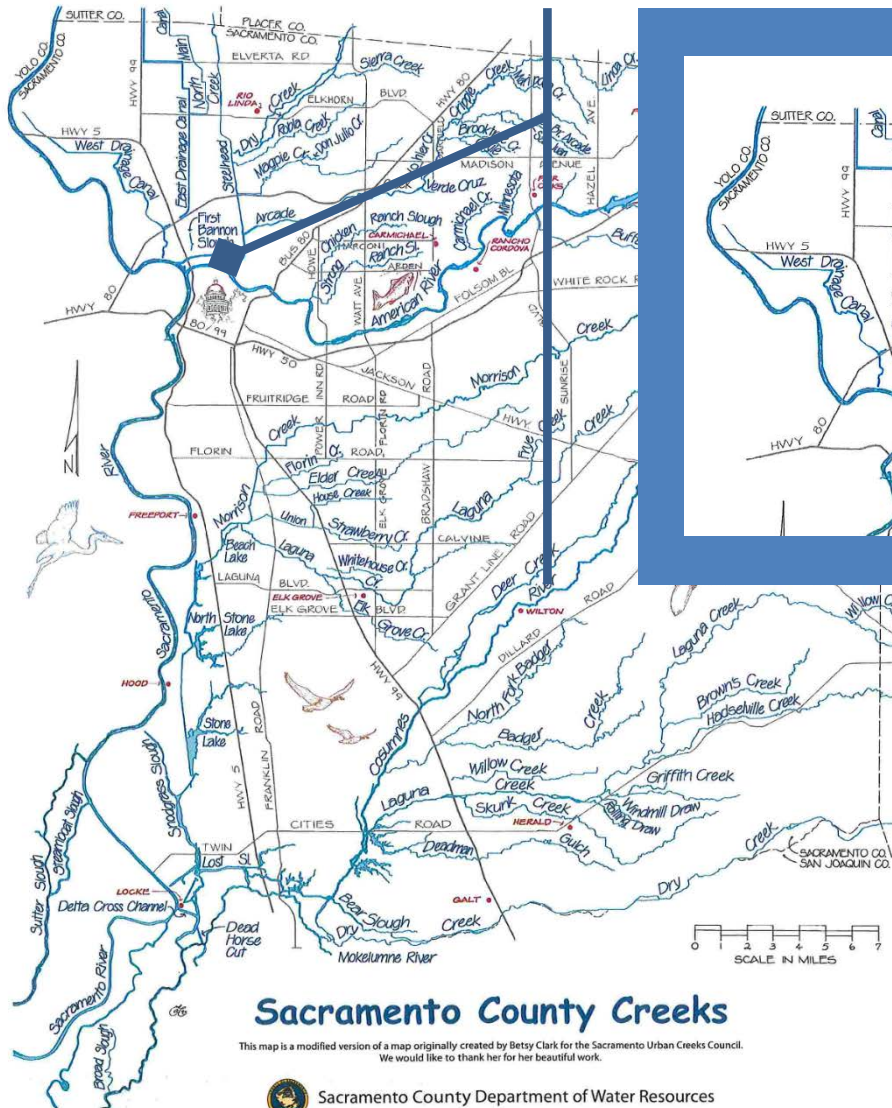
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Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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System of creeks and drainage facilities flow into the American and Sacramento Rivers



Parkways Ordinance

Department of Regional Parks
August 10, 2022

Liz Bellas
Director

American River and Dry Creek Parkways

American River Parkway: The American River Parkway is an open space greenbelt which extends approximately 29 miles from Folsom Dam at the northeast to the American River's confluence with the Sacramento River at the southwest. The County of Sacramento has the principal responsibility for administration and management for the portion of the Parkway from the confluence of the American and Sacramento Rivers upstream to Hazel Avenue, also known as the Lower American River Parkway.

Dry Creek Parkway: The Dry Creek Parkway is comprised of approximately six miles of open space and riparian corridor starting at the Sacramento/Placer County line and extending southwesterly along the two forks of Dry Creek to the Sacramento City limits at Ascot Lane. It passes through the unincorporated communities of Antelope, Rio Linda, and Elverta, and is a part of the American River Watershed.

Purpose of the Parkways

Both the American River and Dry Creek Parkways are unique regional assets which provide multipurpose benefits to the residents Sacramento County, including critical flood control and conveyance infrastructure, drinking water, preservation of open space and wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities.

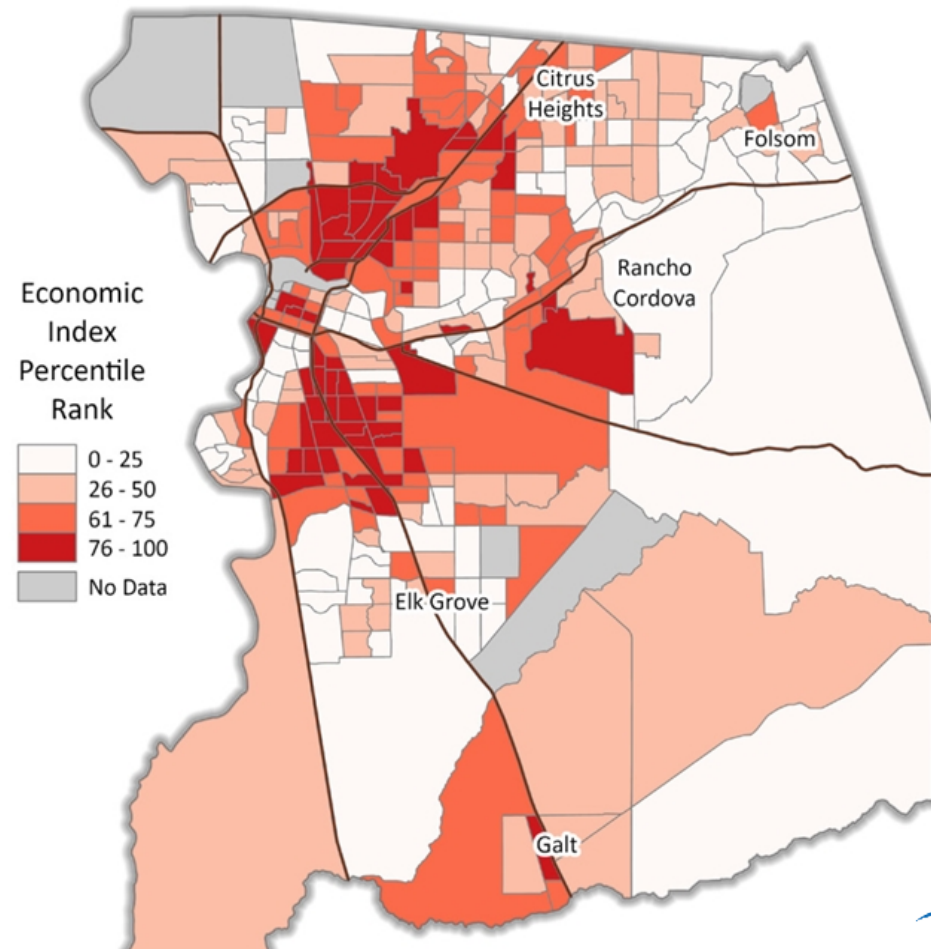
The Parkways lack the basic amenities needed for extended or continual camping such as adequate restrooms, lighting, access points, roadways, and clean water. The absence of these basic amenities leads to unsanitary living conditions and poses significant risks to the health and welfare of unsheltered individuals camping in the Parkways.

Additionally, it is not feasible to provide the infrastructure needed which would allow for extensive camping use in these natural resource areas.

Purpose of the Parkways

The Parkways serve as the closest Regional Parks for the nearby disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities, and as such serve as major recreational outlets for these communities.

Economic Index by Percentile Rank and Census Tract. Sacramento County. Source: 2016 HDI
The HDI Economic Index consists of eight economic indicators of household stability to identify those census tracts where household financial stability is weak.



Impacts on Parkways



Crimes

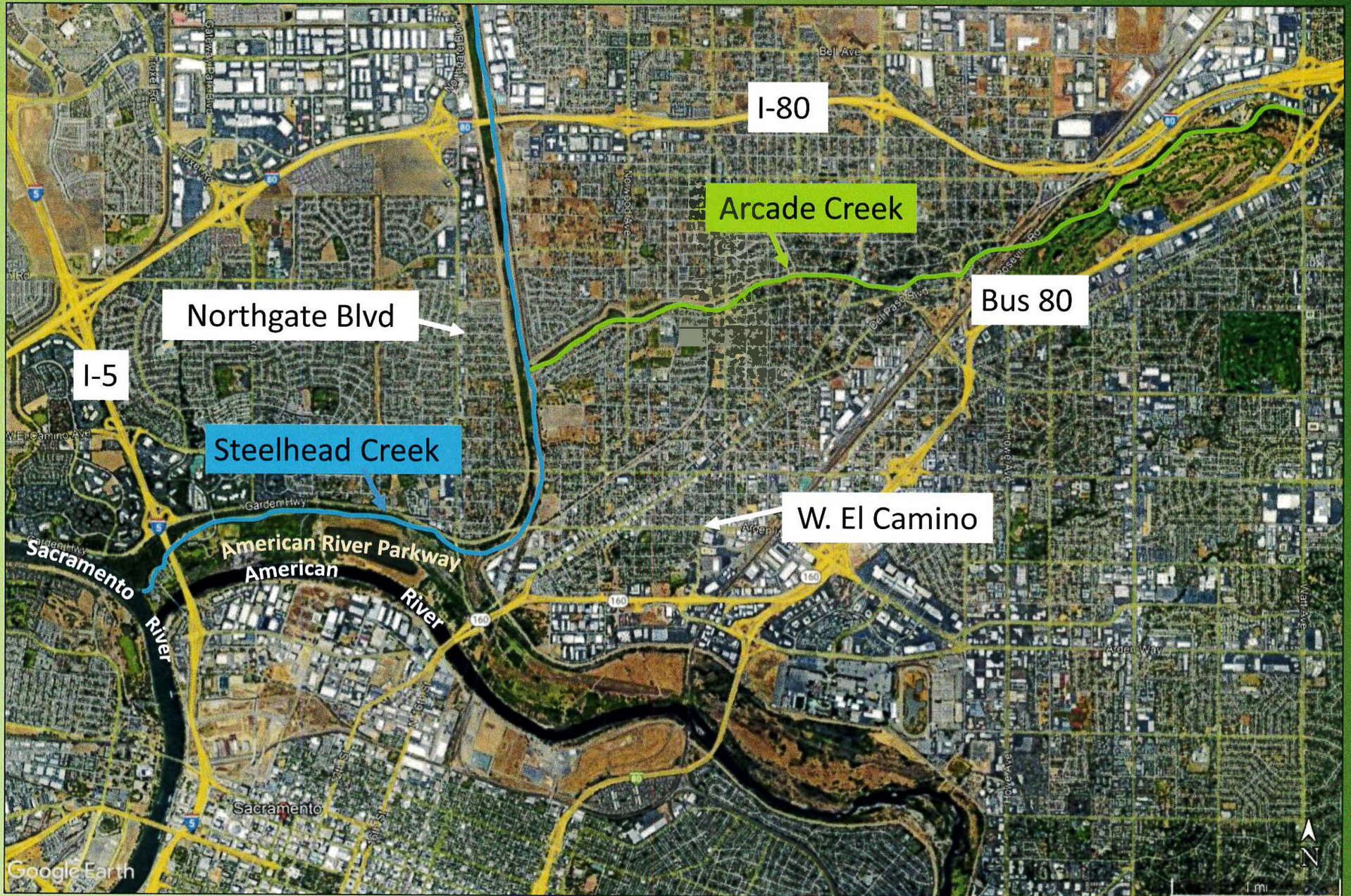
- In 2021, there were six homicides in the Parkway.
All of these victims were residing in or near the Parkway in encampments.
- Each year, Rangers respond to hundreds of crimes in the parks. These include:
 - Rapes
 - Domestic Violence
 - Felony Assaults
 - Robberies
 - Indecent Exposure

People experiencing homelessness are often the victims of these crimes.

- To date in 2022, one female victim, a visitor to the Parkway, was raped, tortured and murdered in the American River Parkway. Her alleged murderer lived in an encampment on the Parkway nearby.

Recommended Actions

Introduce and waive the full reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 9.36 of the Sacramento County Code related to fires, remaining in the Parkways between sunset and sunrise, and prohibiting camping or constructing, maintaining or inhabiting any structure or camp facility within the American River and Dry Creek Parkways, and continue to August 23, 2022 for adoption.





View ds from W. El Camino bridge.



Sunrise. View us from Northgate bridge.

Central Valley Steelhead and Central Valley Chinook Salmon.

Majority of California's steelhead populations listed under federal Endangered Species Act (ESA).



“With dwindling populations and passage issues, preserving local habitat is more important than ever.”

(NOAA Marine Fisheries, 2019)



Dumping goes on day after day:



On the floodplain.

And inside the stream banks.



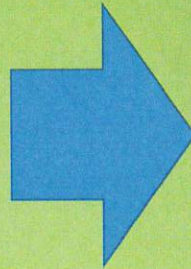
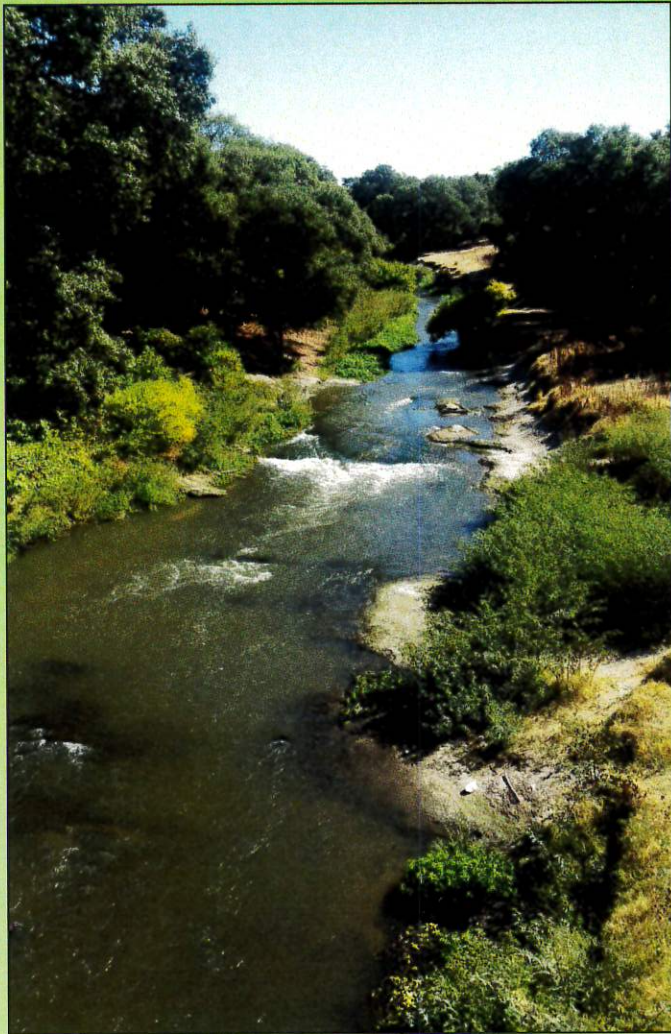


POINT SOURCE CONTAMINATION - Camps



If these were businesses dumping, the owners would be fined and/or jailed.

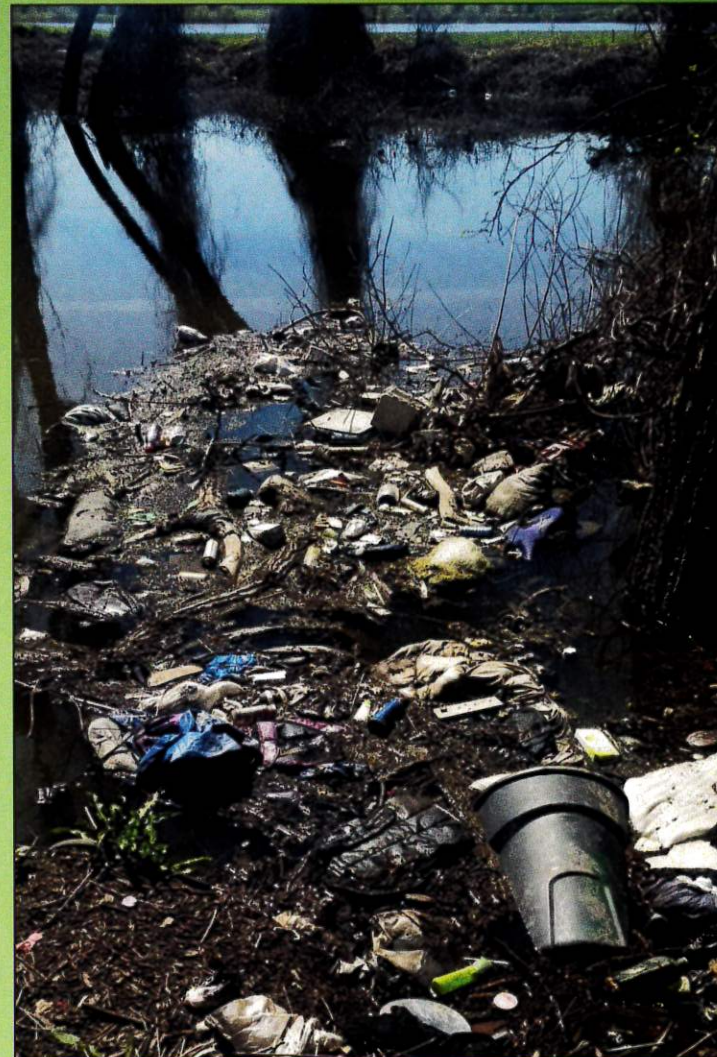
All are vulnerable to flooding
when this....



...becomes this.



The aftermath is grim:





Data Log:
Site 8. Appx 551 ft ds of W El Camino Bridge

Item	Note	Number	Vol (cu ft) (Hts @ 20" diam)	Wt (lbs)
Textiles:		66	7.5	195
Blanket, sleeping bag, quilt, pillow		5		
Mattress, pad		12		
Clothing (large-coat, shirt, pants)		8	13	69
Clothing (small-underwear, hat, sock, glove)		0	12	55
Tent or fragment of		2	16	68
Carpet remnant		3		
Storage or travel bag		28		
Misc. (shoes)		7		
Plastic:		148	5.8	54
Tarp (larger than 1' x 1')		3		
Bag		40		
Fragment (smaller than 1' x 1')		81		
Plastic container (large > 1 qt)		1	20	34
Plastic container (small < 1 qt)		2	12	20
Fishing line		4		
Styrofoam		17		
Misc.				
Rubber:		41	57.1	722
Truck tire	@ 5.5 cu ft and 90 lbs/tire	0		
Automobile tire	@ 2.0 cu ft and 22 lbs/tire	27	54.0	584
Foam mat fragment	2 each at 24x24x3	3	2.0	125
Bicycle tire		3		
Hose		4	6	3
Misc.		4		
Metal:		26	36.1	298
Shopping cart	@ 15 cu ft and 60 lbs	2	30.0	120
Bicycle frame	@ 1.5 cu ft and 12 lbs	0		
Automotive parts		1		
Bicycle part		3		
Container		10	16	48
Cooking items		0		72
Wire, pipe, and tubing		9		
Car seat inc cushion	24x29x8	1	3.2	58.0
Misc.				
Electronics and Electrical:		3	0.3	2.5
Car stereo, radio		3	0.3	
Paper, Wood and Cardboard:		10	1.6	12
Magazines		4	8	
Boards, plywood		6		
Glass and Ceramic:		75	2.5	44
Container		43	10	
Fragments	Stopped counting, too many	32	1	44
Hazardous materials:		1		
Automobile oil filter with oil		1		

Blue=assigned values, green=bag height, black=measured

* Bags have 20" diam. Calculated as cylinder of sum of heights / 172.8 cu in/cu ft

TOTALS:	Total (effective) area = 30% = 100 ft ²	370	111	1327
Area covered (sq ft)	300			
Items/sq ft	1.2			
Cu ft/sq ft	0.4			
Lbs/sq ft	4.4			

TOXIC CHEMICAL WASTE:



PATHOGENIC WASTE: Human and dog feces, needles.



Release *E. Coli*, Hepatitis, HIV.

SOLID DEBRIS IN THE STREAM CHANNEL:



All this debris



came from this one small area!

SOLID WASTE – The Worst Players:



PLASTICS- Esp bags, sheet, Styrofoam

TEXTILES- Esp tents, tarps, bedding, carpet remnants

SHOPPING CARTS



MICRO-PLASTICS:

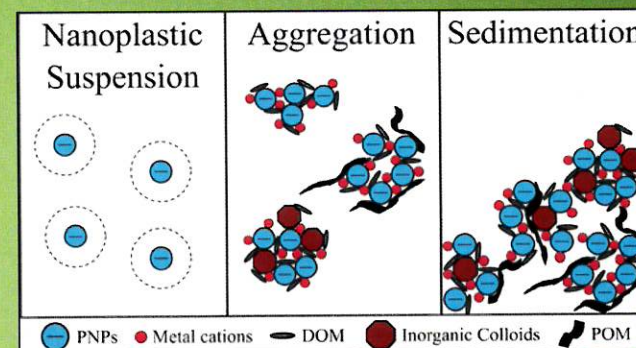
- Breakdown of plastic bags, cigarette filters.
- Eaten by over 700 aquatic organisms. Cannot be digested. Death.

(Parker, L., June 7, 2019, NationalGeographic.com)

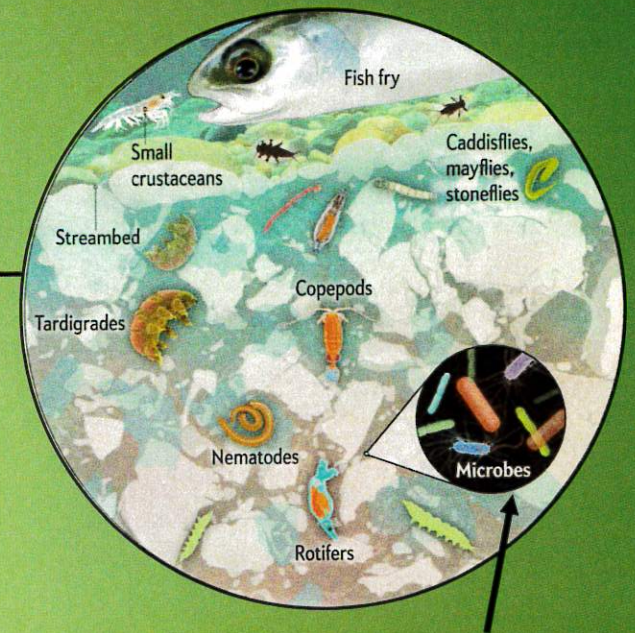
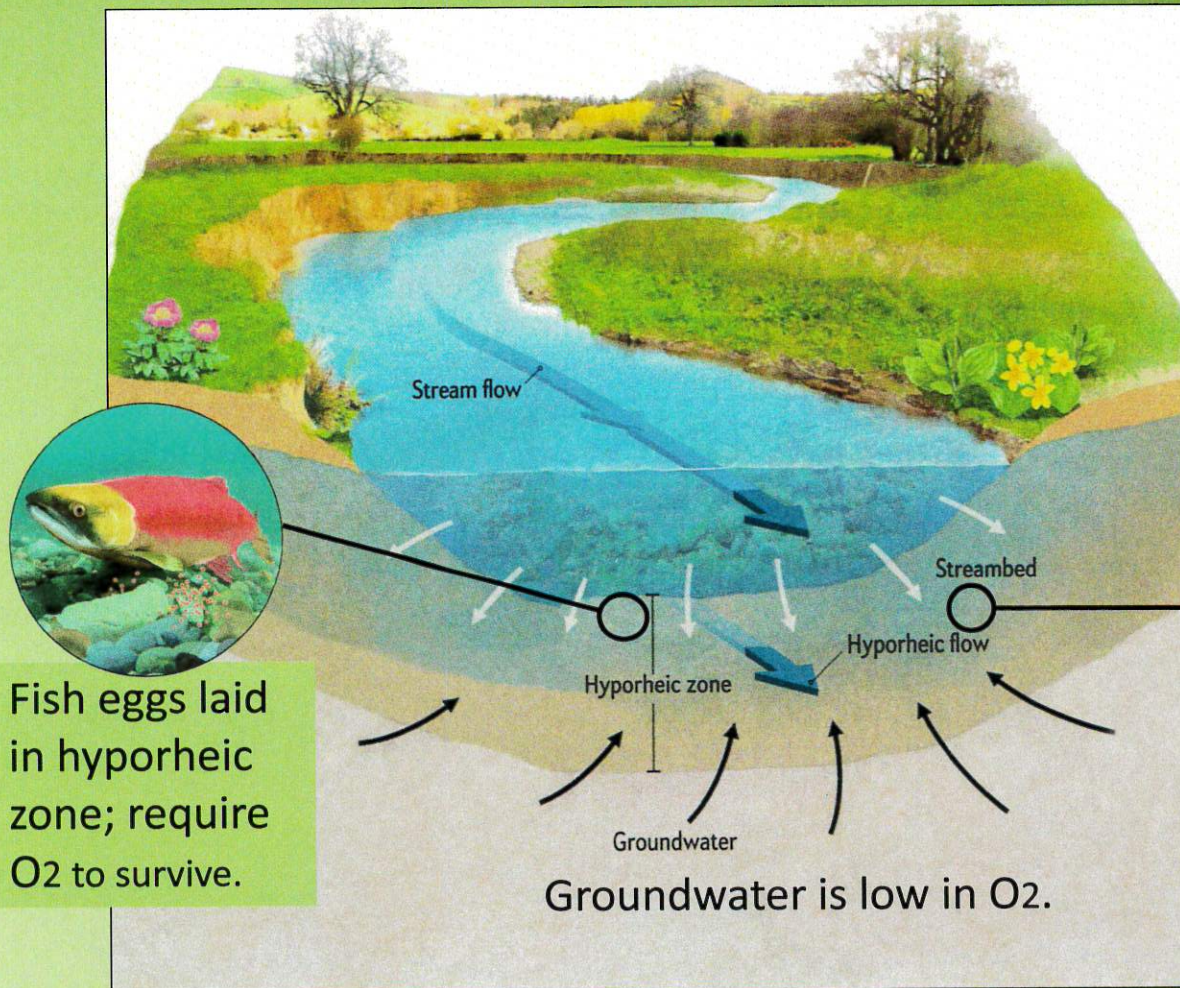
PLASTIC NANOPARTICLES (PNPs):

- From breakdown of plastic waste.
- Toxic. Serious potential threat to the environment.
- Highly mobile; uptake into tissue.
- Adsorb other pollutants making them more mobile.

(Brewer, A., Dror, I., and Berkowitz, B., 2021, American Chemical Society, Water 1, 1, 48-57)



Hyporheic Zone: A stream's life support system.



Microbes break down pollutants and move nutrients such as N, P, C.

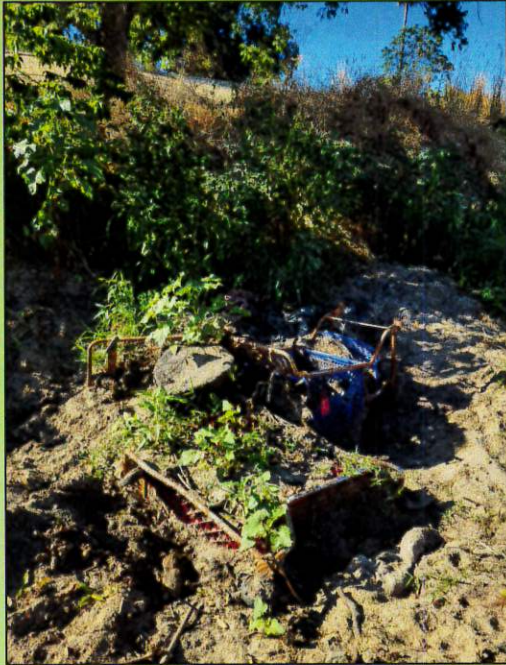
TEXTILE/PLASTIC DEBRIS ARMOR:





60% to 90% of channel bottom covered by buried debris.

SHOPPING CARTS:



- Accrete debris and vegetation.
- Form Islands.
- Reduce channel capacity.
- Barriers to fish passage.



**THE ORDINANCE:
ABIDE BY EXISTING STATE LAW**

CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME CODE 5652
(Effective January 1, 2008)

(a) “It is unlawful to deposit, permit to pass into, or place where it can pass into the waters of the state, or to abandon, dispose of, or throw away, within 150 feet of the high water mark of the waters of the state, any cans, bottles, garbage, motor vehicle or parts thereof, rubbish, litter, refuse, waste, debris....etc.”

County Funding for Homelessness Programs and Services:

- The County spends \$181 million dollars annually on programs, services and to mitigate the impacts of homelessness.
- The County currently funds 1300 beds on any given night for unsheltered people.
- These are fully inside beds, not safe spaces for outdoor tents and/or parking.
- The County approved two Safe Stay Communities, which will add 180 new beds and provide supportive services. **(ARPA Funding)**
- The County and its partners launched the \$67 million Sacramento Emergency Rental Assistance (SERA) program, which gives one-time financial support to 7,800 families at risk of losing housing.
- The County added 11 new behavioral health staff to the Encampment Service Teams to connect people to mental health and substance abuse services.
- Funded \$2.46 million for 60 beds at the Salvation Army Center for Hope earmarked exclusively for people camping on the American River Parkway. **(ARPA Funding)**
- Allocated \$5 million to the Mirasol Village Affordable Housing Project, a new construction project with a total of five residential buildings with 116 rental housing units. **(ARPA Funding)**
- Allocated \$1 million in the FY22/23 budget to expand the scattered site sheltering program.
- Allocated of \$10 million in ARPA funding for a Landlord Engagement and Assistance Program (LEAP), which will fund re-housing of 300+ households from shelters and encampments. **(ARPA Funding)**
- Allocated \$28 million in MHSA funding since 2017 through the MHSA Housing Program and No Place Like Home Program. **(MHSA Funding)**
- The County has 221 housing units funded through MHSA and an additional 234 coming in the next two years. In FY 2019-20: **(MHSA Funding)**
 - Housed 563 clients/households

- Prevented 1,431 clients/households at imminent risk from becoming homeless
 - Served 161 clients/households residing in MHSA-funded apartments
 - Provided rental assistance to 4,682 clients/households
 - Provided 7,815 services utilizing MHSA housing flex funds
- Funded more than \$1 million in homelessness prevention and intervention services for youth and families.
- Of the County's 30,000 consumers of behavioral health and substance abuse clients, the County served 9,862 people in the City of Sacramento in 2021/22.
- Approximately 1/3 of the County's behavioral health clients reside in the City of Sacramento.
- Of those 9,862 City of Sacramento clients, the County served 1,281 people who were experiencing or at risk of becoming homeless.
- The County partners with a variety of non-profit providers to create a network of behavioral health services.
- The County serves as the front door to assess and link individuals to appropriate levels of care and will continue to expand our capacity to do this in our encampment and shelter settings.

Why the County isn't pursuing a ballot measure similar to the City of Sacramento's Emergency Shelter and Enforcement Act of 2022:

- Our County Counsel identified several potential legal and practical issues with the Initiative that may put the County at risk for litigation.
- If approved, implementing the Initiative would likely have a problematic impact on administrative and fiscal functions.
- This Initiative provides no additional authority that enhances or improves the County's response to homelessness. If anything, the Initiative imposes restrictions on where the emergency shelters can be constructed that may have the opposite effect of reducing the amount of viable sites for shelter.
- While the Initiative purports to increase the City's ability to address homeless encampments, it cannot override or ignore the legal

constraints imposed by the Martin v. City of Boise case, which established that the use of criminal enforcement to prohibit camping or encampments on public property can only be used if alternative shelter is available.

- The County is interested in policies that strengthen or enhance its ability to address homelessness and the Initiative fails to meet that requirement.
- The County is not interested in expending public resources to pursue a ballot measure that does not further the County's objective to reduce homelessness.
- Instead, the County is leading with services for people that are unsheltered, as well as addressing the impacts to the community.
- The County will continue to explore programs and strategies that can increase housing capacity, both through existing housing and new housing.
- Without adequate housing to place people in, the County cannot end homelessness.

If the County isn't pursuing a ballot measure similar to the City's, what is the County doing about the large number of encampments throughout the County?

- The County is considering a proposed ordinance will identify certain public infrastructure as "critical infrastructure," on which camping will be prohibited.
- Examples of such infrastructure include levees, bridges, drainage systems, government buildings, sidewalks, etc.
- It also will prohibit camping in wildfire fire risk areas as well as within 1000 feet of a homeless shelter.
- In addition, the Board will consider an ordinance that will prohibit all camping within the American River Parkway.
- Both ordinances will be before the Board on Aug. 10, 2022.

From: [Sloane Read](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
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Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Sacramento-area resident, ***and owner of local business Refill Madness***, I am deeply concerned about the long-term health and sustainability of our local waterways, including the rivers, creeks and other tributaries. These channels provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats and foster healthy human recreation.

I am also a volunteer with a local group that has been feverishly attempting to clean and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries. Since March 2021, this group has removed over 700,000 pounds of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped debris from our waters and parkways. Every day, toxic and pathogenic wastes are also being discharged into these waters and adjacent soils causing long-term damage. Textiles and other debris accumulate in these areas, armor the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water needed to support aquatic life. Our ecological systems are literally suffocating while toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Tragically, some of these channels have already become solid waste sites, as evidenced by our recent 2-day cleanup that spanned a mere 1100 feet of Arcade Creek near Rio Linda Blvd, or 1.2% of the 16.2 mile creek. During the event, volunteers manually removed over 12,000 pounds of debris from this small section of creek (video: https://youtu.be/KUx_JhrcV68).

Exhaustive efforts to clean our waterways are frequently negated shortly thereafter by re-occupancy and the rapid re-accumulation of waste, garbage and personal property. This has recently occurred in countless sites along Arcade Creek, Steelhead Creek and the American River; areas that required thousands of volunteer hours to clean over many weeks or even months.

This situation is unsustainable and unacceptable.

I have become disheartened by the failure of our leaders to take necessary action to stem this recurrence and implement appropriate corrective action. Thus, I request that you immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

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Sincerely and Urgently,

Sloane Read
Chief Refill Officer



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ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 002

From: [Kathleen Ford](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellis, Liz](#)
Subject: 8/10/2022 BOS Mtg: support for waterway protection ordinance
Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 9:26:57 AM

Dear Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022

I am a native Sacramentan and lifelong resident, and care deeply about Sacramento. I am heartbroken to see how blighted our community has become and I am deeply concerned about the long-term health and sustainability of our local waterways, including the rivers, creeks and other tributaries. These channels provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats and foster healthy human recreation.

I am also a volunteer and leader with a local group that has been feverishly attempting to clean and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries. Since March 2021, this group has removed over 700,000 pounds of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped debris from our waters and parkways. In my volunteer efforts I have seen up-close the conditions of our rivers and creeks and I'm absolutely devastated to see how horribly polluted and trashed they are. It is shocking and appalling to see these conditions, and I cannot understand how our community leaders have allowed this to happen. Our waters define our city and sustain us all. They have been neglected and abused.

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This situation is unsustainable and unacceptable. But you Supervisors have an opportunity to take meaningful and impactful action to rectify this problem.

With respect,
Kathleen Ford
2241 51st Street, Sacramento, 95817
916-233-6629

From: pasoyano@comcast.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: A Plea From Sacramento Picks it Up!
Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 7:27:52 AM

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Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022

Dear Esteemed Board Clerk of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Sacramento-area resident of thirty-four years this September, I am deeply concerned about the long-term health and sustainability of our local waterways, including the rivers, creeks and other tributaries. These channels provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats and foster healthy human recreation.

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Sincerely and Urgently, and with gratitude for your service to our community,

Joan D. Ellison

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 004

From: [Laura Nickerson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Laura Nickerson](#)
Subject: AB 2633. For 8-10-22 Board Meeting
Date: Monday, July 18, 2022 9:26:41 PM

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I support this ordinance to help stop the destruction of the American River Parkway due to the negative sequelae of illegal campsites:

1300 Tons of trash were removed in 2021. Fires doubled from 2017 (80) to 2021 (170). 99% Fires were from human activity.

It is the responsibility of our local government to make laws to help preserve our natural habitats for the benefit of the Flora and Fauna that reside there as well as the benefit for the public to enjoy this jewel of Sacramento. In addition, fires threaten the neighboring communities and important SMUD power lines that service thousands of residents.

The ordinance is humane to the illegal campers. Illegal campers are given 72 hour notice, campers are offered alternatives and services for relocation and any personal belongings removed from the campsite are made available to the illegal camper after removed from the site. No additional criminal penalties are applied to the illegal campers, this ordinance does not change any existing laws.

I am asking the Board of Supervisors to protect the American River Parkway and surrounding residents by adopting this ordinance.

Thank you
Laura Nickerson
9453 Niemann Avenue
Elk Grove, CA 95624

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 005

From: [Velma Neeley](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Aug. 10 Board Meeting
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2022 3:08:40 PM

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Board of Supervisors

Attention Clerk of the Board

Reg: Board Meeting August 10, 2022

Agenda item #9.36.083

I am writing to give my support to this agenda item which wants to prohibit camping or constructing, maintaining or inhabiting any structure or camp facility in the American River or Dry Creek Parkway. I live within a few miles of the Dry Creek area where Elverta Blvd. crosses the creek. The unhoused turn Dry Creek Parkway into a garbage dumps constantly requiring crews to go in and clean up after them. The crews then deposit huge piles of trash. including bags of feces and needles and syringes, beside the road for a trash truck to clean this up. Sharing this lovely little creek would be so pleasant but it only takes a few to ruin the river and the land around it for their selfish use. The unhoused here don't clean up after themselves even after portable toilets and dumpsters have been provided. They are getting all the privileges and we are required to pick up their messes. Please help us put a stop to this horrible, unsanitary behavior.

Sincerely,
Velma Kennedy
8120 Rio Linda Blvd
Elverta, CA 95626
909-983-3101

From: [AT&T Yahoo Mail](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Bellas, Liz](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Sharon King](#)
Subject: August 10 board meeting, agenda Item #3
Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022 12:07:05 PM

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August 5, 2020

To: Board of Supervisors

Attn: Clerk of the Board

I wish to **SUPPORT Sacramento County Regional Parks Amendments**

Item number 3 on the Board agenda on August 10, 2022

The Sacramento County Regional Parks Amendments to 9.36.058 about fires, 9.36.067 regarding enforcing the sunrise to sunset access to parks and especially 9.36.083 to prohibit camping or constructing, maintaining or inhabiting any structure or camp facility in the American or Dry Creek Parkways.

I live near the Dry Creek Parkway and have photos from the past 10 years proving how illegal campers/unhoused have negatively affected the Dry Creek Parkway. The parkway is bordered by a designated Salmon habitat creek. The campers have and are:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->Digging into the levee and banks of the creek, adding sediment to the creek and encouraged flooding and erosion.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->Stripping areas for camps has removed natural plants meant to provide food and homes for wildlife and possibly destroyed the habitat for some endangered plants such as the Tule Pea. The erosion it has created has endangered the historic fall run migration of Salmon.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->Dams built to create swimming holes, bathing areas and trapping fish slow the creek water allowing it to heat up, make the water too hot for salmon. Water also becomes stagnant in more areas. All species of fish are over fished. Loss of fish means all fish eating animals are also endangered or eliminated from the area like otter, mink, egrets and herons. Salmon are caught and eaten by the unhoused before they can finish their migration. Toxic materials like shampoo, laundry soap and bleach are introduced to the creek, making the creek waters toxic.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->4. <!--[endif]-->Collection of fire wood, now that the easy stuff on the ground is already burnt, means campers break off branches for fires and camp construction. As these small pieces of wood are removed, campers have been hacking down trees with machetes and axes or sawing down trees.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->5. <!--[endif]-->When a camper goes to such lengths to make a structure, they become possessive, using dogs, vocal and written threats, gates and signs to intimidate and prevent regular park users access to paths, beaches and the creek.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->6. <!--[endif]-->Camper/unhoused materials: campers' clothes,

campers' food containers and campers' feces and urine are left when they choose to move, are flooded out, are arrested, get sick or are 'clean and cleared' out. Clothes and camp gear is left when dirty, replaced by more free stuff. Someone else is left to clean the camps before things are washed into the creek. It costs money to have the county do it both in man power and in disposal. A volunteer does a lot of the cleaning but disposal is still a big cost.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->7. <!--[endif]-->People who do the clean ups are put at risk from drug paraphernalia, needles, broken glass and sharp metal objects as well as human excrement on clothing and blankets.

Remember, I have photos.

Many plants are no longer seen blooming in the creek because of heavy camper use and abuse, plants like tule pea, vervain, horsetail, and asters. Many animals have died out in the area or moved elsewhere like otters, and mink.

I no longer have access to my two favorite beaches to photo graph plants and animals because illegal camper/ unhoused have occupied them. The plants and animals are gone and I am afraid of the campers. 600 or more 'Rambles' about the good things in the Dry Creek Parkway in images and writing are on my facebook page: Sharon King (I am the Sharon King with a peach colored iris for a face). Unfortunately, most of the good images are from 6 years ago or more.

Sincerely,

Sharon King

From: [Arlene Rose](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting: Item #3
Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022 3:31:17 PM

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To: Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
From: Arlene Rose, Folsom

Please count me among the supporters of the letter submitted by Sharon King regarding the degradation inflicted on the American River Parkway by illegal campers. The jewel of Sacramento County is being ravaged by illegal campers who have no regard for the wildlife, the plants, trees, and water quality of the parkway. A site meant for all Sacramentans to enjoy has become dangerous and foul.

The governing bodies of Sacramento County need to act decisively on helping the unhoused find appropriate sites to shelter, not just allowing them free reign to destroy the parkway that belongs to all citizens.

Sincerely,
Arlene Rose

From: [Kathleen Stricklin](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [SupervisorDesmond@sacounty.net](#); [Frost, Supervisor Kennedy, Supervisor](#)
Subject: BOS mtg., Aug. 10, 2022
Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 3:37:26 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors

As a Sacramento-area resident and board member of Sacramento Area Creeks Council I have been deeply concerned about the long-term health and sustainability of our local waterways for many years. The rivers, creeks and their tributaries provide drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats and foster healthy human recreation.

SACC supports and partners with Sacramento Picks it Up. They are a local group that has been feverishly attempting to clean and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries. Since March 2021, this group has removed over 700,000 pounds of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped debris from our waters and parkways. Every day, toxic and pathogenic wastes are also being discharged into these waters and adjacent soils causing long-term damage. Textiles and other debris accumulate in these areas, armor the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water needed to support aquatic life. Our ecological systems are literally suffocating while toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Tragically, some of these channels have already become solid waste sites, as evidenced by SPIU's recent 2-day cleanup that spanned a mere 1100 feet of Arcade Creek near Rio Linda Blvd, or 1.2% of the 16.2 mile creek. While much remains to be done, during the event, volunteers manually removed over 12,000 pounds of debris from this small section of creek.

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I strongly agree with David Ingram and others in SPIU leadership that this situation is unsustainable and unacceptable.

I request that the County Board of Supervisors take necessary action to stem this problem and immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

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Sincerely and with great urgency,

Kathleen Stricklin

Board member Sacramento Area Creeks Council

Member Sacramento Picks It Up

Board Chair Fulton El Camino Recreation and Park District

Member, Sacramento County Carbon Neutral Task Force, Environmental Justice committee.

From: [winko](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Cleaner local Sacramento waterways
Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022 3:54:04 AM

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Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022 Please consider the following:

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Sincerely and Urgently, Bob King

Winko Ljizz OneManBand storyteller of Sacramento www.acousticsanctuary.com

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 010

From: [Muriel Strand](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: comments on august 10 agenda items
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 8:48:41 AM
Attachments: [sac county board - comments aug 10 2022.pdf](#)

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dear clerk,

please share these comments with supervisors at your earliest convenience.

thanks, muriel

Muriel Strand, P.E.

Advertising is a private tax.
- Andre Schiffrin

Good science and financial profit are mutually exclusive.
- me

www.nisenan.org/
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<https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Muriel-Strand/publications>

August 8, 2022

To: Sacramento County Board of Supervisors

From: Muriel Strand, P.E.

Re: August 10 agenda item # 2

Have staff inventoried the land that would be available for permanent shelters, net of the proposed restrictions due to critical infrastructure, etc., and compared it to the estimated number of unpermitted campers, and to the number of homeless people countywide? Restrictions that fail to allow permanent space for all unhoused are not rational.

Re: August 10 agenda item #3

The ordinance as described in the staff report is incomplete. It **should include provisions guaranteeing to homeless people the basics of survival - water, food, sanitation, reliable protection from the elements, and enough sleep.** Few if any of us can participate in work or citizenship without reliable access to these needs. An ordinance with requirements only for the homeless and not for the county does not inspire confidence in the county's actual intentions. Thus, without such legally enforceable provisions, the ordinance itself is incomplete, and without such provisions, local governments will continue to waste public money playing whack-a-mole.

I've been attending weekly zoom meetings of some advocates for the homeless since late spring 2021. I've written a few articles for Homeward, the newspaper of the Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee. I've heard more than a few references to situations where local government staff said they would do such and such for specific homeless people in return for the latter's cooperation, but then staff flaked. Maybe it was quitting time. Many homeless people do not trust the government.

This will not do. If a county representative makes a promise, they must keep it.

More recently, I was fortunate enough to attend the fact-finding meeting, organized by Barbara Leary of the Sierra Club, where advocates for the American River Parkway and advocates for the homeless described their history, needs, and concerns. (The Dry Creek Parkway was not on that agenda.)

So it's clear that homeless people and the parkway both need more protection. I was also fortunate in having a long conversation after that Sierra Club meeting with Betsy Weiland of Save the American River Association. She described getting acquainted with some of the unpermitted campers on the parkway, which is more than I can say for myself. (When I feel called to be in nature, I rarely get further than my garden.) **We need many more conversations, acquaintances, and relationships between sheltered and unsheltered Sacramentans.** One cannot accurately assess someone's intelligence and character without seeing how they interact with others over time.

Considering the ecological damage along the parkway, which has apparently been getting worse, I can't help noticing that our whole society is itself responsible for massive amounts of ecological degradation in many places. **So unpermitted campers are not the only people that the natural world needs protection from.** Most sheltered people's yards look nothing like the natural ecology typical of the parkway, and our trash is conveniently disappeared into landfills. Fortunately, the ordinance's adherence to the Lehr settlement agreement should reduce the amount of 'trash' which unpermitted campers may leave behind in the parkway or on sidewalks.

There are various ways of providing water and food to homeless people. Some of them generate lots of trash such as single-use plastic water bottles and prepared food packaging. **If the county is concerned about reducing trash, dietary needs can be met with re-usable dishes and utensils.** Practices that are the cheapest financially are often more costly in social and environmental ways.

While fires started by unpermitted campers have clearly caused some substantial damage, it's also true that official well-intentioned mismanagement over decades has contributed greatly to the severity of wilderness wildfires in recent years. **As in the case of Native Americans, another common observation during meetings of homeless advocates is that homeless people are not listened to by various authorities.**

Once people's physical needs are met, their metaphysical needs are next on the agenda. Autonomy is one of those needs. Now obviously none of us is omnipotent. But robust research has documented the negative health effects of lack of equitable choice about what we do and when. In fact, I believe **it's not just homeless people, but a majority of Americans, especially essential workers, who are suffering from an autonomy deficit.**

Discussion of crimes ascribed to, or inflicted on, unpermitted campers in the parkways is meaningless without the context of crime descriptions and crime rates in the county as a whole.

Damage to infrastructure within the parkways is not actually ecological damage, but rather damage to human artifacts and constructions. Such construction projects are rarely permitted by nonhuman authorities. Legal systems have begun to recognize the "rights of nature," but we have a long way to go.

Prescribing misdemeanor penalties seems useless. The unpermitted campers are there because of many factors, few if any of which are under their control. Similarly, a number of these factors are not under the control of supervisors either. This problem is nationwide, and key causes include the closure of state mental facilities several decades ago, the export and/or automation of hundreds of thousands of living wage jobs, the replacement of AFDC by TANF, the removal of redevelopment funding, as well as widespread failure to ensure sufficient affordable housing and to protect existing affordable housing from vulture investors who jack up rents and skimp or ignore maintenance.

Locally, I gather a requirement was deleted some years ago that required developers to actually build measurable proportions of affordable housing. All of these many trends are now colliding, resulting in the current train wreck in many communities. **In addition to again requiring actual construction of affordable housing that matches the population needing housing, supervisors should regulate all distant absentee owners of all affordable housing, so as to prevent and reverse predatory real estate market operations.** Finding permanent solutions for housing for the poor will be even more important when climate refugees start showing up here in a few years.

There is no shortage of videos online discussing the problem of affordable housing. **A recent Congressional hearing** on the topic struck me as particularly informative:

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?522121-1/evicted-author-testify-housing-market>

A recent panel at the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco described various SF Bay Area projects for reducing homelessness. **Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez shared some amazing numbers; they found that county annual expenses per homeless person were around \$60,000, and for a formerly homeless person was about \$40,000. But the cost of preventing a family from becoming homeless was only \$5000!**

<https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/archive/video/lets-talk-solutions-future-bay-area-housing>

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

From: [John McCormack](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: County Anti-Camping Ordinances
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 10:11:46 AM

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We oppose the two county anti-camping ordinances to be considered at the BOS meeting on August 10th. These ordinances will do nothing to end regional homelessness but will increase problems and instability for unhoused persons seeking services and for businesses. What is needed is a **regional, comprehensive, coordinated plan to end homelessness** which provides temporary shelter for all, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing and affordable rental housing for all of Sacramento County's residents, including wrap-around supportive services where needed. Nothing short of this will end this scourge.

John McCormack
Sacramento

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 012

From: [Alta Tura](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Halcon. Emily](#); [Bellas. Liz](#)
Subject: County BOS meeting August 10, 2020
Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 1:25:14 PM

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Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022

Dear Board of Supervisors

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SACC supports and partners with Sacramento Picks it Up. They are a local group that has been feverishly attempting to clean and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries. Since March 2021, this group has removed over 700,000 pounds of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped debris from our waters and parkways. Every day, toxic and pathogenic wastes are also being discharged into these waters and adjacent soils causing long-term damage. Textiles and other debris accumulate in these areas, armor the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water needed to support aquatic life. Our ecological systems are literally suffocating while toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Tragically, some of these channels have already become solid waste sites, as evidenced by SPIU's recent 2-day cleanup that spanned a mere 1100 feet of Arcade Creek near Rio Linda Blvd, or 1.2% of the 16.2 mile creek. During the event, volunteers manually removed over 12,000 pounds of debris from .this small section of creek

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I strongly agree with David Ingram and others in SPIU leadership that this situation is unsustainable and unacceptable.

I request that the County Board of Supervisors take necessary action to stem this problem and immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

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Sincerely and Urgently,
Alta Tura

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 013

From: [April Donnel](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#); [Kennedy. Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost. Supervisor](#); [Nottoli. Don](#)
Subject: Dry creek parkway
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 9:01:48 AM

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Please approve making illegal for camping on county property. I support this 100%. As a parent, community member and a homeowner in Rio Linda this situation needs to be resolved. It's will help protect us for multiple reasons like fire safety, safety of children waking to school, also prevent drug use and cleanup our community.

Thank you

April Donnel-Varner

From: [Sharon Anderson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellus, Liz](#)
Cc: [David Ingram](#); [Barbara Washburn](#)
Subject: For the record: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2022 2:14:45 PM

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Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and leadership officials:

As an Elk Grove resident within Sacramento County, I am deeply concerned about the long-term health and sustainability of our local waterways, including the rivers, creeks and other tributaries. These channels provide 80% of the region's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats and foster healthy human recreation.

I have previously volunteered with a local group (SacramentoPicksItUp) that has been feverishly attempting to clean and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries. Since March 2021, this group has removed over 700,000 pounds of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped debris from our waters and parkways. Every day, toxic and pathogenic wastes are also being discharged into these waters and adjacent soils causing long-term damage. Textiles and other debris accumulate in these areas, armor the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water needed to support aquatic life. Our ecological systems are literally suffocating while toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Tragically, some of these channels have already become solid waste sites, as evidenced by our recent 2-day cleanup that spanned a mere 1100 feet of Arcade Creek near Rio Linda Blvd, or 1.2% of the 16.2 mile creek. During the event, volunteers manually removed over 12,000 pounds of debris from this small section of creek (video: https://youtu.be/KUx_JhrcV68).

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This situation is unsustainable and unacceptable.

We truly need our leaders to take necessary action to stem this recurrence and implement appropriate corrective action. I am aware that the County of Sacramento has jurisdiction within the unincorporated portions of the County, yet hope that all cities and districts can unite to blanket our region with identical or more strict corrective action. Thus, I request that you immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

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I am currently actively involved with a local volunteer cleanup group in Elk Grove and we are seeing a promising

shift to stem pollution and trash buildup within our waterways. We know this effort takes time and the keys to change include education, eradication, and enforcement. I will add one more “E”, encouragement, to have the courage for our civic leaders to take a bold step by enacting permanent and effective measures.

Sincerely and Urgently,
Sharon Anderson

Have a great day!
This message was sent from my iPhone, please pardon Siri's auto-correction

From: [John Todd](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Supervisor Serna](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#)
Subject: Homeless on the Dry Creek Parkway
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 9:28:03 AM

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Supervisor Sue Frost, et al.

As a member of the Rio Linda Elverta community, I am reaching out to express my support for August 10, 2022 agenda items #2 and #3, which in short, will make camping on the Dry Creek Parkway illegal and will allow Sacramento County to remove homeless camps that are currently there.

As you well know, Rio Linda and Elverta are unreasonably impacted by the homeless assault on our communities. This community has no resources to offer the homeless. We are not a wealthy community. We are short on jobs and resources for the people who already live here. Yet, the homeless continue to come here in droves, many of who are not even from the Sacramento area, because we offer wide open spaces and our law enforcement presence is minimal. They come to our small town to set up camp because they are able to hide out to do things they shouldn't be doing.

In the process, they camp along the banks of Dry Creek, in the Dry Creek Parkway, and on Cherry Island where they use the creek not only for bathing and for a water supply, but for defecation and urination.

Obviously, this prevents our community from taking advantage of Dry Creek. The swimming holes that have been used for over a century have been overtaken by homeless encampments preventing our kids from cooling off in the summer. The Fall run of Chinook Salmon is now nearly nonexistent, and the various local organizations that perform creek clean-ups have all stopped, because of the human feces and the hypodermic needles that line the shores and endanger their health.

Item #3 is of particular importance, creating an ordinance banning "containers with flammable or combustible liquids and generators powered by gas or propane". Nearly every year a wildfire ignites in the "Ground Zero" area of the parkway; a highly populated area of homeless that abuts the Elkhorn Manor neighborhood. This wildfire threatens the nearly 70 homes in Elkhorn Manor and the Rio Linda Plaza shopping center and drives up insurance costs for the residents there.

The community of Rio Linda/Elverta is not indifferent to the plight of the homeless. There are organizations here that help feed and clothe the homeless. Indeed, many of us who live in the community are just one paycheck away from homelessness. Their issues are not lost on us. However, Rio Linda/Elverta doesn't have the means to support the homeless in this community, and we definitely do not have the means to clean up or resolve the issues caused by the homeless in this community. Those resources must come from Sacramento County.

In closing, we urge you, please vote in favor of passing items #2 and #3 on Wednesday's

agenda, and passing those ordinances which would limit the impact of the homeless on the Dry Creek Parkway.

Kind regards,

John Todd

ViAnn Todd

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ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 016

From: [Laura Farren](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Laura Farren](#)
Subject: Meeting 8/10/22
Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022 8:13:44 PM

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Laura Farren
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ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 017

From: [Kate Tharp](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Please protect our critical waterways from toxic trash!
Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 9:40:56 AM

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Kate E. Tharp
5230 46th St
Sacramento, CA. 95820
916-494-9317

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 018

From: [Nicole Valentine](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Please take action!
Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 10:14:37 PM
Attachments: [SPIU - BOS Email \(Form Version\).docx](#)

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ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 019

From: [Jbmes4](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: PRESERVATION OF AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY
Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022 6:49:02 PM

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Dear Members of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

I am a resident of Sacramento County and a frequent user of the American River Parkway. The river, the wildlife, and the trees and plant life are most enjoyable and one of the most precious and scenic attractions in this area.

However, I am quite concerned that insufficient effort is being made to protect and preserve this natural beauty. There are areas with abandoned trash, dumped garbage, old clothing, furniture, and various other debris.

There should be a better plan to take necessary action to prevent the deterioration of the river, its tributaries, canals, and surrounding landscape. I would urge each of you to take appropriate steps, including passing applicable ordinances, enforcement procedures and cleaning efforts to protect this wonderful asset of ours.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation and action.

Sincerely,

John Stayner

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 020

From: [Nancy Rogers](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Protect our streams and waterways
Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022 5:49:07 PM

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Please don't stop with our rivers, although I thank you for that. You must do more. You must protect all our waterways no matter how small. They all end up in the same place. It is your hands and I am pleading that you make a real difference to Sacramento, the Delta, the world. I am doing what I can as a resident of Sacramento since 1978 and, more importantly, a citizen of our precious earth. I compost. I recycle. I conserve water. I protect birds and bees and butterflies in my yard. I traded in for a smaller car and will buy electric when feasible. Please make us proud of Sacramento's efforts to save our earth from this ongoing destruction.

Thanks for your time.

Nancy Rogers

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Alison Shepherd](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Protect our water ways
Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 5:58:40 PM

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I volunteer to clean up my local creek, Arcade creek, in Carmichael. We pull all manner of trash and debris from this creek on a regular basis. Tires, textiles, bottles, cans, broken glass, plastic bags and everything else in between. The neglect has been extreme and new litter appears daily. We try to work with local municipalities to collect the trash we pick, but it is not consistent and nobody takes responsibility. Our local wildlife has no other refuge, our very lives also depend on our waterways being healthy. We must act now to protect them from further harm and work to reverse this travesty. This cannot be ignored any longer and should not fall solely on volunteers for help. Please act now.

Sincerely,

Alison Shepherd

Volunteer and member of Sacramento Picks It Up

From: [Mellissa Meng](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Protect our waterways
Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 8:28:25 PM

Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022

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From: [Wayne Watts](#)
To: [David Ingram](#); [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bell, Liz](#)
Subject: Public Comment, Sacramento County BOS Meeting, 8/10/2022
Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 9:02:02 AM

Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

For the past 48 years, I have lived in Sacramento and have enjoyed the American River Parkway. I chose this area to live because I love water, nature and wildlife. I was raised to respect my natural surroundings, protect open spaces and clean-up after myself and others. This mentality began to form at a very young age while learning to fish with my grandparents in upstate New York in the early 1960's. My habit of cleaning my surroundings gradually increased over the years as I was transplanted to Sacramento via the U.S. Air Force. I discovered the American River Parkway soon after arriving in Sacramento in 1974. This was a very special place that reminded me of the country side that I grew up in upstate New York. In 1985 I worked along the American River in Old Fair Oaks. I soon noticed that the areas around the Parkway began to experience increases in illegal dumping and careless littering. In 2010 I started a new job near Cal Expo and found that the situation along the American River was even worse in that area. Up until a few years ago, I "thought" my Parkway and adjacent banks of the American River were some of the trashy spots around. Then I joined a volunteer cleanup group in 2021 and discovered that I was way off base and that there were waterways in Sacramento that literally look like solid waste dump sites. I was horrified ... not just at the endless polluted sites I encountered, but at the total and complete lack of action by the agencies and departments I "thought" were responsible for regulating, maintaining and preserving these waterways.

I am now very deeply concerned about the long-term health and sustainability of our local waterways, including the rivers, creeks and other tributaries. These channels provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats and foster healthy human recreation. These areas belong to ALL of us and their preservation is imperative to a healthy and sustainable community.

Our local, all-volunteer group has been feverishly attempting to clean and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries since March 2021. In that short time, we have already removed over 700,000 pounds of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped debris from our waters and parkways. Every time that I clean a waterway, I observe toxic and pathogenic wastes that have been discharged into these waters and adjacent soils causing long-term damage. We also pull tons of textiles and other debris out of the water channels that armor the bottom of the creeks and rivers and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water needed to support aquatic life. Our ecological systems are literally suffocating while toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Tragically, some of these channels have already become solid waste sites, as evidenced by our recent 2-day cleanup that spanned a mere 1100 feet of Arcade Creek near Rio Linda Blvd, or 1.2% of the 16.2 mile creek. During the event, volunteers manually removed over 12,000 pounds of debris from this small section of creek (link to a video I captured on July 31st: https://youtu.be/KUx_JhrcV68 - **please introduce this video into the record**). I am also attaching some photographs that I also **request be introduced into the record**.

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Wayne Watts

District 3 Resident, 48 Years

From: [Karen Simmons](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Re: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 10:44:01 AM

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<BoardClerk@saccounty.net> wrote:

Good morning Karen,

Unfortunately, I am not able to open a .pages doc. I am wondering if you are able to resend your comment as a pdf, word doc, or paste the content of your comment into an email? I want to make sure that your comment is routed to the Board and filed in the meeting record.

Thank you,

Jillian Myers
Executive Secretary
Office of the Clerk of the Board
MyersJ@saccounty.gov
(916) 874-1160

From: Karen Simmons <tinypinkheels@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 6:16 PM

To: Clerk of the Board Public Email <BoardClerk@saccounty.net>

Cc: Garcia. Marysol <garciamary@saccounty.gov>; Halcon. Emily <halcone@saccounty.gov>; Supervisor Serna <SupervisorSerna@saccounty.net>; Nava. Lisa <NavaL@saccounty.gov>; Kennedy. Supervisor <SupervisorKennedy@saccounty.net>; Rich Desmond <RichDesmond@saccounty.net>; Frost. Supervisor <SupervisorFrost@saccounty.net>; Nottoli. Don <nottolid@saccounty.gov>; Haynes. Janna <haynesja@saccounty.gov>; Bellas. Liz <bellase@SacCounty.NET>

Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022

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ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 025

From: [Tonya Haddix](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#)
Subject: Regarding Issues #2 & #3 on Wednesday 8/10/2022 meeting Agenda
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 8:59:17 AM

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Good morning,

My name is Tonya Haddix, I am a lifetime resident of Rio Linda & a very concerned citizen as to the effect the homeless encampments are having on the American River & Dry Creek parkways.

Regarding Issues #2 & #3 on Wednesday 8/10/2022 meeting Agenda. I ask that you please vote to support these ordinance amendments as this will make our community safer & give some much needed say so back to the local law enforcement agencies. Thank you for your time and attention!

Sincerely,
Tonya Haddix
Concerned Rio Linda resident

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 026

From: [Michael Palmer](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellis, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento BOS meeting 8/10/22
Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 10:39:29 PM

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Sent from my iPad

From: [M. Wright](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Meeting 8/10/22
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 8:24:51 AM

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Mary Lou Wright
Chianti Ct
Rancho Cordova

From: [M. Wright](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting 8/10/22
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 8:29:41 AM

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Sent from ML

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To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
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Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 8:38:40 AM

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2519 Exeter Square Ln
Sacramento, 95825
(916) 524-5350

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 030

From: [David Moffatt](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 8:31:12 AM
Attachments: [BOS - Ordinance to Preserve the American River Parkway.pdf](#)

To Whom It May Concern,

Please see my attached letter concerning the preservation of the American River Parkway.

Sincerely,
David Moffatt

To: BoardClerk@sacounty.net

Cc: garciamary@sacounty.gov
halcone@sacounty.gov
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David Moffatt
(River Park Resident)

From: [Karen Korbs](#)
To: [Garcia. Marysol](#); [Halcon. Emily](#); [Nava. Lisa](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost. Supervisor](#); [Nottoli. Don](#); [Haynes. Janna](#); [Bellas. Liz](#); [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 7:58:50 AM

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ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 032

From: [dan.panasenko](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2022 12:28:33 PM

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From: [Cathie Bullis](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Richdesond@saccounty.net](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellis, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022 1:08:05 PM

Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022

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Sincerely and Urgently,
Cathie Bullis

From: [Patti Moore](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022 12:40:34 PM

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I volunteer in my community (Rosemont, which is very close to river access) on a weekly basis cleaning trash left behind and have also been attempting to assist to clean and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries. Since March 2021, the 'Sac Picks it Up' group has removed over 700,000 pounds of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped debris from our waters and parkways. Every day, toxic and pathogenic wastes are also being discharged into these waters and adjacent soils causing long-term damage. Textiles and other debris accumulate in these areas, armor the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water needed to support aquatic life. Our ecological systems are literally suffocating while toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Tragically, some of these channels have already become solid waste sites, as evidenced by the recent 2-day cleanup that spanned a mere 1100 feet of Arcade Creek near Rio Linda Blvd, or 1.2% of the 16.2 mile creek. During the event, volunteers manually removed over 12,000 pounds of debris from this small section of creek (video: https://youtu.be/KUx_JhrcV68).

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Patricia Moore

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 035

From: [Evelyn Allis](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022 12:32:00 PM

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Brad and Evelyn Allis

From: [Susan Cockerham](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bell, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022 7:44:16 AM

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I have spent my life picking up garbage in and around Sacramento.

I currently volunteer with a local group that has been feverishly attempting to clean and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries. Despite removing over 700,000 pounds of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped debris from our waters and parkways, the tide of trash continues to flow into our waterways and ocean. Every day, toxic and pathogenic wastes are also being discharged into these waters and adjacent soils causing long-term damage. Textiles and other debris accumulate in these areas, armor the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water needed to support aquatic life. Our ecological systems are literally suffocating while toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Tragically, some of these channels have already become solid waste sites, as evidenced by our recent 2-day cleanup that spanned a mere 1100 feet of Arcade Creek near Rio Linda Blvd, or 1.2% of the 16.2 mile creek. During the event, volunteers manually removed over 12,000 pounds of debris from this small section of creek (video: https://youtu.be/KUx_JhrcV68).

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Sincerely and Urgently,

Susan Cockerham
surfercockerham@yahoo.com
Mobile(USA): 510 910-9660

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 037

From: [Allyson Trethewey](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellus, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022 7:20:33 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am part of a concerned group of volunteers who picks up trash in our region. I mainly stick to my own neighborhood, but my more energetic colleagues are making heroic efforts to clean our waterways, when other agencies fail to do so. The ecological situation is dire, thanks to illegal dumping, homeless camps, lack of enforcement, lack of caring, I guess. When I'm out and about, it's so depressing to see what our area looks like now.

To say is disheartening to see the failure of our leaders to take necessary action is an understatement.

If you all aren't able or willing or concerned enough to tackle this issue, I don't know who can. Volunteers can only do so much.

Please, I beg you fund and enforce the cleaning and restoration of our regional rivers and creeks. Don't let them fill with trash on your watch.

~ Allyson

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To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 11:48:52 PM

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Sincerely,
Betty Winholtz

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 039

From: [Gretchen Steinberg](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 10:32:31 PM

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My friend volunteers with a local group that has been feverishly attempting to clean and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries. Since March 2021, this group has removed over 700,000 pounds of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped debris from our waters and parkways. Every day, toxic and pathogenic wastes are also being discharged into these waters and adjacent soils causing long-term damage. Textiles and other debris accumulate in these areas, armor the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water needed to support aquatic life. Our ecological systems are literally suffocating while toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Tragically, some of these channels have already become solid waste sites, as evidenced by our recent 2-day cleanup that spanned a mere 1100 feet of Arcade Creek near Rio Linda Blvd, or 1.2% of the 16.2 mile creek. During the event, volunteers manually removed over 12,000 pounds of debris from this small section of creek (video: https://youtu.be/KUx_JhrcV68).

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I have a daughter who is going to be studying Environmental Studies at UC Santa Cruz who also cares deeply about the state of our waterways and the health of the planet. Please give the next generations some hope! Do something and stop kicking this can down the road. This includes providing resources for unhoused persons and working to correct other contributing factors.

Sincerely and Urgently,

Gretchen Steinberg

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 040

From: [Judith Lamare](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 9:11:59 PM

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Dear Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

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Sincerely,

JUDITH LAMARE
916-769-2857

From: [Joe Mugartegui](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
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Joe Mugartegui

From: [Eva West](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
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Eva Nicole West
6938 Domingo Court
Rancho Murieta, CA

From: [Alison Shepherd](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
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Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 6:24:13 PM

To:

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Sincerely and Urgently,

Alison Shepherd

53 year Sacramento resident and litter removal volunteer

From: [Angela](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bell, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 6:14:09 PM

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Angela Farren
1916 5th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95818

From: [Debra V](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Cc: [Representative Doris Matsui](#); [Katie Valenzuela](#)
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Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 5:44:22 PM

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I was taught at a very young age to treasure our natural areas and waterways. When we would camp with our family we cleaned the campground before inhabiting it and after inhabiting it. We never littered or dumped trash. The amount of trash I see littered and dumped in our community is appalling. A civilization that does not value and protect its waterways is in my opinion failing. Our leaders must step up to the plate and take the health of our creeks and rivers seriously. It is a basic part of governance that has been ignored for too long.

Sincerely and Urgently,

Debra van Hulsteyn

2200 I Street

Sacramento, CA 95816

From: [Danielle Varona](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bell, Liz](#)
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Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 4:04:26 PM

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Sincerely and Urgently,

Danielle Anselmo

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kristina Rogers](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
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Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 3:48:26 PM
Importance: High

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Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a 20-year Sacramento-area resident, who lives near the Sacramento River, I am very concerned about the health and quality of life around our rivers, creeks and waterways.

I've volunteered with a local group that has been dedicated to giving their time to clean up the trash, pollution and filth that's sickened these vital natural spaces. It's incredible that they do this backbreaking work for FREE. I also follow their Facebook page and am appalled at the level of contamination allowed to remain in and around our waterways for DECADES. This is not okay. Anyone who claims to support climate change advocacy and ignores this situation is just a poser. This is a local ecological disaster.

Not only does the pollution impact our wildlife in and around our waterways, it also harms human beings. There are thousands of low-income families who rely on our rivers for recreation during the hot summer months. They can't afford to drive to Lake Tahoe or other areas around the Sierras. Our Sacramento rivers and streams are their only respite. How can our county allow children to play in fetid water with high e-coli counts? What will be the future impact on their health?

Although volunteers are doing amazing work to clean up these polluted water areas, they cannot be relied onto take over the heavy load long-term. In alignment with other neighbors I ask that you;

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When it comes to clean, well-preserved natural spaces, please make Sacramento the

example that the rest of California can be proud to imitate.

Thank You,

Mrs. Kristina Rogers
Land Park Sacramento

From: [Laura Sieglitz](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bell, Liz](#)
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Sincerely and Urgently,
Laura Sieglitz

From: [Allyson Goble](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Janessa Stewart](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
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Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 3:06:39 PM

Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

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I am also the wife of a former County Park Ranger who dealt with the pollution, trash, and harm caused to the parkway by reckless humans (primarily those illegally camping in the parkway) on a daily basis. Used needles, human waste, toxic chemicals, and other hazards were issues at the overwhelming majority of sites affected. Our family also regularly spends time cleaning up litter and trash along the American River Parkway, and we have all seen first-hand the toll this has taken on our beautiful river over the years- not to mention the increase in crime in these affected areas as well. There are parts of the river I can no longer take my children to. It is truly heartbreaking.

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Janessa Stewart - Sacramento County Resident

From: [Eddie X Jerky](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); nottolod@saccounty.net; [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
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Edwin X. Astorga

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 052

From: [Catherine Ellis](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 2:00:19 PM
Attachments: [SPIU - BOS - Catherine Ellis.pdf](#)

Good Afternoon,
Please see attached letter.
Thank you kindly,
Catherine Ellis

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Catherine Ellis

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 053

From: [Juliette Porro](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
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Sincerely and Urgently,

Juliette Porro
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator,
Lower Evergreen Estates

District 3 Resident- our neighborhood is bordered by Arcade creek

From: [Suzette Callejo](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 11:29:42 AM

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Suzette Callejo

Sent from Suzette's iPhone
Please excuse any fat thumb typos.

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To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
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Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 10:44:53 AM

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To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
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Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
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To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Thursday, August 4, 2022 9:38:57 PM

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Ann Pieri
(916) 753-6080
741 53rd Street
Sacramento, CA 95819

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kristin Goble](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
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Sent from my iPad

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To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
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Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Thursday, August 4, 2022 7:08:16 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lisa Sanchez](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
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Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Thursday, August 4, 2022 5:28:50 PM

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Lisa Sanchez

From: [stacy.jarvis](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
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Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 10:19:16 AM

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Sacramento, CA 96816
smjarvis07@yahoo.com

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*38 years resident of Sacramento
cochair person of Detroit Neighborhood Ass.*

From: [Diane Hovey](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
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From: [Tom Cordell](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
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Thomas and Susan Cordell
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Sacramento, CA 95817

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Cindy Rogers](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento's Waterways Need Help! Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022 9:39:25 AM

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To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Genevive Taylor](#); [Marilyn Suber](#); [Craig Powell](#); [Lisa Garcia](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: Saving the American River Parkway.
Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 4:09:02 PM

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Good afternoon County Supervisors., it is with great concern that I write you, requesting your support in managing and saving the "American River Parkway, the Dry Creek Parkway and "critical infrastructure". We continue to see these areas being encroached, damaged and over run by Homeless Vagrants, of which Sacramento has now surpassed San Francisco in the Homeless Count. It is

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Sincerely-Art Taylor
Sacramento, Ca. 95818

From: [Zann Gates](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Cc: [Jeff Roush](#)
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Ellen Johnson
2649 6th Ave.
Sacramento, CA 95818

From: [Louise](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
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Sincerely and Urgently,

Gina Gray

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jane Van Kessel](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2022 8:01:35 PM

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Jane Van Kessel, Concerned Citizen and Sacramento Audubon Society Board Member

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 075

From: [Michael Christensen](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Written Comment - 8/10/22 Agenda Items 2 and 3
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 8:52:07 AM

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I'm writing to express my support for both of the ordinances being proposed that would allow the County to enforce prohibitions against camping and lighting fires on the parkway. The parkway is being destroyed by the homeless and it's time for the County to do something about it. I will pay my share in taxes to support the defense of any lawsuits that are brought against the County for passing these ordinances. We cannot sit idly by while the homeless destroy the parkway and our community. Please do not let these homeless advocates convince you that it's cruel to enforce the law. It's time to bring some accountability to these people. Enough is enough!!

Mike Christensen
1955 Wingfield Way
Carmichael 95608

From: [Amy Gardner](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellus, Liz](#)
Subject: Public Comment, Sacramento County BOS Meeting on 8/10/22
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 11:45:39 AM

Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors,

For the past 24 years, I have lived near the American River in District 1. I chose this area to live and raise my family because of its natural beauty and its nearby access to our city's Downtown, Midtown and other neighborhoods where I work, shop and recreate. Having grown up in the San Francisco Bay Area, with my childhood home backing up to an EBMUD regional park, I understand the joy and comfort people get from the outdoors, and how important each person's commitment to supporting our natural habitat is. I have grown up picking up trash in every situation I am in. I learned from a young age to prevent erosion to our natural world to ensure clean waterways and stable hillsides. I also understand the importance of our waterways, especially in drought-prone California. This past year I have joined other citizens in waterway clean-ups, including our most recent Sacramento Picks It Up Arcade Creek project. We got over 50 volunteers out to, and a lot of local press. While doing the work is satisfying, we cannot ensure the health of our natural environments without the support of our government agencies and departments.

I am now very deeply concerned about the long-term health and sustainability of our local waterways, including the rivers, creeks and other tributaries. These channels provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats and foster healthy human recreation. These areas belong to ALL of us and their preservation is imperative to a healthy and sustainable community.

Our local, all-volunteer group has been feverishly attempting to clean and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries since March 2021. In that short time, we have already removed over 700,000 pounds of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped debris from our waters and parkways. Every time that I clean a waterway, I observe toxic and pathogenic wastes that have been discharged into these waters and adjacent soils causing long-term damage. We also pull tons of textiles and other debris out of the water channels that armor the bottom of the creeks and rivers and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water needed to support aquatic life. Our ecological systems are literally suffocating while toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Tragically, some of these channels have already become solid waste sites, as evidenced by our recent 2-day cleanup that spanned a mere 1100 feet of Arcade Creek near Rio Linda Blvd, or 1.2% of the 16.2 mile creek. During the event, volunteers manually removed over 12,000 pounds of debris from this small section of creek ([link to a video from July](#)

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Sincerely and Urgently,

Amy Gardner

East Sacramento Resident and Business Owner

and

Midtown-East Sac Advocates Founding Member

and

SacWalkSafe Organizer

and

Sacramento Picks it Up tireless volunteer

916-802-1280

From: [Monica Vejar](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Monica](#)
Subject: Vote to remove homeless from the American River Parkway
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 11:31:59 AM

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Regarding Wednesday, August 10, 2022 agenda

We request the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors to vote to remove the homeless from the American River Parkway for the following reasons:

- 1) harm to the environment due to garbage and human waste
- 2) harm to the wildlife, environment, region (air quality), and ongoing use of limited resources (firefighters) from constant fires on the parkway
- 3) harm to people who live on the parkway and who visit the parkway
- 4) eyesore, this is a beautiful resource. let's protect it.

We support all measures and ordinances including the following that remove the homeless from the American River Parkway.

2. [2:00 PM -- Introduce An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area; Waive Full Reading; And Continue To August 23, 2022 For Adoption \(Homeless Initiative\)](#)
Supervisory District(s): All
Impact Area(s): Countywide
3. [2:00 PM -- Introduce An Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway; Waive Full Reading And Continue To August 23, 2022 For Adoption \(Regional Parks\)](#)
Supervisory District(s): All
Impact Area(s): Countywide

Evelyn Vejar - 5701 Boyton Way, 95823
Olivia Vasquez - 5955 Vista Ave., 95824
Monica Vejar - 531 21st street, 95811

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 078

From: [Cathy Morrison](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10 BOS meeting Items 2 and 3
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 11:28:04 AM
Attachments: [Morrison 8-8-22.pdf](#)

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Please share attached correspondence with Supervisors.

Thank you,
Cathy Morrison

Catherine S. Morrison
1727 10th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95818
(916) 761-2485

To: BoardClerk@saccounty.net

**Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Agenda Items 2 and 3**

Dear Supervisors:

I have lived in Sacramento since 1997. In the years that have elapsed, I have grown increasingly concerned about the long-term health and sustainability of our local waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries. I have come to learn that these channels provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats, and foster healthy human recreation.

I am inspired to write as I am a volunteer with **Sacramento Picks It Up (SPIU)**, a local group that has been feverishly attempting to clean and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries, as well as parks and trails, blighted and ignored neighborhood sites, and freeway offramps.

Since March 2021, SPIU has removed over 700,000 pounds of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped debris from our waters and parkways. Every day, toxic and pathogenic wastes are also being discharged into these waters and adjacent soils causing long-term damage. Textiles and other debris accumulate in these areas, armor the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water needed to support aquatic life. Our ecological systems are literally suffocating while toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Tragically, some of these channels have already become solid waste sites, as evidenced by SPIU's recent two-day cleanup that spanned a mere 1100 feet of Arcade Creek near Rio Linda Blvd, or 1.2% of the 16.2 mile creek. During the event, volunteers manually removed over 12,000 pounds of debris from this small section of creek (video: https://youtu.be/KUx_JhrcV68).

Unfortunately, the exhaustive efforts to clean our waterways are frequently negated shortly thereafter by re-occupancy and the rapid re-accumulation of waste, garbage and personal property. This has recently occurred in countless sites along Arcade Creek, Steelhead Creek, and the American River, where SPIU documented thousands of volunteer hours to clean over many weeks and months.

This situation is unsustainable and unacceptable.

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Please consider the efforts of SPIU, review the documentation provided within this letter, and act with urgency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine Morrison", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Catherine S. Morrison
1727 10th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95818
(916) 761-2485

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 079

From: [Janice Kelley](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022,, American River Parkway as critical infrastructure
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 11:54:34 AM
Importance: High

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Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022

Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Sacramento County area resident, I am deeply concerned by the lack of attention to Preserve the American River, a State and Federally designated Wild and Scenic River. The long-term health and sustainability of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries have long been in jeopardy and the seeming lack of county response is deeply troubling. Our local waterways provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats, and foster healthy human recreation to all socio-economic members of our community on an equal basis. The American River Parkway gets 8 million visitor days a year. It is the crown jewel of our region. You must protect and preserve it.

As the author of "Mornings on Fair oaks Bridge, Watching Wildlife on the Lower American River," I walk, cycle and observe wildlife, people, and beautiful setting several times per week all year long. I watch the seasons change and have written and posted blogs describing my observations at the river in more than 200 posts and a book featuring 75 of those posts. I have watched the fall salmon run, the flooding, the drought, the diverse wildlife as seasons change.

It is vitally important to me that we all FEEL SAFE on the American River Parkway, preserve its

wildlife habitat, and its beauty. This TREMENDOUS UNIQUE ASSET is a resource that many metropolitan areas in California, DO NOT HAVE. Our Parkway is an integral part of our community's health, recreation and well-being. Health of our children, our families, adults, and diverse wildlife It deserves FAR BETTER than to be treated as an obstacle in the way of commercial developers, a place to cast aside those who are unhoused, and be subject to fires, and contamination of its water.

Individual citizens and local volunteer groups such as Preserve the American River, Save the American River Association and Sacramento Picks It Up which combined and with many others implore the County to cleanup and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries.

The riparian system of our waters and parkways are full of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped garbage. Toxic and pathogenic wastes are being discharged into these waters. Carpet, cloth products, tarps, and clothing debris accumulate in the waterway and "armor" the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water to support aquatic life. The ecological system of our Parkway is suffocating, and toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Many parts of our riparian parks and channels look like dumps with water flowing through them. The government response has seemingly been impotent while public volunteer cleanup efforts are thwarted by illegal re-occupancy and re-accumulation of garbage, household furnishing, electronics, tires, shopping carts and other waste all along the American River and its tributaries such as Arcade Creek and Steelhead Creek.

The failure of our leaders to take necessary action to stem this problem and its recurrence is unacceptable.

I respectfully request that you immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

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The existing condition is inexcusable. Please rectify the existing damage due to the

abandonment of the duty to protect these vital community assets and pass and enforce regulations to ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Sincerely,

Janice Kelley, Author, Naturalist and Founder/ Program Director, Nature
Detectives

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 080

From: [Melinda Anderson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Agenda Items #2 & #3 BOS Meeting 8/11/22
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 1:38:18 PM

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Supervisor Sue Frost, et al.

As a member of the Rio Linda Elverta community, I am reaching out to express my support for August 10, 2022 agenda items #2 and #3, which in short, will make camping on the Dry Creek Parkway illegal and will allow Sacramento County to remove homeless camps that are currently there.

As you well know, Rio Linda and Elverta are unreasonably impacted by the homeless assault on our communities. This community has no resources to offer the homeless. We are not a wealthy community. We are short on jobs and resources for the people who already live here.

Yet, the homeless continue to come here in droves, many of who are not even from the Sacramento area, because we offer wide open spaces and our law enforcement presence is minimal. They come to our small town to set up camp because they are able to hide out to do things they shouldn't be doing.

In the process, they camp along the banks of Dry Creek, in the Dry Creek Parkway, and on Cherry Island where they use the creek not only for bathing and for a water supply, but for defecation and urination.

Obviously, this prevents our community from taking advantage of Dry Creek. The swimming holes that have been used for over a century have been overtaken by homeless encampments preventing our kids from cooling off in the summer. The Fall run of Chinook Salmon is now nearly nonexistent, and the various local organizations that perform creek clean-ups have all stopped, because of the human feces and the hypodermic needles that line the shores and endanger their health.

Item #3 is of particular importance, creating an ordinance banning "containers with flammable or combustible liquids and generators powered by gas or propane". Nearly every year a wildfire ignites in the "Ground Zero" area of the parkway; a highly populated area of homeless that abuts the Elkhorn Manor neighborhood. This wildfire threatens the nearly 70 homes in Elkhorn Manor and the Rio Linda Plaza shopping center and drives up insurance costs for the residents there.

The community of Rio Linda/Elverta is not indifferent to the plight of the homeless. There are organizations here that help feed and clothe the homeless. Indeed, many of us who live in the community are just one paycheck away from homelessness. Their issues are not lost on us.

However, Rio Linda/Elverta doesn't have the means to support the homeless in this community, and we definitely do not have the means to clean up or resolve the issues caused

by the homeless in this community. Those resources must come from Sacramento County.

In closing, we urge you, please vote in favor of passing items #2 and #3 on Wednesday's agenda, and passing those ordinances which would limit the impact of the homeless on the Dry Creek Parkway.

Kind regards,

Melinda Anderson
8241 Rivergeen Dr.
Elverta, CA 95626

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 081

From: [Amanda Blackwood](#)
To: [Nottoli, Don](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#)
Cc: [Edwards, Ann](#); [Joshua Wood](#); [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Metro Chamber & Region Business | Letter of concerned support for Items 2 & 3 for Wednesday hearing
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 12:31:04 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[8.8.22 County of Sacramento - Metro Chamber Region Business Letter of Concerned Support.pdf](#)
Importance: High

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Sacramento County Supervisors & County Executive Edwards –

Please let the record show our organizations' attached letter of concerned support for this week's agenda items 2 & 3.

Please feel free to give either Josh or I a call if you'd like to connect. Appreciate your continued leadership and engagement.

In partnership -

Amanda Blackwood
President & CEO

p.916.708.6061 e.ablackwood@metrochamber.org



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SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Hon. Don Nottoli, Chair
Hon. Board of Supervisors
801 12th St., 5th floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

On behalf of the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and the Sacramento Region Business Association, we are writing to share our support of your two homeless enforcement items on Wednesday *but with concern*.

We hope you will unanimously pass these measures as the homelessness crisis and the effects of a 67% increase in the homeless population has touched every corner of Sacramento County with devastating consequences for all involved. This human tragedy requires swift action and any progress towards solving it is the right thing to do, especially preserving the vitality of the American River Parkway to ensure it is safe, environmentally protected, and can serve as an economic driver for the future. For this we applaud your willingness to take a critical first step and support these items.

However, as you are aware in the absence of a functional MOU between the City and County of Sacramento to address overall homelessness policy and response, our coalition approached you with a community-sourced comprehensive list of services and shelter capacity metrics that we believe you should adopt to help those most in need and defend against the certain legal challenges to your enforcement efforts as written. As we and our attorneys have communicated to you - we believe this enforcement-only approach is incomplete without defensible clarity on its merits, clear capacity expansion goals and the inclusion of all required wrap around services and funding mechanisms.

We hope that after Wednesday's hearing you will consider the performance-based metrics and goals we have recommended and our community is desperately seeking. We are deeply disappointed that you did not agendize a discussion on our thoughtful proposal as a courtesy but stand steadfast in our commitment to engage and activate our strengths and resources to support solutions.

That said, passing Items 2 & 3 on Wednesday are an important step towards providing safety for Sacramentans. We urge your aye vote for each of these measures on Wednesday, but look forward to engaging with you directly to address the concerns we have communicated.

Sincerely,

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Joshua Wood
Chief Executive Officer
Sacramento Region Business Association

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Amanda Blackwood
President & CEO
Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

From: [Roland](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bell, Liz](#)
Subject: Proposed ordinances
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 1:47:33 PM

Dear Supervisors:

I encourage you to support both the proposals for the proposed ordinances to 1) protect vital infrastructure, and 2) ban camping in the Parkway.

I am of the opinion that the proposal to protect critical infrastructure does not go far enough in that it fails to recognize the importance of our urban waterways for flood control, groundwater recharge, and greenspace. All the creeks in the County are under assault due to illegal dumping and camping. Assigning a “buffer” of 25 feet accomplishes nothing in that distance is a mere 5 paces—insufficient to protect the flood plains where most of the camping occurs.

As for the Parkway, I am the ARPF “Mile Steward” for Steelhead Creek which is a designated waterway for endangered steelhead and Chinook salmon. Over the past 7 years I have personally removed over 20,000 lbs of trash from abandoned homeless camps on the flood plain. In addition, our project last year used draft horses to remove 12,000 of trash from the channel, much of it from homeless camps (I can demonstrate this from detailed records).

Camps are killing the natural habitat in the Parkway and other urban streams. For example:

- 1) Debris in the channel armors the channel bottom, creating an oxygen-deprived “dead zone” in which no essential aquatic invertebrates can live, and spawning fish cannot dig their nests.
- 2) Shopping carts and bicycles accrete debris and aquatic vegetation impeding fish passage and reducing the conveyance volume of flood waters. This increases bank erosion and siltation.
- 3) Removal of limbs from trees and trampling of vegetation and soil at creek-side camps decreases water infiltration, increases soil erosion, compacts soil, reduces the natural seed bank, and encourages growth of weeds over native plants.
- 4) Camps along the stream corridor bring in humans and dogs, creating noise, smells, lights which disrupt the feeding paths of native animals that have no other place to go. (This is exemplified by the presence of coyotes in the neighborhoods.)

For these and other reasons, I support creating a “no camping” buffer zone of 150 ft from the high-water line of all urban creeks and rivers. This is consistent with CDF&W Water Quality law 5256 Section 6 which, at present, the County is egregiously violating.

Of course, essential to either ordinance is providing reasonable accommodations for those displaced. I think establishing a military-style bivouac area with support facilities would be temporally and fiscally more reasonable than continuing to build tiny houses at \$60k apiece, or renting rooms in perpetuity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Roland H. Brady III, PhD

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Roland H. Brady III, PhD, PG
Associates Geological Services



From: [S Olsen](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 12:43:00 PM

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Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Sacramento-area resident, I am deeply concerned about the long-term health and sustainability of our local waterways, including the rivers, creeks and other tributaries. These channels provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats and foster healthy human recreation.

I am also a volunteer with a local group that has been feverishly attempting to clean and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries. Since March 2021, this group has removed over 700,000 pounds of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped debris from our waters and parkways. Every day, toxic and pathogenic wastes are also being discharged into these waters and adjacent soils causing long-term damage. Textiles and other debris accumulate in these areas, armor the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water needed to support aquatic life. Our ecological systems are literally suffocating while toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Tragically, some of these channels have already become solid waste sites, as evidenced by our recent 2-day cleanup that spanned a mere 1100 feet of Arcade Creek near Rio Linda Blvd, or 1.2% of the 16.2-mile creek. During the event, volunteers manually removed over 12,000 pounds of debris from this small section of creek (video: https://youtu.be/KUx_JhrcV68).

Exhaustive efforts to clean our waterways are frequently negated shortly thereafter by re-occupancy and the rapid re-accumulation of waste, garbage and personal property. This has recently occurred in countless sites along Arcade Creek, Steelhead Creek and the American River; areas that required thousands of volunteer hours to clean over many weeks or even months.

This situation is unsustainable and unacceptable.

I have become disheartened by the failure of our leaders to take necessary action to stem this recurrence and implement appropriate corrective action. Thus, I request that you immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

- 1) Designate all regional waterways as "critical infrastructure" to include not only our rivers, but also their tributaries, including creeks, sloughs and canals.
- 2) Pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, debris and the storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high-water mark of all of our rivers and tributaries;
- 3) Immediately enforce all existing anti-dumping laws within 150 feet of the high-water mark of our waterways, including but not limited to, California Fish and Game Code §5652; and
- 4) Advance and fund consistent creek, river and other waterway cleaning and restoration by our regional departments and agencies.

The current contamination of our waters and soils is an inexcusable, ecological travesty.

Therefore, I implore you to take immediate action to rectify the damage inflicted by years of neglect and abandonment and ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Sincerely and Urgently,

Sharon Olsen

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 084

From: [Jennifer Eason](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia. Marysol](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava. Lisa](#); [Kennedy. Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost. Supervisor](#); [Nottoli. Don](#); [Haynes. Janna](#); [Bellas. Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento Water way Trash
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 2:16:55 PM

As a Sacramento area resident, I am worried about the state of our local waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries. Over the last 30 years, I have seen our waterways go from being a clean, healthy area of recreation to a dirty polluted area of desolation. This situation is unacceptable. The river is synonymous with Sacramento! It is tied to our reputation as a city.

I have become disheartened by the failure of our leaders to take action to correct this situation. I am pleading with this board to do the right thing and pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, and storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high water mark of all our rivers and tributaries.

I implore you to think our health, safety and reputation as a city.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Eason

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 085

From: [Kathleen Stricklin](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Wednesday's mtg.
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 2:08:45 PM

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I wish to speak on Wednesday and want to enter these two photos into the meeting as evidence of why creeks and sloughs should be included in the camping ban ordinance. I also wish to use them for my speaking time allowed. Thank you. Kathy Stricklin 916-747-3390

From: [Ryan Fowler](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: 8/10 Meeting; Hearing Matters 2 and 3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:43:36 PM

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Dear Supervisors: Let me pledge my complete support to Hearing Matters 2 and 3 in the 8/10 meeting. As members of the community, we must work together with the unhoused, and vice-versa. If our county provides shelter and support for the unhoused, we can no longer make it optional for people to accept the help. This path is the humane and fair way to help these people in need.

One concern among our neighborhood is that moving the unhoused from critical infrastructure will only push them into neighborhoods like ours. Are there items in the Code already that prohibit this. Will you please provide a response to how this issue will be alleviated?

Sincerely,
Ryan Fowler

From: [Steven Kahn](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Rich Desmond](#); info@sarariverwatch.org
Subject: 8/10/22 Board Agenda
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:39:08 PM

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Members of the Board of Supervisors;

I urge you to approve Items #2 and #3 on your August 10, 2022 Agenda relating to prohibiting and removing camp sites from the American River Parkway and other sensitive areas within the County.

I live just a block from the Parkway and am an avid cyclist who utilizes the entire parkway on a weekly basis. I have witnessed firsthand the extraordinary damage that has been done to this sensitive wildlife habitat by illegal camping and the resulting pollution and degradation of public safety. I have participated in the annual Parkway Foundation Clean up event where a handful of volunteers routinely removed over 80 bags of garbage within just a couple of hours near Mile 3. The environmental damage to the parkway and the unique urban wildlife habitat must be stopped. These ordinance amendments are a first step in protecting our Parkway.

I also believe that this is only a bandaid. To truly address the homeless challenge, the Board and Community have a right to know what is the cause and where is the homeless population originating from. It is not logical to me that during the greatest economic boom our state and community has experienced that the level of homelessness has increased at an exponential rate. There are only two logical answers - either due to the lax enforcement of community standards (i.e. regulations and laws) there is a population that is coming from out of the area/state; or the significant release of inmates from State prisons is resulting in the rise in local homeless population. The cause must be addressed otherwise we will continue to only treat symptoms and never solve this problem.

Given the level of crime that occurs within the homeless population it is logical to assume that a great deal of the problem is originating from prison releases. Persons with criminal records that are released with no program to provide housing or employment will end up homeless. This must also end.

I urge you to take the first step to approve the proposed ordinance changes and start to restore the Parkway.

Thank you for your support.
Steven Kahn
310 Claydon Way
Sacramento 95864

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Steven
stevenkahn57@gmail.com

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 088

From: [Clint Duke](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: 8/10/2022, Ordinances 9.36.058 and 9.36.067, Ban Camping Within the American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:24:49 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I recently read that the Board of Supervisors is voting this week on a new ordinance that would ban illegal camping along the American River Parkway, and I am writing in support of this ordinance. My family and I have witnessed, first-hand, the destruction and degradation that is happening right now, all along the American River Parkway. We live near Larchmont Community Park, on the south side of the American River Parkway and have witnessed a sad decline in the Parkway's environment over the last two years. We regularly participate in Parkway cleanups, organized by one of our neighbors, who is also a mile steward. However, year after year, our portion of the river gets worse and worse. Every day there are new fires, new needles, new piles of garbage, and new trees and plants being cut down to clear areas for more tents. We have even had campers threaten to release their dogs on us if we didn't get off the trail. This activity has also started to spill into Larchmont Community Park, where we regularly clean up needles and debris off of the playground and soccer-fields. Several nights a week, there are people sleeping on the children's play-structures with their dogs tied to the structures. I realize that this ordinance isn't a fix-all, but it is a start. We need to get people off of the Parkway and into safe-park areas where they can accept services.

The Parkway is a major draw for this city, and it is clearly carrying the biggest burden, as officials have allowed illegal camping on it for FAR TOO LONG. Please vote yes on the ordinance.

Thank you for your time.

Best,
Clint D.

From: [Jason Bolton](#)
To: [Rich Desmond](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Action to the American River Parkway Needed!
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 11:11:37 AM

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Dear Mr Desmond,

I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. This support is based on the contingency that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wraparound services for the unhoused – especially for those living on the Parkway – a priority. There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines. While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, we will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Without this element, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem. And shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason Bolton

Jason Bolton
Realtor
Better Homes & Gardens- Reliance Partners
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<http://jasonboltonrealestate.bhgrerp.com>

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 090

From: [Evelyn Figeroid](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #3, Wednesday August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:14:15 PM

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I support this item. It has become dangerous to use our parks.

Sent from my iPad

From: [mel anderson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Agenda items #2 & #3 BOS Meeting 8/11/22
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 4:11:37 PM

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8 August 2022

Dear County Board of Supervisors;

As a member of the Rio Linda Elverta community, I am reaching out to express my support for August 10, 2022 agenda items #2 and #3, which in short, will make camping on the Dry Creek Parkway illegal and will allow Sacramento County to remove homeless camps that are currently there.

As you well know, Rio Linda and Elverta are unreasonably impacted by the homeless assault on our communities. This community has no resources to offer the homeless. We are not a wealthy community. We are short on jobs and resources for the people who already live here.

Yet, the homeless continue to come here in droves, many of who are not even from the Sacramento area, because we offer wide open spaces and our law enforcement presence is minimal. They come to our small town to set up camp because they are able to hide out to do things they shouldn't be doing.

In the process, they camp along the banks of Dry Creek, in the Dry Creek Parkway, and on Cherry Island where they use the creek not only for bathing and for a water supply, but for defecation and urination.

Obviously, this prevents our community from taking advantage of Dry Creek. The swimming holes that have been used for over a century have been overtaken by homeless encampments preventing our kids from cooling off in the summer. The Fall run of Chinook Salmon is now nearly nonexistent, and the various local organizations that perform creek clean-ups have all stopped, because of the human feces and the hypodermic needles that line the shores and endanger their health.

Item #3 is of particular importance, creating an ordinance banning "containers with flammable or combustible liquids and generators powered by gas or propane". Nearly every year a wildfire ignites in the "Ground Zero" area of the parkway; a highly populated area of homeless that abuts the Elkhorn Manor neighborhood. This wildfire threatens the nearly 70 homes in Elkhorn Manor and the Rio Linda Plaza shopping center and drives up insurance costs for the residents there.

The community of Rio Linda/Elverta is not indifferent to the plight of the homeless. There are organizations here that help feed and clothe the homeless. Indeed, many of us who live in the

community are just one paycheck away from homelessness. Their issues are not lost on us.

However, Rio Linda/Elverta doesn't have the means to support the homeless in this community, and we definitely do not have the means to clean up or resolve the issues caused by the homeless in this community. Those resources must come from Sacramento County.

In closing, we urge you, please vote in favor of passing items #2 and #3 on Wednesday's agenda, and passing those ordinances which would limit the impact of the homeless on the Dry Creek Parkway.

Kind Regards,

George Anderson
8241 Rivergeen Dr.
Elverta, Ca 95626
Melman916@yahoo.com

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 092

From: [David Peterson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: American River Parkway - For Consideration Wednesday August 10th
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:36:37 PM

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Dear Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a resident of Sacramento County and an artist who has painted hundreds of watercolors of our American River Parkway I am appalled at what is happening. I am afraid to go there and make art!

I am so glad you are seeking to protect this resource from damage.

You have my support.

Attached "Garbage Dump on the Parkway at South Watt Recreation Area"

David Peterson
916-716-5951
<http://www.aquarellist.com>

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 093

From: [Geri Bigelow](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:48:17 PM

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Regarding the Board of Supervisors meeting Wednesday August 10,2022 Items number two and three.

Thank you for taking the time to help ensure our American River Parkway becomes safe again for our residents, visitors and the animals and plants that call the River parkway home.

As someone who lives near the parkway and in years past spent a lot of time there I rarely go there now and never alone. Not only safety issue but the environmental and property damage issues should be of grave concern for all the residents of this county.

Thank you for your time,
Geri Bigelow

From: [Greg Cowper](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:08:37 PM

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The best thing about Sacramento is the American River Parkway. Or rather it should be. Virtually abandoned by the city and county, it has been allowed to become a festering and dangerous open sore. For the twenty years that I have lived here there have been several proposed schemes to develop the park and clean things up but all for naught. I pray that this time we're going to spend whatever it takes and get the job done!

I implore you to please vote to ensure our American River and Parkway will remain a safe haven for Sacramento residents, visitors, and the plants and animals that call our River Parkway home.

Thank you

Greg Cowper
Portola Way / Curtis Park

From: [Virginia Hass](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 4:13:57 PM

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Dear Supervisor Serna,

We are writing in **SUPPORT** of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. This support is contingent that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wrap-around services for the unhoused – especially for those living on the Parkway – a priority.

There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The physical destruction caused by illegal camping is destroying the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines. It will take decades to recover from the environmental impact caused by these camps. In addition, the conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are creating a humanitarian catastrophe.

While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, we will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need, and without these services, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem.

Thank you for taking the time to read our email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Virginia & David Hass
2681 7th Avenue
Sacramento

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 096

From: [Cheryl Smith](#)
To: [Frost, Supervisor](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: American River Unhoused
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:14:48 PM

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Please ensure our American River and Parkway remain a safe haven for Sacramento residents, visitors, and the plants and animals that call our River Parkway home.

Thank you.
Cheryl Smith

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ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 097

From: [Cheryl Smith](#)
To: [Rich Desmond](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: American River Unhoused
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:12:53 PM

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Please ensure our American River and Parkway remain a safe haven for Sacramento residents, visitors, and the plants and animals that call our River Parkway home.

Thank you.
Cheryl Smith

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ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 098

From: [Cheryl Smith](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: American River Unhoused
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:00:46 PM

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Please ensure our American River and Parkway remain a safe haven for Sacramento residents, visitors, and the plants and animals that call our River Parkway home.

Thank you.
Cheryl Smith

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ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 099

From: [Cheryl Smith](#)
To: [Nottoli, Don](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: American River Unhoused
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:18:16 PM

Please ensure our American River and Parkway remain a safe haven for Sacramento residents, visitors, and the plants and animals that call our River Parkway home.

Thank you.
Cheryl Smith

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ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 100

From: [Anita Kenner](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: American River
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:22:15 PM

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Please take immediate action to save the American River and the American River Parkway.

I live on the parkway at mile 19.5. I see so much illegal activity and damage to the parkway and River that is never addressed publicly.

Only when fires are set and people are murdered does anyone hear about the people living in the bushes and under the trees. Both of these terrible things have taken place yet again just recently very close to my home. And these crimes we're committed by homeless people.

Thank you for doing your jobs!

Anita Kenner

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ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 101

From: [Cheryl Cook](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Frost. Supervisor](#)
Subject: Aug 10 Agenda Items
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:51:05 AM
Attachments: [Aug 10 Agenda Dry Cree Parkway.pdf](#)

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Please see attached.

Kind Regards,

Tonia Silva
Treasurer
Rio Linda/Elverta Chamber of Commerce



August 9, 2022

Supervisor Sue Frost, et al.

As the President of the Rio Linda/Elverta Chamber of Commerce, I am reaching out to express support for the August 10, 2022 agenda items #2 and #3, which in short, will make camping on the Dry Creek Parkway illegal and will allow Sacramento County to remove homeless camps that are currently there.

As you well know, Rio Linda and Elverta are unreasonably impacted by the homeless assault on our communities. This community has no resources to offer the homeless. We are short on jobs and resources for the people who already live here.

Yet, the homeless continue to come here in droves, many who are not even from the Sacramento area, because we offer wide open spaces and our law enforcement presence is minimal. They come to our small town to set up camp because they are able to hide out to do things they shouldn't be doing.

In the process, they camp along the banks of Dry Creek, in the Dry Creek Parkway and on Cherry Island where they use the creek not only for bathing and for a water supply, but for defecation and urination.

Obviously, this prevents our community from taking advantage of Dry Creek. The swimming holes that have been used for over a century have been overtaken by homeless encampments preventing our kids from cooling off in the summer. The Fall run of Chinook Salmon is now nearly non-existent, and the various local organizations who do creek clean-ups have all stopped, primarily because of the human feces and the hypodermic needles that line the shores and endanger their health.

The homeless camps along the parkway have negatively impacted the business community as well. Many businesses have had to deal with broken

windows, as well as decreased hours because of the crime that rages when the sun goes down.

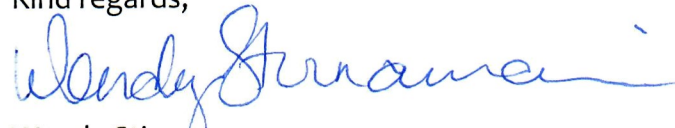
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The community of Rio Linda/Elverta are not indifferent to the plight of the homeless. There are organizations here who help feed and clothe the homeless. Their issues are not lost on us.

However, Rio Linda/Elverta doesn’t have the means to support the homeless in this community, and we definitely do not have the means to clean up or resolve the issues caused by the homeless in this community. Those resources must come from Sacramento County.

In closing, we urge you, please vote in favor of passing items #2 and #3 on Wednesday’s agenda, and passing those ordinances which would limit the impact of the homeless on the Dry Creek Parkway.

Kind regards,



Wendy Stirnaman
President, Rio Linda/Elverta Chamber of Commerce

Cathy Scharf, Vice President

Tonia Silva, Treasurer

Liliette Freeman, Director

Lee Welch, Director

Gene Moore, Director

Charlea Moore, Director

Cindel Pena, Director

Anthony Silva, Director

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 102

From: [Greta Lacin](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10 Item 3 comment
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:14:50 PM
Attachments: [It is the County.docx](#)

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Please distribute this to each supervisor, for the Board of Supervisors hearing on August 10. It concerns Item 3.

Thank you,

Greta Lacin

President

River District Board

Dear Supervisor,

My name is Greta Lacin, and I am the President of the River District Board. The River District has a decades long history of absorbing the majority of the services for the homeless, and their impacts. We are 1 ¼ square miles, and the county is approximately 1,000 square miles. It should be apparent that asking us to absorb the bulk of the homeless population is unjustified.

Yet the county is about to embark on a campaign to clear the American River Parkway, without planning where these people will go. Of course, they will be forced into the River District.

I assure that I DO SUPPORT your effort to clear and rehabilitate the American River Parkway. It is a crime that the county has allowed it to deteriorate as much as it has, through camping and fires.

I am NOT asking to leave the parkway in its current terrible condition, but for the county to do more, and to commit to absorbing the bulk of these people into county built and funded shelters and sanctioned campgrounds, or any kind of housing.

It is the County's responsibility, your responsibility, to deploy the millions of dollars that you have received, in a responsible and accountable fashion. Currently, you demonstrate no intention of committing to this responsibility. This is unacceptable.

I understand that the county has deployed outreach teams specially trained in mental health and substance use disorders, to meet the needs of the unsheltered population. Yet I hear that none of these workers have been deployed in the city of Sacramento: is this true, and if it is, how can you justify omitting the city most impacted? And there are more questions:

Can you give your constituents figures on how much MHSA funds you have on hand?

How much HUD \$ do you have on hand for homeless services?

What have you spent these funds on?

The State did an audit on how the county spent MHSA \$, what was the outcome of that?

Finally, importantly, how are you going to address the behavioral health crisis in our county?

These are the questions that need to be answered now. It is well past time for the county to live up to its leadership role, in the greatest problem facing the region today.

Thank You,
Greta Lacin
President of the River District Board

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 103

From: [Cheryl Goble](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10 meeting
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 8:01:10 AM

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I pray you will take on the full responsibility of cleaning up the land around our waterways as is your responsibility--not that of volunteer citizens like "Sacramento Picks It Up." This is unconscionable. I am a long-time Sacramento County resident and taxpayer, and I urge you to do whatever is needed here for the County to do its job. If you need more money/resources, please get them to do this. Don't make citizens take their time and effort to do a dirty job--yes, the County's job. Thank you for hearing my voice.

God bless you! 🙏

From Cheryl Goble in Fair Oaks, CA

From: [Steve Hullibarger](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10, 2022 Board Meeting Agenda Items #2 and #3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:46:03 PM

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After years of ineffective, expensive and wasteful political posturing around the issue of homeless encampments, these two proposals appear to represent solid, clear-thinking approaches. The American River Parkway should no longer be managed as a homeless magnet. It is well past time to take realistic actions to benefit the people who legally live in, and finance, Sacramento County. These proposals should be adopted, but as just a start to clean up this mess.

Steve Hullibarger
Fair Oaks

From: [Shawna Reed](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); richsesmond@saccounty.gov; [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#)
Subject: August 10th Agenda Items #2 and #3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:05:18 AM

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The community of Rio Linda/Elverta is not indifferent to the plight of the homeless. There are organizations here that help feed and cloth the homeless. Indeed, many of us who live in the community are just one paycheck away from homelessness. Their issues are not lost on us.

However, Rio Linda/Elverta doesn't have the means to support the homeless in this community, and we definitely do not have the means to clean up or resolve the issues caused by the homeless in this community. Those resources must come from Sacramento County.

In closing, we urge you, please vote in favor of passing items #2 and #3 on Wednesday's

agenda, and passing those ordinances which would limit the impact of the homeless on the Dry Creek Parkway. Homeowners and Tax payers need a win for once and our children, elderly, and neighbors in general need to feel free and safe once again.

Kind regards,
Shawna Reed
Home Owner & RLE resident
[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Warren Truitt](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10th Board of Supervisors 2 pm meeting regarding Parkway Illegal Camping
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:49:31 PM

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NOTE: COPIES SENT TO INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISORS AS WELL

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am pleased that this issue has finally come before you for a much needed and overdue effort to save the Parkway from additional destruction, from fires and abuse by illegal campers.

I moved my family to Fair Oaks, by way of a company transfer & promotion in 1981. Not long after we arrived, our teenage son discovered the American River Bike & Pedestrian Trail. The rest is history as our son subsequently attended & graduated from U.C. Davis, worked at a local bike shop, *Wheelworks*, and became a member of the U.C. Davis Bike Racing Team. I subsequently joined our son on bike rides on the American River Trail. My wife, Mary, taught a Walk/Jog Class on the American River Bike Trail for several years in the late 20th Century. We all fell in love with this incredible outdoor resource and all enjoyed it frequently. The Parkway is the major reason we have made our home in Fair Oaks.

I have enjoyed almost daily after work and weekend cycling on the Parkway, plus frequent hikes on the dirt trails all along the entire Parkway. It was an idyllic and safe place to be. Unfortunately until more recently.

Today's Parkway experience is a whole other thing. In the past, I always felt safe while biking, hiking, or taking photographs on all portions of the Parkway, whether alone or with others. Now, while there are illegal campers all along the entire Parkway, I do not venture below the Guy West Bridge as I do not feel safe nor can I stomach viewing the extensive burned areas, major trash and needles around the illegal camps, plus observing downed trees, cut down apparently for firewood. There are many reasons for unhoused individuals deciding to live on the Parkway, including mental illness, drugs and alcohol, PTSD, child molesters, and inability to afford housing. Based on the conditions they live in they obviously need assistance, even though many claim they do not want to leave the Parkway.

While I have sympathy for those who are unhoused and want to see them provided for, in the proper setting, that setting is **NOT** the American River Parkway. Shortly after arriving in Sacramento, I read occasional articles in the Sacramento Bee about members of Save the American River Association (SARA) performing their mission as *Guardians of the American River & Parkway since 1961*. I began sending donations to SARA in 1981, attended their December, 2003 Annual meeting and became a board member in early 2004. I am still on the SARA Board and in that capacity, encourage the BOS to finally begin removing illegal campers from the Parkway before we lose still more wildlife habitat and beautiful scenery.

In 1961, SARA and other Sacramento County organizations & citizens, educators, businessmen and elected officials, came together to rally the community to pass a bond issue to allow the first substantial purchase of Parkway land, as well as the purchase of what is now Elk Grove Park and Gibson Ranch. This was a substantial gift to the citizens of Sacramento County as well as citizens from surrounding counties as well. To lose this amazing and unique

community asset is unthinkable. Please take a giant step on August 10th to begin the healing of what otherwise could not continue to be legitimately called, *The Jewel of Sacramento County*.

Thank you for reading and taking my comments into consideration.

Warren V. Truitt

Warren V. Truitt
Vice President
Save the American River Association (SARA)
wvt@infomania.com
Guardians of the American River & Parkway since 1961 - our 61st year

From: [Corey Brown](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Board of Supervisors August 10th Hearing - Support for Items 2 and 3 related to the American River Parkway and Dry Creek
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:32:57 PM

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Dear Honorable Members of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of Agenda Items #2 and #3 that provide you with additional tools to reduce the risk of fire, flooding, health and safety threats to park visitors, and destruction of the natural, cultural, and recreational resources of the American River Parkway and Dry Creek.

The County has a compelling interest in protecting the American River Parkway from further damage caused by fires and other threats related to illegal camping and other activities that regularly occur in the Parkway. The American River Parkway is a nationally recognized treasure as indicated by its inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. In addition, the State of California has enacted several laws recognizing and calling for the protection of the Parkway's resources.

As an avid Parkway user, I have been shocked by the increasing and extensive damage that fires have caused to the Parkway over the past several years. I have personally seen burnt cooking equipment, food cans, and propane tanks when walking through burn sites.

It will take generations of time to restore the mature riparian forests that have been devastated by fires that are most likely related to illegal camp sites.

Our generation runs the risk of leaving our children and future generations with a severely damaged American River Parkway. The proposed ordinances along with other actions are needed to provide you with the tools you need to ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy a healthy and safe Parkway.

At the same time, I want to encourage you to continue to increase your efforts to provide shelter and housing opportunities and services for those in our County that are suffering from homelessness, with a priority on persons illegally camping in the Parkway. I especially want to commend the County for seeking additional state funding that can be used to provide alternative housing and shelter to reduce illegal camping in our parkways.

In conclusion, we have an urgent need to protect our Parkways natural, cultural, and recreational resources and the health and safety of Parkway visitors. For these reasons, I sincerely urge you to approve agenda items 2 and 3.

Sincerely,

Corey Brown
Cibrownci@icloud.com

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 108

From: [virginia suarez](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Board of Supervisors meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 2 p.m.
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 4:02:31 PM

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I am an owner at University Park and have seen first hand the havoc the homeless have created in our community. I strongly urge the board to adopt the ordinance that will prohibit camping in our once beautiful parkway and other public spaces . The litter, on once pristine Howe Avenue from Fair Oaks to 50, is disheartening. The aggressive panhandlers is frightening and disturbing. As a retired county social worker, I am aware of the resources available to those in need. The homeless MUST avail themselves of resources rather than set up their personal camps at will without regard to the public's health and safety rights. Virginia Suarez

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 109

From: [Leo Winternitz](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Dianna Poggetto](#); [John Costa](#)
Subject: Comment on Agenda Items No's. 2&3 for the Board of Supervisors Meeting on Wednesday, August 10
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:32:13 PM

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Dear Sacramento County Board of Supervisors,

I am a Sacramento County resident of District 3 and fully endorse adoption of agenda item nos. 2 and 3, prohibiting camping and encampments in certain sensitive public property locations including the American River Parkway and the Dry Creek Parkway.

In particular I have grave concerns for what many used to call the jewel of the Sacramento region, the American River Parkway. Fire, garbage, toxic debris, devegetation, soil compaction, water quality deterioration, wildlife habitat degradation and public safety concerns have reduced what was once a haven for wildlife and recreationists to a scary place. While illegal campers were not the sole cause for these injuries, the facts indicate they are a significant cause.

I recognize that illegal homeless campers removed from the Parkway need alternative facilities where they can be housed and provided basic human needs. I recommend that the Board of Supervisors strongly look at Parking Lot A at Cal Expo. The site is adjacent to the Parkway, used for overflow parking, and at a distance from residential and business areas. Yet it provides ready access for construction of facilities for the homeless and for the care they may need. The Board of Directors of Cal Expo would have to agree to this use but I have no doubt that as state representatives they will recognize the critical need and work with Sacramento County to make this happen.

Thank you for allowing me to comment on this important topic.

Sincerely,
Leo Winternitz

Sent from my iPad

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 110

From: [Lily Xu](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: E-Comment for 8/10/2022 BOS meeting at 2pm
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:43:52 PM

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For agenda items 2 and 3.

Comment:

My name is Lily and I am a medical student at California Northstate University, Advocacy Co-chair of our Sacramento Street Medicine chapter, and resident of District 1. I strongly OPPOSE BOTH ITEM 2 AND 3 on the 8/10/2022 agenda. Are we supposed to be made to believe that banning homelessness will solve the problem? No. The only solution to homelessness is housing. Bans, fines, criminalization, etc. all contribute to and exacerbate the problem. How, then, in the interim of building more housing, can we address some of the sanitation and environmental concerns that we are facing? We need to work together with other community organizations and offices to improve sanitation in encampments. We must ensure nearby restroom facilities have functional water taps, are stocked with hand hygiene materials (soap, drying materials) and bath tissue, and remain open to people experiencing homelessness 24 hours per day. If toilets or handwashing facilities are not available nearby, assist with providing access to portable latrines with handwashing facilities for encampments of more than 10 people. These facilities should be equipped with hand sanitizer (containing at least 60% alcohol). Insufficient housing places a SIGNIFICANT burden on the community. Ultimately the ONLY solution is to create more housing - be it through construction of affordable housing units or taking action against the institutions who are creating the problem.

From: jokidsrit@aol.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: encampments american river parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:56:06 PM

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ON WHERE THEY
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SUPPORT THE CITY'S
PROPOSALS FOR THE
HOMELESS OR COME UP
WITH YOUR OWN, & GET

THEM ON BOARD.

Joanna McVay

North Highlands

From: [Carol Lambdin](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Encampments in public and along American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:01:58 PM

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This is much needed in Sacramento area streets and our American River Parkway. If you don't enforce and support a area for them to go the law will be ineffective. Camping on our public streets and being allowed to strew garbage, trash, tents and human waste is not good for the surrounding environment or health of the homeless.

I encourage you to set up a mandatory place with bathrooms, security, and regular trash removal.

Thank you

Carol Lambdin

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 113

From: [Snow, Ashley](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: FW: Constituent
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 8:07:45 AM
Attachments: [Kevin Long letter.pdf](#)

From: Lozano, Monica <lozanoma@saccounty.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 4:26 PM
To: Snow, Ashley <snowa@saccounty.gov>
Subject: Constituent

Hi Ashley,
Not sure if received this. Thanks!

Monica Lozano
Secretary to Supervisor Phil Serna, District 1
County of Sacramento
700 H Street, Room 2450
Sacramento, CA 95814
916-874-5435

County Supervisor Phil Serna
700 H St., Ste 2450
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022

Dear Supervisor Serna:

As a Natomas resident, I am deeply concerned about the long-term health and sustainability of our local waterways, including the rivers, creeks and other tributaries. These channels provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats and foster healthy human recreation.

I am also a volunteer with a local group that has been feverishly attempting to clean and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries. Since March 2021, this group has removed over 700,000 pounds of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped debris from our waters and parkways. Every day, toxic and pathogenic wastes are also being discharged into these waters and adjacent soils causing long-term damage. Textiles and other debris accumulate in these areas, armor the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water needed to support aquatic life. Our ecological systems are literally suffocating while toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Tragically, some of these channels have already become solid waste sites, as evidenced by our recent 2-day cleanup that spanned a mere 1100 feet of Arcade Creek near Rio Linda Blvd, or 1.2% of the 16-mile creek. During the event, I and other volunteers manually removed over 12,000 pounds of debris from this small section of creek.

Exhaustive efforts to clean our waterways are frequently negated shortly thereafter by re-occupancy and the rapid re-accumulation of waste, garbage and personal property. This has recently occurred in countless sites along Arcade Creek, Steelhead Creek and the American River; areas that required thousands of volunteer hours to clean over many weeks or even months.

This situation is unsustainable and unacceptable.

I have become disheartened by the failure of our leaders to take necessary action to stem this recurrence and implement appropriate corrective action. Thus, I request that you and fellow supervisors immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

- 1) Designate all regional waterways as "critical infrastructure" to include not only our rivers, but also their tributaries, including creeks, sloughs and canals.
- 2) Pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, debris and the storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high water mark of all of our rivers and tributaries;
- 3) Immediately enforce all existing anti-dumping laws within 150 feet of the high water mark of our waterways, including but not limited to, California Fish and Game Code §5652; and
- 4) Advance and fund consistent creek, river and other waterway cleaning and restoration by our regional departments and agencies.

The current contamination of our waters and soils is an inexcusable, ecological travesty. Therefore, I implore you to take immediate action to rectify the damage inflicted by years of neglect and abandonment and ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Sincerely and Urgently,

Kevin Long, District 1

130 Lyman Cir
Sacramento, CA 95835

From: [Susan Lockington](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Fw: Ordinance RE: Illegal Camping
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:46:18 AM

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----- Forwarded Message Sent to Eric Guerra, District 6 -----

From: Susan Lockington <suelockington@yahoo.com>
To: eguerra@cityofsacramento.org <eguerra@cityofsacramento.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 09:43:40 AM PDT
Subject: Ordinance RE: Illegal Camping

Dear Sir,

I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. This support is based on the contingency that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wraparound services for the unhoused – especially for those living on the Parkway – a priority.

I am an avid runner and cyclist, and greatly appreciate the beautiful Parkway trail that we need to preserve. I see first hand that there are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines.

While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, we will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Without this element, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem. And shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Susan Lockington, Campus Commons resident

From: [E Durbrow](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Fwd: Please vote yes on Parks Camping Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:18:25 PM

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Item 3 on BOS agenda.

Introduce An Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway

Begin forwarded message:

From: E Durbrow <durbrow@gmail.com>
Subject: Please vote yes on Parks Camping Ordinance
Date: 9 August 2022 at 10:04:01 PDT
To: richdesmond@saccounty.gov

Supervisor Desmond.

Please vote YES on the Parks Camping Ordinance. Given the decade long drought and lack of underbrush clearing, the American River Parkway is ripe for severe wind-driven fires. Illegal camping and the use of generators and open fires in the park makes this much more possible.

Please vote Yes to increase restrictions on camping and flammable risks.

Thank you.

Eric H. Durbrow, Ph.D.

From: [Heike Sharp](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Hearing August 10, 2022. Item #2 and Item #3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:15:05 PM

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Dear Sirs,

as a long time County Park Passholder, I am happy to see that someone is finally stepping up to protect our parks & river parkway. I no longer walk my dog on the trails because of the danger of aggressive stray dogs. Also, as a woman walking along the river alone, I have accidentally fallen on "camps" that made me feel threatened. The homeless camps are destroying the eco-system, and contaminating both the parkways and the river with trash, poop, and drug paraphernalia. I am sad to say that I have not swam in the river for years, I don't even let my dog in the water any more. These beautiful nature areas used to be a respite for families, and now they are dirty, unhygienic, and unsafe.

Thank you for finally putting these ordinances on the agenda for consideration. It is the first step towards protecting these natural gifts and making our community safe again.

Regards,
Heike Boehnke-Sharp

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Every home should have a KitchenWitch...

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/goddessinthegroove>

From: [Stephanie Wilson](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: Homeless ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:31:00 AM

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Supervisor Serna,

I live in your district and I wanted to voice my opposition to the critical infrastructure ordinance and parkway ordinance that are up for a vote tomorrow.

I work with unhoused community members at a community mental health clinic and I live in a part of Sacramento County where there are a lot of unhoused folks. I run almost every day along the American River Parkway. I have never had a negative experience with an unhoused person out on the parkway. I have been harassed many times by people (who I assume were housed) while I'm running around the city.

I know that a housed woman was murdered along the parkway and that many unhoused folks are assaulted and even killed along the parkway. Violence is a common problem in every community though and I wonder if the rate of violence is any different than that of the surrounding communities, given that thousands of people are using the parkway every day.

The fires along the river are devastating and I have personally called 911 to have a fire put out that was near an encampment. Why aren't we empowering the people in those encampments to put out their own fires- distribute fire extinguishers, develop relationships and direct communication lines with the local fire department so the fires can get reported as soon as possible? I would also like to contest the idea that all the fires along the parkway are caused by the unhoused... I imagine many of them are caused by other users of the parkway but the unhoused get blamed for it.

I also know from experience that this strategy just won't work. I worked at a city park in San Jose for years and every time the city would do a sweep, within the same day the tents and residents were back. It will just make it harder for these folks to get permanent housing because now they'll have a misdemeanor on their record (or they may be on probation or parole and so they're going back to jail/prison), not to mention the financial, physical, and emotional toll it takes to endure a sweep.

I hope you will vote to oppose these ordinances tomorrow.

Stephanie Wilson

From: [Carol Gage](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Homeless ordinances - SUPPORT
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:03:25 PM

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Supervisor Desmond:

This two-part effort to both **both** prohibit camping near certain critical public properties in the county **and** deal with camping/encampments along the American River Parkway are crucial and long-overdue. We've been homeowners in your district since 1978 and are simply *horrified* at what's been happening to the county in general as a result of homelessness. *But the human degradation and despair on display specifically along the Parkway just makes our hearts hurt.*

It's time for the Board to take a stand on homelessness, Supervisor Desmond, and help save our community. These two proposals just might be where the rubber meets the road for Sacramento County.

Frankly, for the Board to continue to do nothing meaningful about homelessness at this stage of the game, after so many years of inaction and waffling, would be, in our opinion, political malfeasance. It's time for both the city and the county to both step up!

Thank you.

Carol and Bill Gage
2300 Loma Vista Drive
Sacramento, CA 95825
vgcom@sbcglobal.net
916-971-3574

From: [Kristi Anderson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Rich Desmond](#)
Subject: Homeless ordinances- SUPPORT
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:24:09 PM

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Dear Board Clerk,

We are writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. This support is based on the contingency that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wrap-around services for the unhoused – especially for those living on the Parkway – a priority.

There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines.

While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, we will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Without this element, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem. And shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kristi Anderson
kaeberle@comcast.net

Kent Eberle
keberle@eberleremodeling.com

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 120

From: [msbncali](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Issues #2 and #3 - Meeting Agenda 8-10-22
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 4:04:40 PM
Attachments: [RL & ELV Comm Meeting.pdf](#)

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Regarding issues #2 and #3, meeting agenda Wednesday 8/10/2022, please see attached letter.

Thank you,
Barbara

August 8, 2022

Supervisor Sue Frost, et al.
700 H St. Suite 2450
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Sue,

As a member of the Rio Linda Elverta community, I am reaching out to express my support for August 10, 2022 agenda items #2 and #3, which in short, will make camping on the Dry Creek Parkway illegal and will allow Sacramento County to remove homeless camps that are currently there.

As you well know, Rio Linda and Elverta are unreasonably impacted by the homeless assault on our communities. This community has no resources to offer the homeless. We are not a wealthy community. We are short on jobs and resources for the people who already live here.

The homeless continue to come here in droves, many of who are not even from the Sacramento area. Because we have open spaces and our law enforcement presence is minimal, they come to our small town to set up camp because they are able to hide out and do things they shouldn't be doing.

Even worse, they camp along the banks of Dry Creek, in the Dry Creek Parkway, and on Cherry Island where they use the creek not only for bathing and for a water supply, but for defecation and urination.

Obviously, this prevents our community from taking advantage of Dry Creek. The swimming holes that have been used for over a century have been overtaken by homeless encampments preventing our kids from cooling off in the summer. The Fall run of Chinook Salmon is now nearly nonexistent, and the various local organizations that perform creek clean-ups have all stopped, because of the human feces and the hypodermic needles that line the shores and endanger their health.

Item #3 is of particular importance, creating an ordinance banning "containers with flammable or combustible liquids and generators powered by gas or propane". Nearly every year a wildfire ignites in the "Ground Zero" area of the parkway; a highly populated area of homeless that abuts the Elkhorn Manor neighborhood. This wildfire threatens the nearly 70 homes in Elkhorn Manor and the Rio Linda Plaza shopping center and drives up insurance costs for the residents there.

Rio Linda/Elverta doesn't have the means to support the homeless in this community, and we definitely do not have the means to clean up or resolve the issues caused by the homeless in this community. Those resources must come from Sacramento County.

In closing, we urge you, please vote in favor of passing items #2 and #3 on Wednesday's agenda, and passing those ordinances which would limit the impact of the homeless on the Dry Creek Parkway.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barbara Cable', with a stylized, cursive script.

Barbara Cable
Elverta Resident

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 121

From: [Coleman Dupre](#)
To: [Rich Desmond](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:06:18 AM

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Dear Supervisor Desmond,

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Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Sincerely,

Coleman Dupre
District 3 resident

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 122

From: [Kevin Lange](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Meeting 8/10/22
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:09:43 PM

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Hello

I want to see these two items pass at the meeting on 8/10/22

[2:00 PM -- Introduce An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area; Waive Full Reading; And Continue To August 23, 2022 For Adoption \(Homeless Initiative\)](#)

Supervisory District(s): All
Impact Area(s): Countywide

3. [2:00 PM -- Introduce An Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway; Waive Full Reading And Continue To August 23, 2022 For Adoption \(Regional Parks\)](#)

Supervisory District(s): All
Impact Area(s): Countywide

thank you

Kevin Lange

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 123

From: [Barbara McKnight](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Meeting 8/10/22
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:34:23 PM

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Good Day

Both Item agenda 2 & 3 must be passed. I too have cleaned up the Parkway, and I had this problem nearly 20 years ago when we lived on Park Road. The homeless set up encampments right across the street from my home making it unsafe to use the trails. I also suggest that the families of these people be located and forced, through fines, fees, or loss of tax refunds to take care of their own relatives by housing them in the family home, or in an institution or other housing at the family's expense. It is a shame that I will no longer use the Parkway, I have been menaced and accosted on more than one occasion, and now I have to give up a favorite pastime because these homeless people have not been removed permanently which is the county's responsibility.

Barbara McKnight
916-342-6365

From: [Maureen Dickson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Meeting: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 2:00 PM, Item#3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:04:43 PM

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Re: Curfew on the American River parkway

I live in Fair Oaks and have a comment on the proposed curfew in the parkway. Many of my neighbors and my family have in the past or currently use the parkway to commute or exercise. While a dusk to dawn curfew may make sense during the summer, my husband used to return home from downtown in the winter well after dusk. A suggestion is to extend the curfew 2 hours before dawn and 2 hours after sunset. This would deal with allowing exercise and commuting while still addressing the issue of those who are remaining in the park all night

Maureen Dickson

From: [Steve Dupre](#)
To: [Rich Desmond](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: New Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:39:59 AM

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Dear Supervisor Desmond,

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Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Sincerely,

Steve Dupre

From: [SHOC](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Edwards, Ann](#); [Bob Erlenbusch](#)
Subject: Opposition to Homeless Ordinances on 8/10/2022 agenda - sign on letter
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:30:13 PM
Attachments: [SSNSC 8-10-22 BOS sign on ltr.docx](#)

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SERVICES **NOT SWEEPS COALITION**

August 9, 2022

TO: Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
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From: [Steve Schweigerdt](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellus, Liz](#)
Subject: Parkway Enforcement Ordinances Agenda items 2 and 3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:05:52 PM

Dear Supervisors, I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. Homeless individuals are occupying critical infrastructure – Park land itself – which is necessary for the health and well being of existing Sacramento County residents and displacing them from the Parkways. Please pass this ordinance.

I agree you need to provide a place for the homeless individuals to move to. This should be done as simply and quickly as possible.

1. Identify public land or purchase vacant properties (for future housing development) that are suitable for a Safe Ground location – they are all over the place!!!!
2. Provide 10x20 plots for homeless campers to set up in a defined space that is to be kept orderly and managed by the campers themselves. Provide basic sanitation with portapotties.
3. Enforce the ordinances to prevent camping anywhere else.

The current situation is the worst of all possibilities and Sacramento is becoming a larger and larger magnet for homeless to come and live however they want. Just see what Elk Grove passed last week.

The Parkway Foundation and Sacramento Picks it Up are doing a wonderful job – please honor their work and put these basic tools in place to help us all benefit from our Parkways. Please also include their suggestions:

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The current contamination of our waters and soils is an inexcusable, ecological travesty. Therefore, I implore you to take immediate action to rectify the damage inflicted by years of neglect and abandonment and ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Sincerely and Urgently,

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From: [Clint Duke](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: Please Ban Camping on the ARP
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:37:47 AM

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Hello Mr. Nottoli,

I recently read that the Board of Supervisors is voting this week on a new ordinance that would ban illegal camping along the American River Parkway, and I am writing in support of this ordinance. My family and I have witnessed, first-hand, the destruction and degradation that is happening right now in our own backyards. We live near Larchmont Community Park, on the south side of the American River Parkway and have witnessed a sad decline in the Parkway's environment over the last two years. We regularly participate in Parkway cleanups, organized by one of our neighbors, who is also a mile steward. However, year after year, our portion of the river gets worse and worse. Every day there are new fires, new needles, new piles of garbage, and new trees and plants being cut down to clear areas for more tents. We have even had campers threaten to release their pitbulls on us if we didn't get off the trail. This activity has also started to spill into Larchmont Community Park, where we regularly clean up needles and debris off of the playground and soccer-fields. Several nights a week, there are homeless people sleeping on play-structures with pitbulls tied to structures. I realize that this ordinance isn't a fix-all, but it is a start. We need to get people off of the Parkway and into safe-park areas where they can accept services.

The Parkway is a major draw for this city, and it is clearly carrying the biggest burden, as officials have allowed illegal camping on it for FAR TOO LONG. Please vote yes on the ordinance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Best,
Clint D.

From: [Lisa Dupre](#)
To: [Rich Desmond](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Please Protect the American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:59:20 AM

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Dear Supervisor Desmond,

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Sincerely,

Lisa Dupre
District 3 resident for 23 years

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 130

From: [Cate](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Please protect the American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:59:00 PM

Hello esteemed supervisors,

I feel strongly that we need to prevent the homeless from camping, starting fires inadvertently, trashing and in other ways permanently ruining the parkway for the public. I hope you will vote to affirm that.

Thank you,

Catherine Dee

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 131

From: [\(null\).ronsuter](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Proposed Ordinance Prohibiting Camping and Encampments on Certain Public Property Locations and the American River Parkway – Wednesday, August 10
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:25:57 PM

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> Please support the proposed ordinance prohibiting camping along the American River Parkway. It has been a major problem for at least the past 30 years, it's time this is addressed and action taken at the Board level to correct illegal camping.

> Ron Suter

> Retired Sacramento County Regional Parks Director

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dave](#)
To: [Rich Desmond](#); [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment - August 10th Meeting Hearing Matters 2 &3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:24:27 PM

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Thank you for consideration of my thoughts and for including this in the public record of the meeting for August 10th.

I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines.

In addition we are losing a jewel of Sacramento County - the parkway is becoming unsafe and more of an eyesore than a jewel. When I kayak down the river now it is very common to encounter multiple campsites and all the trash and danger they entail.

Sincerely,
David Witte

From: [Mark Berry](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bell, Liz](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:52:18 PM

Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022

Dear Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Sacramento County resident since 1981, I am deeply concerned by the degrading quality of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries. The seeming lack of county response to preserve and protect our water system is deeply troubling. Our local waterways provide Sacramento's drinking water, fill our aquifers, provide flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats, and foster healthy human recreation to all socio-economic members of our community on an equal basis. Many of these tributaries drain into the American River Parkway, a State and federally designated Wild and Scenic River, the crown jewel of our region and a major attraction. Please protect and preserve it. Engage county resources to cleanup and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries.

Our riparian systems is full of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped garbage. Pathogenic wastes are discharged into these waters. Carpet, cloth products, tarps, and clothing debris accumulate in the bottom of the channels and fail to support aquatic life. The ecological system of our Parkway is choking with garbage. Pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Parts of our riparian system look like dumps. The county response is lacking. Private volunteer cleanup efforts are diminished by recidivist illegal camping and the re-accumulation of garbage, household furnishing, electronics, tires, shopping carts and other waste all along the American River and its tributaries such as Arcade Creek and Steelhead Creek.

The failure of our county representatives to take necessary action to stem this problem is a travesty to our region and this public asset.

I respectfully request the county initiate the following:

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The county's acceptance of the existing conditions is an unfathomable abandonment of its duty to preserve and protect these vital public assets. Please enforce existing regulations and strengthen and/or pass new ones to ensure this destruction of our waterways and tributaries is never repeated.

Sincerely,

Mark Berry
(916) 704-2238 Mobile
mb@deltacpm.com

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From: [Marissa Boyd](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public comment for 8-10-22
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:36:48 PM

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Regarding:

ITEM: #2 Introduce An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area

ITEM: #3 Introduce An Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway

My comment is as follows:

Our politicians have done very little to serve our unhoused population, and to prevent the unhoused population from growing during this pandemic with meaningful systemic change and services, such as longer rent moratoriums. These amendments that are being proposed are barely distinct from the Ugly Laws that were mercifully done away with on a national level in 1974 but continue to echo in sentiment through our current city codes. It is painful to watch people in our community be driven to living in tents on the streets because our City is not providing what we need. We ask for housing and we get a handful of tiny homes and an expired contract for some soiled hotel rooms. We ask for cooling centers in the summer and warming centers in the winter and we get four or five that don't have the capacity or the supplies for the people we are trying to keep alive. We ask for real mental health care and instead we get cops called on our unhoused neighbors, often resulting in our neighbors being brutalized, traumatized, arrested for existing, and treated worse than animals. How do you say you want to remove the people from the street and clean up their tents when you give them no alternatives? You leave them with less than nothing. You have no empathy and no sense of justice as you let human beings starve, get heat stroke, pass away from dehydration, or freeze to death. You do not have the housing and services that are necessary for the number of unhoused people we have but you don't want to have to look at them and their tents every day. You don't want to feel bad about what a terrible job you have done so you want to sweep human beings under the rug and forget them. Your neglect of these people and your readiness to call the cops and viciously punish people in our community for trying to survive in this nearly unsurvivable climate has been evident in everything you do. Blood is on your hands.

From: [John Todd](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Frost, Sue](#)
Subject: Rio Linda Elverta Neighborhood Association
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:35:14 AM
Attachments: [image.png](#)



9 August 2022

Supervisor Sue Frost, et al.

As a member of the Rio Linda Elverta community, I am reaching out to express my support for August 10, 2022 agenda items #2 and #3, which in short, will make camping on the Dry Creek Parkway illegal and will allow Sacramento County to remove homeless camps that are currently there.

As you well know, Rio Linda and Elverta are unreasonably impacted by the homeless assault on our communities. This community has no resources to offer the homeless. We are not a wealthy community. We are short on jobs and resources for the people who already live here.

Yet, the homeless continue to come here in droves, many of who are not even from the Sacramento area, because we offer wide open spaces and our law enforcement presence is minimal. They come to our small town to set up camp because they are able to hide out to do things they shouldn't be doing.

In the process, they camp along the banks of Dry Creek, in the Dry Creek Parkway, and on Cherry Island where they use the creek not only for bathing and for a water supply, but for defecation and urination.

Obviously, this prevents our community from taking advantage of Dry Creek. The swimming holes that have been used for over a century have been overtaken by homeless encampments preventing our kids from cooling off in the summer. The Fall run of Chinook Salmon is now nearly nonexistent, and the various local organizations that perform creek clean-ups have all stopped, because of the human feces and the hypodermic needles that line the shores and endanger their health.

Item #3 is of particular importance, creating an ordinance banning "containers with flammable or combustible liquids and generators powered by gas or propane". Nearly every year a wildfire ignites in the "Ground Zero" area of the parkway; a highly populated area of

homeless that abuts the Elkhorn Manor neighborhood. This wildfire threatens the nearly 70 homes in Elkhorn Manor and the Rio Linda Plaza shopping center and drives up insurance costs for the residents there.

The community of Rio Linda/Elverta is not indifferent to the plight of the homeless. There are organizations here that help feed and clothe the homeless. Indeed, many of us who live in the community are just one paycheck away from homelessness. Their issues are not lost on us.

However, Rio Linda/Elverta doesn't have the means to support the homeless in this community, and we definitely do not have the means to clean up or resolve the issues caused by the homeless in this community. Those resources must come from Sacramento County.

In closing, we urge you, please vote in favor of passing items #2 and #3 on Wednesday's agenda, and passing those ordinances which would limit the impact of the homeless on the Dry Creek Parkway.

Kind regards,

[Stacey Bastian](#), Chair

[John Todd](#), Co-Chair

Rio Linda Elverta Neighborhood Association

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 136

From: [Erin Nasca](#)
To: [Nottoli, Don](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sac County Parkway Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:20:35 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. This support is based on the contingency that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wraparound services for the unhoused – especially for those living on the Parkway – a priority.

There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines.

While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, we will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Without this element, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem. And shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need.

My family - children and dogs - frequent the Parkway and have seen used needles, fires, aggressive dogs, and countless piles of trash located on the parkway and in the water. We have participated in clean-ups and feel it is a never-ending cycle and destruction to a beautiful resource that we live along. I feel for the homeless, but would like my family to feel safe visiting the Parkway and not have to worry about being accosted or coming into contact with used needles and endless trash.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,
Erin Nasca
Resident in the College Green East Townhomes along the American River at Larchmont Park

From: [Heather Ward](#)
To: [Nottoli, Don](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sac County Parkway Ordinance
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Sincerely,

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ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 138

From: [Mike Jaske](#)
To: [Nottoli, Don](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#)
Cc: [Edwards, Ann](#); [Kothari, Chevron](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: SacACT Comments on Proposed Anti-Camping Ordinances
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 5:21:59 PM
Attachments: [2022-08-10 items2-3 SacACT ordinance opposition final.docx](#)

Attached are the comments of the SacACT Homelessness & Housing Committee on the two "anti-camping" ordinances on the Board of Supervisors agenda for the meeting of August 10, 2022.

Mike Jaske, Co-Chair
SacACT Homelessness & Housing Committee

August 8, 2022



Don Nottoli, Chair
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
700 H Street, Suite 2450
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: BoS Meeting, August 10, 2022, Agenda Items 2-3: Anti-Camping Ordinances

Chair Nottoli:

Sacramento Area Congregations Together Homelessness and Housing Committee (SacACT) opposes the two ordinances scheduled for consideration at your Wednesday, August 10, 2022, meeting as items 2 and 3. The editorial in the Sacramento Bee on Sunday August 7, 2022 says it all, but we will repeat our arguments.

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The proposed ordinances do not come with an explicit commitment to provide shelter or housing, so implementing them as proposed does nothing to solve the real problem – lack of housing, and shelter with supporting services leading to housing. The Board letter for the Critical Infrastructure ordinance at least acknowledges the requirements of Martin vs. Boise in limiting “sweeps” without housing, whereas the Board letter for the Parkway ordinance doesn’t even acknowledge this as a factor in evicting people from the parkway. See attached citations.

Sweeping or displacing residents of encampments in “undesirable” places will do nothing to solve the visibility of encampments, rather, it is sure to exacerbate neighborhood complaints if existing encampment residents shift to public parks or private property from the more “hidden” locations they are in now. The only way to avoid these future conflicts is to provide housing or interim shelter, such as Safe Stay tiny home villages, to each person displaced.

SacACT is formally on the record with City Council and this Board as opposing sweeps without housing or interim shelter, suited to their needs, for each displaced person. We urge you to modify the ordinances to explicitly say no person will be displaced without being offered a safe and appropriate place to live.

We ask you to stand up more Stay Safe communities and prioritize placing folks residing in areas of concern, such as those around infrastructure and the parkway in capacity as it becomes available. Housing these folks is the

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answer. The Stay Safe tiny home community model offers people safety, privacy, and dignity while receiving the services and support they need to recreate their lives.

The County (and local cities) must abandon the use of ordinance, laws, and law enforcement to solve this problem. These won't work, trying to do so will create new problems. Instead increasing housing and interim shelter capacity is the only viable answer. The scale of unsheltered homelessness grew gradually in our county, and it can only be reduced at the pace that alternative housing and interim shelter capacity becomes available. Enacting these proposed ordinances as if they are the solution to the issue of visible homelessness and damage to the Parkway provides false hope to those expressing concern and guarantees further trauma and damage to the unsheltered among us.

Please reject these ordinances or at least send them back for major changes that require offering housing or interim shelter with supportive services as an explicit commitment in the ordinance text that will prohibit any mass expulsion.

Ethically and morally, we believe that all of our County residents, regardless of race or ethnicity, wealth or poverty, housed or unhoused, deserve equal opportunities to decent housing in our communities. Everyone deserves housing, and when everyone is housed the entire community benefits.

Mike Jaske, Co-Chair, SacACT Homelessness and Housing Committee

CC Members of the Board of Supervisors
Ann Edwards, County Executive
Chevon Kothari, Deputy County Executive for Social Services
Emily Halcon, Director of Homeless Initiatives
Board Clerk

Attachment

Citation from Board Letter Summarizing Critical Infrastructure Ordinance

“In addition to capacity for enforcement and prosecution, the County’s ability to enforce the ordinance and issue criminal citations to homeless individuals camping or maintaining an encampment on public property would be contingent upon the availability of alternative shelter in accordance with federal case law established by Boise.

In Boise, the Court held that “the Eighth Amendment prohibits the imposition of criminal penalties for sitting, sleeping, or lying outside on public property for homeless individuals who cannot obtain shelter.” As more emergency housing and shelter is made available to individuals experiencing homelessness, the better able the County is to respond to camping and encampments on public property, including the use of criminal citations for those who refuse offers of shelter. Thus, the increased availability of emergency housing and shelter is key to the County’s ability to criminally enforce ordinances and statutes prohibiting individuals from unlawfully being on public property because alternative shelter is available to them in accordance with Boise.” [pp. 7-8]

Citation from Board Letter Summarizing American River Parkway Ordinance

“The intent of the proposed ordinance is to provide the County with an additional enforcement tool to address camping and the proliferation of unpermitted structures used as makeshift shelters in the Parkways, and reduce public safety concerns relating to the use of flammable or combustible liquids and generators in parks, However, the ability to enforce the proposed ordinance, like the existing Code provisions, is dependent on law enforcement capacity and prioritization, as outlined in the proposed Action Plan. In addition, the Action Plan describes the County’s commitment to conduct outreach efforts to offer alternative shelter and other services to individuals camping in the Parkways.” [page 8]

From: [David Thesell](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento Co BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022 - Items 2 and 3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 4:19:44 PM

Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Sacramento County area resident, I am deeply concerned by the lack of attention to Preserve the American River, a State and Federally designated Wild and Scenic River. The long-term health and sustainability of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries have long been in jeopardy and the seeming lack of county response is deeply troubling. Our local waterways provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats, and foster healthy human recreation to all socio-economic members of our community on an equal basis. The American River Parkway gets 8 million visitor days a year. It is the crown jewel of our region. You must protect and preserve it.

I first moved to Sacramento County from the San Fernando Valley as a young boy in 1976. The access to such beautiful nature to a child from the urban sprawl of Southern California left me astonished. I recall seeing my first salmon run on the American River near Sunrise Boulevard, with literally thousands of Chinook salmon covering the river, left an indelible impression on me to this day. Even as a small boy, I could see that this was a special place. Over time, I learned to appreciate different facets of the American River Parkway, from riding my bike along the bike trail, to exploring the parkway with my young family, to trail running along the river. The American River Parkway means many things to the millions of its users. It is a treasure, an amazing resource to be enjoyed and cherished.

Unfortunately, it is being abused.

The riparian system of our waters and parkways are full of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped garbage. Toxic and pathogenic wastes are being discharged into these waters. Carpet, cloth products, tarps, and clothing debris accumulate in the waterway and "armor" the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water to support aquatic life. The ecological system of our Parkway is suffocating, and toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Many parts of our riparian parks and channels look like dumps with water flowing through them. The government response has seemingly been impotent while public volunteer cleanup efforts are thwarted by illegal re-occupancy and re-accumulation of garbage, household furnishing, electronics, tires, shopping carts and other waste all along the American River and its tributaries such as Arcade Creek and Steelhead Creek.

The failure of our leaders to take necessary action to stem this problem and its recurrence is unacceptable.

I respectfully request that you immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

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- 4) Advance and fund consistent creek, river and other waterway cleaning and restoration by our regional departments and agencies.

The existing condition is inexcusable. Please rectify the existing damage due to the abandonment of the duty to protect these vital community assets and pass and enforce regulations to ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Sincerely,

David Thesell,
Fair Oaks
Member, Save the American River Association

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 140

From: [Sara Stephens](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:39:03 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

I urge you to approve Items #2 and #3 on your August 10, 2022 Agenda relating to prohibiting and removing campsites from the American River Parkway and other sensitive areas within the County.

I have been a Sacramento County resident for the last 30 years and have spent countless hours enjoying the many recreation opportunities afforded to those of us who live near the American River and Parkway. The Parkway is the very reason my family chose our current home and why - even though my husband can work remotely from anywhere in the U.S. - we continue to stay in the Sacramento area. Aside from the benefits to our region's human residents, this area is also critical habitat for wildlife, fish, and native plants.

I am deeply concerned by the growing destruction of the river and parkway by people who camp there illegally. Fires, illegally dumped garbage, polluted water, and the sense of threatened personal safety resulting from illegal campsites are devastating what has long been the jewel of the Sacramento region. This destruction cannot be allowed to continue.

While implementation and enforcement of these proposed ordinances is an essential first step, our community will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Without this element, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem. Shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need. Because of this, I also urge you to convene public workshops that will 1) help us all better understand the County programs that administer the \$181 million dollars invested annually in helping those in our community who need support, and 2) afford the Sacramento region a collective opportunity to offer insights/input that might speed up the process of moving people off the streets and into housing and/or programs that address addictions and mental health.

Sincerely,

Sara Stephens
5273 Dredger Way
Orangevale, CA 95662

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 141

From: [sergio diaz](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting August 10. 2022
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 8:03:43 PM
Attachments: [Board of Supervisor Letter.pdf](#)

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Dear County Clerk

Kindly forward the attached correspondence to the County Supervisors and their staff. Thank you~

Sergio Díaz,
Attorney at Law

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Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022

Honorable Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Sacramento County area resident, I urge you to Preserve the American River, a State and Federally designated Wild and Scenic River. The long-term health and sustainability of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries, is jeopardy.

Our local waterways provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats, and foster healthy human recreation to all socio-economic members of our community. The American River Parkway receives 8 million visitor days a year. The Parkway is the crown jewel of our region.

Individual citizens and local volunteer groups such as: Preserve the American River; Save the American River Association; and Sacramento Picks It Up have taken the initiative to clean and restore the American River Parkway. However, these volunteer groups cannot accomplish this enormous task on their own-nor should they. With effective and consistent county resources, fiscal support, and enforcement, more can be done and should be done if future generations are to continue to enjoy and recreate in the Parkway.

Presently, due to poor and lax county management of the Parkway, the riparian system of our waters and parkways are teeming with abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped garbage. Toxic and pathogenic wastes are being discharged into these waters. The ecological system of our Parkway is suffocating, and toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Tragic examples of the inordinate amounts of abandoned garbage, household goods, tires and shopping carts are regularly found in the Arcade Creek and Steelhead Creek.

For the above reasons, I respectfully request that you immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

- 1) Designate all regional waterways as "critical infrastructure" to include not only our rivers, but also their tributaries, including creeks, sloughs and canals.
- 2) Pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, debris and the storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high-water mark of all of our rivers and tributaries;
- 3) Consistently enforce all existing anti-dumping laws within 150 feet of the high-water mark of our waterways, including but not limited to, California Fish and Game Code section 5652; and
- 4) Advance and fund consistent creek, river and other waterway cleaning and restoration by our regional departments and agencies.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sergio Diaz', written over a white rectangular background.

Sergio Diaz,
Attorney at Law

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From: [MJJ](#)
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Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
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Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Carmichael resident, I am deeply concerned by the lack of attention to Preserve the American River, a State and Federally designated Wild and Scenic River. The long-term health and sustainability of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries have long been in jeopardy and the seeming lack of county response is deeply troubling. Our local waterways provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats, and foster healthy human recreation to all socio-economic members of our community on an equal basis. The American River Parkway gets 8 million visitor days a year. It is the crown jewel of our region. You MUST protect and preserve it.

Individual citizens and local volunteer groups such as Preserve the American River, Save the American River Association and Sacramento Picks It Up, combined and with many others, implore the County to cleanup and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries.

The riparian system of our waters and parkways are full of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped garbage. Toxic and pathogenic wastes are being discharged into these waters. Carpet, cloth products, tarps, and clothing debris accumulate in the waterway and "armor" the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water to support aquatic life. The ecological system of our Parkway is suffocating, and toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Many parts of our riparian parks and channels look like dumps with water flowing through them. The government response has seemingly been impotent while public volunteer cleanup efforts are thwarted by illegal re-occupancy and re-accumulation of garbage, household furnishing, electronics, tires, shopping carts and other waste all along the American River and its tributaries such as Arcade Creek and Steelhead Creek, as well as dealing with threats from illegal campers.

The failure of our leaders to take necessary action to stem this problem and its recurrence is unacceptable.

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The existing condition is inexcusable. Please rectify the existing damage due to the abandonment of the duty to protect these vital community assets and pass and enforce regulations to ensure this destruction is never repeated. Once gone, our jewel cannot be retrieved.

Sincerely,

M. Jope

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Sincerely,

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 143

From: [Susan Rose](#)
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Best,

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Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022

Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Sacramento-area resident, I am deeply concerned about the long-term health and sustainability of our local waterways, including the rivers, creeks and other tributaries. These channels provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats and foster healthy human recreation.

I have volunteered with a local group that has been feverishly attempting to clean and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries. Since March 2021, this group has removed over 700,000 pounds of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped debris from our waters and parkways. Every day, toxic and pathogenic wastes are also being discharged into these waters and adjacent soils causing long-term damage. Textiles and other debris accumulate in these areas, armor the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water needed to support aquatic life. Our ecological systems are literally suffocating while toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Tragically, some of these channels have already become solid waste sites, as evidenced by our recent 2-day cleanup that spanned a mere 1100 feet of Arcade Creek near Rio Linda Blvd, or 1.2% of the 16.2 mile creek. During the event, volunteers manually removed over 12,000 pounds of debris from this small section of creek (video: https://youtu.be/KUx_JhrcV68).

Exhaustive efforts to clean our waterways are frequently negated shortly thereafter by re-occupancy and the rapid re-accumulation of waste, garbage and personal property. This has recently occurred in countless sites along Arcade Creek, Steelhead Creek and the American River; areas that required thousands of volunteer hours to clean over many weeks or even months.

This situation is unsustainable and unacceptable.

I have become disheartened by the failure of our leaders to take necessary action to stem this recurrence and implement appropriate corrective action. Thus, I request that you immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

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- 2) Pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, debris and the storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high water mark of all of our rivers and tributaries;
- 3) Immediately enforce all existing anti-dumping laws within 150 feet of the high water mark of our waterways, including but not limited to, California Fish and Game Code §5652; and
- 4) Advance and fund consistent creek, river and other waterway cleaning and restoration by our regional departments and agencies.

The current contamination of our waters and soils is an inexcusable, ecological travesty. Therefore, I implore you to take immediate action to rectify the damage inflicted by years of neglect and abandonment and ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Sincerely and Urgently,

Susan Rose
susan@susanprose.com
916-529-5021

From: [Chris Smith](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:01:45 PM

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors,

I would like to comment on **items 2 and 3 of the Agenda of the August 10, 2022** meeting. Having spent over 65 years living here and enjoying the American River Parkway I'm very concerned about the negative effects the unhoused have had on our once beautiful river. **Please pass both of these ordinances.**

Also, I have been reading about the **\$ 3.4 million dollar annual cost for the Florin Road 100 unit Safe Stay Shelter**. I strongly support these types of shelters and hope the City and the County can create more, but I can't seem to find any breakdown on what the \$ 3.4 million dollar includes. The only thing I've found on the county FAQ is not specific. It says:

The County will contract with an experienced shelter operator(s) for daily operational responsibilities. That operator will be responsible for 24/7 operations, provision of food and other supplies, regular cleaning and maintenance of the site, safety and security services, managing entry and exit from the site, engaging with occupants and connecting them to other services, and on-going data collection and reporting.

Can anyone help me discover the "lease" and "operations" breakdown for this annual fee?

Thank you for your time,
Chris Smith
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From: [Ilsa Louise Hess](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 11:10:23 AM

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Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

This is an issue that is very important to me.

As a Sacramento-area resident, I am deeply concerned about the long-term health and sustainability of our local waterways, including the rivers, creeks and other tributaries. These channels provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats and foster healthy human recreation.

I am also a volunteer with a local group that has been feverishly attempting to clean and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries. Since March 2021, this group has removed over 700,000 pounds of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped debris from our waters and parkways. Every day, toxic and pathogenic wastes are also being discharged into these waters and adjacent soils causing long-term damage. Textiles and other debris accumulate in these areas, armor the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water needed to support aquatic life. Our ecological systems are literally suffocating while toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Tragically, some of these channels have already become solid waste sites, as evidenced by our recent 2-day cleanup that spanned a mere 1100 feet of Arcade Creek near Rio Linda Blvd, or 1.2% of the 16.2 mile creek. During the event, volunteers manually removed over 12,000 pounds of debris from this small section of creek (video: https://youtu.be/KUx_JhrcV68).

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The current contamination of our waters and soils is an inexcusable, ecological travesty. Therefore, I implore you to take immediate action to rectify the damage inflicted by years of neglect and abandonment and ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Sincerely and Urgently,

Ilsa Hess
Sacramento, CA

From: [Elizabeth Gallagher](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bell, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:38:48 AM

Hello,

I heard there was a special meeting tomorrow at 2 regarding the waterways and homeless camps and trash.

I am not able to come to the meeting- I work at an air conditioning distributor M-F 8-5.

I hope this is heard anyway.

The experiences I have had in Cambodia, Thailand, Okinawa, Truckee and Mexico have made me personally wonder how I can be a part of a shift in consciousness from accepting the way humans are ALLOWED to trash the Earth.

It makes me cry to see the destruction humans ALLOW.

I have picked trash out of the seas off Kep (a 5 star resort in Cambodia) swimming with ziplock bags- plastic sporks and tampons as people play volleyball in the sand littered with garbage.

I witnessed the water under the river shacks in Svey Pak full of plastic bottles-used diapers- raw poop.

Drove by the canals of Mexico littered with tires-couches- mattresses- trash bags full of garbage- The people there and myself eat the fish caught in that water.

I lived in Okinawa where the human raw waste flowed out into the ocean...I scuba dove on that side of the island and saw the lifeless sand- no coral- no fish- nothing. total destruction.

I have sat next to the Truckee river seeing the total destruction of trash in it- plastic bags in the trees, trash littering the ground in TAHOE.

I helped clean up the abandoned homeless camps on the river here with Sac Picks It Up.

It was the SAME as the third world countries I have been to.

We eat the fish from that river too and think we are different- better- more advanced LOL

We CHOOSE to be who we ARE.

and

We can do better than this.

I know one thing. This destruction will not go unaccounted for. Our Children's children will ask- how did you let this happen? How did you not stop this!!!"

We will be held accountable. Eventually.

I volunteer with Sac Picks It Up, The American River Parkway cleanups, and pick up trash out on Natomas at Black Miners Bar and Nimbus Flat.

My next space to help is Sept 17th in the water clean up out there at the Great American river cleanup. I feel I am doing my part.

I need help.

I need help from you lawmaker peoples.

I need this to stop because Cassie my 6 year old niece, is not gonna ACCEPT "oh dear we really should have done something" for an answer.

I have seen the worst of the worst and I don't have a solution.

I do know this is not ok.

It is not ok to destroy the environment- I don't care who you are- homeless or not.

It is not ok that people live on the river pooping in a bucket.

It is not ok.

Maybe- maybe it can be better. Maybe we can figure out a way that is better.

idk.

Maybe we can be a beacon for other places to see how to make it better.

Thank you for your part in this.

I will keep cleaning up- even if that means emptying 5 gallon buckets of human shit into a hefty bag as I wipe it off my jeans.

I will not stop.

Please do not stop on that end either.

We can do this.

We must be the adults and clean this up for the next 7 Gens.

Liz Gallagher

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text-call-em anytime

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 147

From: [elisa rancano](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 8:43:01 PM

Dear Sacramento County Board of Supervisors,

I would like to enthusiastically encourage you to support the ordinances on Wednesday's agenda. I am a lover and appreciator of our beautiful American River Parkway and I have seen first hand the destruction that can be caused by encampments. I am sensitive to the difficult situation facing unhoused people but the parkway is a precious and vulnerable habitat that deserves special protection. More should be done to provide shelter and services to our homeless neighbors but allowing camps along the river is not a solution.

Thank you for your attention.

-Elisa Rancaño
Fair Oaks

From: [Kathy Kayner](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 7:49:53 PM

Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I used to hike, bike and photograph wildlife on the Lower American River Parkway. I enjoyed the beauty and peaceful atmosphere of the Parkway for many years as I am a life long resident of Sacramento. After I retired in 2012, I would be out on the Lower American River Parkway about four times a week. Sometimes more. I would consistently visit a pair of Great Horned Owls during their nesting season for two years in a row and document, via photos, them raising their Owlets and eventually teaching them how to hunt etc. After they left the area, I found a female Mink who was raising young in a slough not far from Del Paso Blvd and Northgate. I would stand for hours waiting to see her and her young and photograph them as well.

Then came the unwanted attention from men who told me they live on the Parkway and really enjoy the freedom from being told what they can and cannot do. A few of them invited me to their camps to see how awesome their life is and that I should join them. I asked how long they have lived there. Some said eight years or more. One said over twenty years. Of course I never went with them but was quite uncomfortable with them coming up to me while I would wait for the Mink.

Eventually, I quit riding and hiking the Parkway as I did not appreciate being approached by residents of the Parkway but also all the fires in the summertime that destroyed habitats and killed wildlife. I would cry whenever I rode by a burned area. Yes, some fires could have been accidental (cigarettes etc) but most started with illegal campers.

Now, there are areas of the American River that have high concentrations of E-Coli. I know it has been said that the cause of this are the birds. I understand that can happen but when you have a high population of individuals camping along the American River, I do not think digging holes to bury their feces is what they are doing. There is a reason there are so many buckets found by volunteers and no doubt County workers that clean up after camps are abandoned, are filled with feces. It is far easier to just empty the buckets into the river, swish the river water around in the bucket and take it back to their camps.

I respectfully request that you take the necessary steps to remove the cause of the degradation of our beautiful Parkway immediately. Please do this not only for the many families, individuals and visitors but for yourselves as well. I know a few of you live near or on the Parkway.

I know the Homeless Advocates do not want any of the Homeless to be “kicked out” of the Parkway as the City and County have not done enough to provide housing for the people. I understand there are plans in the works to get housing and safe camp sites set up. But when you have a career resident of the Parkway who does not want to live in a home or apartment or hotel, what happens next??? Do you just walk away and leave them there? If you do have a “bed” for them and they refuse, what are the next steps??

The Advocates have to know there are some in the Parkway that are regular drug users and some that are not mentally able to live in a home, apartment or hotel. Is there a plan to have them treated, rehabilitated etc?

I know the task at hand is a daunting one. I know you all care about the Parkway and those that live there. I just want to encourage you to find a way to help those who live on the Parkway to find the treatments and help that the need so they can live normal lives and that our Parkway will not lose its title of being the Jewel of Sacramento.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email!!

Sincerely,

Kathy Kayner
Secretary
Save The American River Association

From: [Mark Baker](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:13:24 PM

Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

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Sincerely and Urgently

Mark Baker
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From: [Bob Jensen](#)
To: [Kennedy, Supervisor](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento County Parkway Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:46:59 PM

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Dear Supervisor Kennedy,

I support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway. I am a frequent visitor and volunteer of the parkway. There has been a noticeable increase of encampments, trash and degradation of this wonderful resource. We must protect this gem for all to enjoy.

Robert Jensen
916-698-0521

From: [Matthew Eason](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento Water Way Trash
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 8:01:10 AM

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I don't believe I am a NIMBY in appearance or in fact as I do not live or work particularly near the Sacramento waterways (I live in Land Park and work in Midtown). I don't profess to know how to solve the housing issues here in Sacramento County, nor do I profess to have any short-term band-aids.

However I do ride my bicycle 3-4 times a week entering behind the Blue Diamond Almond Factory and riding towards Riverbend Park along the river. The pollution that is "disappearing" into the river is simply disgusting. Anyone that even thinks about swimming or fishing from our local rivers is doing so at their own risk of being exposed to unthinkable waste.

That famous scene from the Erin Brockovich/PG&E movie where they have the executives drink the water isn't realistic, but I'd challenge any of you to go and let your children or grandchildren swim at Discovery Park (wearing life vests of course). I would never let mine get anywhere near it, and the think of even personally getting in either of our local rivers is scary

I hope you will seriously consider the proposals being put forth by the organization known as Sacramento Picks It Up! It may drive the unhoused closer to my office and to my home, but that is a small sacrifice I would gladly accept to help keep save our local waterways.

Matthew R. Eason

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From: [Cathy Birch](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: scheduled vote on clearing illegal campers from Amer River Pkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:39:17 PM

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Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022

Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Sacramento County area resident, I am deeply concerned by the lack of attention to Preserve the American River, a State and Federally designated Wild and Scenic River. The long-term health and sustainability of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries have long been in jeopardy and the seeming lack of county response is deeply troubling. Our local waterways provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats, and foster healthy human recreation to all socio-economic members of our community on an equal basis. The American River Parkway gets 8 million visitor days a year. It is the crown jewel of our region. You must protect and preserve it. Individual citizens and local volunteer groups such as Preserve the American River, Save the American River Association and Sacramento Picks It Up which combined and with many others implore the County to cleanup and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries. The riparian system of our waters and parkways are full of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped garbage. Toxic and pathogenic wastes are being discharged into these waters. Carpet, cloth products, tarps, and clothing debris accumulate in the waterway and "armor" the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water to support aquatic life. The ecological system of our Parkway is suffocating, and toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Many parts of our riparian parks and channels look like dumps with water flowing through them. The government response has seemingly been impotent while public volunteer cleanup efforts are thwarted by illegal re-occupancy and re-accumulation of garbage, household furnishing, electronics, tires, shopping carts and other waste all

along the American River
and its tributaries such as Arcade Creek and Steelhead Creek.
The failure of our leaders to take necessary action to stem this problem and its
recurrence is
unacceptable.

I respectfully request that you immediately initiate a plan to include the
following, at a minimum clear the illegal campers and the garbage all around
them. They are a nuisance, and a danger to any who get close to them, as well
as fire setting dangers.

Thank you in advance,
Cathy M. Birch
9952 Stirling Park Drive
(near the river and River Bend Park)

From: [Dave van Hulsteyn](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:29:57 PM

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Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

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The existing condition is inexcusable. Please rectify the existing damage due to the abandonment of the duty to protect these vital community assets and pass and enforce regulations to ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Sincerely,

Dave van Hulsteyn

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From: [Turrill Lupi, Catherine](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Support for the ordinance prohibiting unauthorized camping along the American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:01:56 PM

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Dear Supervisor Serna,

I support the ordinance that will be under consideration at this afternoon's Board meeting. I am a resident of Boulevard Park and a frequent user of Sutter's Landing Park, which I help clean up on a regular basis. I have seen the devastating impact of fires along the north and south banks of the American River in this neighborhood and am aware that some of these fires are linked to the camp sites. The fires are not the only problem. There also are the damage done to the natural habitat (shrubby broken and uprooted, etc.) and the accumulation of trash. This degradation of the riverbanks impacts many others, among them the people and families who flock in the hundreds to the park on a daily basis.

I also feel that more needs to be done to find alternate living sites for individuals who have been camping along the river, and who continue to arrive in search of places to stay.

Thank you for your attention.

Catherine Turrill Lupi

Resident, Boulevard Park

Member. Friends of Sutter's Landing Park

Catherine Turrill Lupi
Professor Emerita, Art Department
California State University, Sacramento

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 155

From: [Claudia Goss](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Support letter for August 10, 2 p.m. - Item #3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:05:16 AM
Attachments: [Support Letter for Parkways Ordinance.pdf](#)

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Good morning,

On behalf of the Sacramento County Recreation and Park Commission, I'm requesting that you provide the attached correspondence regarding Item #3 for Wednesday, August 10 to all members of the Board of Supervisors. Thank you for your assistance.

Claudia Goss,
Chair, Sacramento County Recreation and Park Commission

Claudia Goss, Chair
Sacramento County Recreation and Park Commission
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August 9, 2022

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
700 H Street, Suite 1450
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Item #3, August 10, 2022 – Consideration of an Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating to Fires, and 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway and Dry Creek Parkway

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the Sacramento County Recreation and Park Commission of which I currently serve as Chairperson, I am writing to strongly encourage your support of the above referenced ordinance which your Board will consider on August 10, 2022.

As noted in the staff letter related to this item, the American River Parkway and the Dry Creek Parkway systems are important and vital natural and recreational resources that are not only local and regional gems, but are also of national and statewide interest due to their connection to many environmental, conservation, and endangered species interests.

We are all aware of the devastating impacts that the struggle of homelessness has had on our County's parkway systems. Besides the human plight, which is severe and incalculable, the costs to manage efforts around encampments/debris clean-ups, fire response, crime, drug use, and the protection of the parkway environment and waterways has had an extraordinarily negative impact on County funds, specifically within the Department of Regional Parks.

We believe it is time to take a renewed approach to protecting these assets, their recreational amenities, and the many thousands of users of the systems who deserve the enjoyment of these systems in a safe and responsible manner. By implementing this logical and well-thought out ordinance, we believe great strides will be made, including to the safety of the homeless community who can be directed to critical social services.

Thank you for your leadership in considering this important ordinance.

Sincerely,

Claudia Goss

Chair, Sacramento County Recreation and Park Commission

Cc: Liz Bellas, Director, Sacramento County Dept. of Regional Parks

From: [Sheryl Hitomi](#)
To: [Rich Desmond](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Support of Parkway ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:54:25 AM

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Dear Supervisor Desmond,

As a resident of Fair Oaks in Sacramento County, I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. This support is based on the contingency that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wrap-around services for the unhoused – especially for those living on the Parkway – a priority.

There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines.

While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, we will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Without this element, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem. And shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need.

I have personally participated in the American River Cleanup days hosted by the Parkway Foundation, and want to ensure the beautiful space is protected for generations to come.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,
Sheryl Hitomi

From: [Linda Abruzzini](#)
Subject: support the American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:11:55 PM

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Dear Supervisor ,

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Sincerely,
Linda Abruzzini

From: sunmoonkfp@gmail.com
To: [Nottoli, Don](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: The parkway is a treasure.
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:43:31 PM

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Dear Supervisor Nottoli,

The parkway is a treasure. Please ensure it is well taken care of.

I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. This support is based on the contingency that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wraparound services for the unhoused – especially for those living on the Parkway – a priority. There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines. While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, we will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Without this element, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem. And shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,
Al Harrison
925-200-6471

From: [Steve Hoover](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Wednesday, August 10th Meeting; items 2 & 3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:12:41 PM

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

While we understand that the homeless issues are many and very complex, we support the proposed ordinances as outlined in items 2 & 3 of the B.O.S. meeting August 10, 2022.

The American River Parkway has long been the "Crown Jewel" of Sacramento County's open spaces; beautiful, yet vulnerable to abusive treatment.

The masses of unhoused people living along the parkway have brought fires, filth, and a flagrant disregard for the rights of all citizens. They, collectively, are a destructive force to this exquisite area, and their presence dissuades many families from enjoying the Parkway for fear of aberrant behaviors so often found near these encampments and beyond.

Public libraries and schoolgrounds cannot become the de-facto "home" for the unhoused. School personnel and library staff are not trained for dealing with drug-induced behaviors and attendant violent outbursts that so often evidence themselves within the unhoused population.

Why not increase the "safe ground" camping sites replete with support facilities and trained medical staff? Cal-Expo, often under-utilized, could be a good place...empty office buildings could be leased for this purpose (like facilities on Kings Way near the old phone buildings)...

Respectfully, Steve and Linda Hoover

From: [Corrine Sako](#)
To: [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Rich Desmond](#)
Subject: 8/10/22 BOS meeting - Public Comment Item #3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:28:59 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Dr. Corrine McIntosh Sako. I am a licensed psychologist in independent practice, a community mental health advocate, a business owner in District 3, and a resident of District 2. I am writing to express my extreme opposition to item #3, which would Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway.

This county has a humanitarian crisis on its hands, which deserves a humanitarian response - not one that further traumatizes our most vulnerable residents and increases the ways they are stigmatized, criminalized, and disenfranchises them. **Making it harder to be homeless does not solve homelessness.**

I empathize with the situation you are currently facing: protecting our region's natural environment or protecting our county's most vulnerable residents who are unable to meet their basic needs; however, I implore you resist a sense of urgency that would worsen the mental health of those individuals living along the Parkway. The confrontation, dehumanization, and instability induced by sweeps are traumatic experiences for a community that already has a high trauma load, including a high prevalence of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Policing and incarcerating our way through marginalized communities not able to meet their basic needs is not an ethical solution. In fact, it contributes to a public health crisis. Street sweeps negatively impact health through two outcomes. The first outcome is material loss, including belongings and medical items. The second outcome is instability, including geographic displacement, community fragmentation, and loss to follow-up. These outcomes may contribute to less effective management of chronic health conditions, infectious diseases, and substance use disorders, and may increase physical injuries and worsen mental health. Providers also reported that sweeps may negatively impact the healthcare system by promoting increased usage of emergency departments and inpatient hospital care. Even after declaring racism a public health crisis in this county a year and a half ago, this Board is considering adopting an ordinance that would aggrandize racial disparities, since 40% of people living outside in Sacramento are people of color.

If this County is serious in its resolve to effectively and humanely mediate its homelessness crisis, it will look to the community service providers and organizations who work with this population every single day. Accessible housing and supportive services help to decrease homelessness, not ordinances that ban where someone experiencing homelessness is able to find shelter before there is accessible housing and supportive services made readily available.

Thank you for your consideration,
Dr. Corrine McIntosh Sako

There are thousands of people on the parkways. Conservative estimates at 2,000. Where are they to go?

These policies will lead to death and preventable harm

Every time you move someone in a sweep, you disconnect them from everything- community, support, healthcare, safety, love, and more.

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Dr. Corrine McIntosh Sako, PsyD, LMFT

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From: [Larry Galizio](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: 8/10/2022 Meeting Agenda Item 3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 7:03:10 AM

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Chair Nottoli, Vice Chair Desmond, and Members of the Board:

I write in strong support of the proposed Ordinance to the Sacramento County Code amending sections 9.36.058, and 9.36.067, and adding section 9.036.083 concerning camping and constructing a camp facility in the American River and Dry Creek Parkways.

While recognizing the complexity of homelessness necessitates a multipronged, intergovernmental approach, the urgency of the issues identified in the analysis for this item demand immediate action to protect the health and safety of your constituents, the ecosystem of the affected areas, and sustainability of portions of the County that you serve.

We live within walking distance of the American River Parkway in Carmichael, not too far from where the young woman was murdered. We have three young children who have a reasonable expectation that riding their bikes, walking the dog, and simply enjoying what should be a public treasure isn't a place where adults without permits, without sanitary facilities, some with significant substance abuse, mental illness, and even some with criminal records are allowed to populate because elected officials and public safety officers haven't the legal means to protect the environment they're elected and paid (indirectly) by the residents to oversee.

Additionally, as detailed in the analysis for this agenda item, the repeated incidences of fire, pollution affecting the river and surrounding habitat, substance abuse, litter, and continued risk of crime to those populating the encampments and those frequenting the areas demonstrates both an untenable and urgent situation, as well as a failure of leadership by elected officials and our communities.

To those opposing this Ordinance I ask: What will your response be when another individual is murdered or badly injured because of an inability for County officials to remove and/or prevent encampments? When a several acre fire destroys habitat, kills or injures people, destroys homes and property, and contributes more to the air pollution already harming all of us in the region? When the American River Parkway becomes a place where residents can't and don't go because it's too dangerous, too despoiled, and simply another example of failure by the adults to create spaces where kids and families can actually recreate and engage in radical acts of bike-riding, playing away from the concrete jungle, and enjoying three-dimensional life rather than staring at a screen?

Apparently some Sacramento County residents find the status quo acceptable and are willing to tolerate the danger, filth and litter, and harmful situation detailed in the analysis and experienced by anyone visiting the American River Trail. For the sake of the health and sustainability of the Trail and its neighbors and visitors seeking its preservation, I hope our elected officials recognize the unsustainability of the status quo, the urgency of the situation, and the need to enact this Ordinance as one element of a much longer-term project of improving our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence Galizio
Carmichael, CA.

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Larry Galizio

From: ftbiglione@gmail.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Supervisor Serna](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Katie Valenzuela](#); [Jeff Harris](#); [Bellas. Liz](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #2 & #3, Wednesday August 10th, 2022 meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:37:05 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of approving and enforcing Items # 2 & 3 on today's agenda.

I have been canoeing the Lower American River for 15 years and am heartbroken by the increasing environmental destruction I observe along its banks.

The American River Parkway and its tributary streams are priceless. Protecting them from debris, environmental damage, and wildfire is not inconsistent with providing shelter to the unhoused that are currently living there.

Sacramento County can do both.

What the County and Cities public works and parks departments cannot do is restore or replace the Parkway; only nature and time can do that.
Stop the destruction now. Give our homeless real opportunities for treatment by rehousing them in clean safe environments far from the Parkway.
And give our Parkway the time and space to heal itself.

Generations to come will thank you, as we do daily for the many who worked so hard to protect and preserve the Parkway so long ago.

Sincerely,

Tom

Tom Biglione
PO Box 15466
Sacramento, CA 95851

Cell 209-601-2724

"The health of our waters is the principal measure of how we live on the land."
~ Luna Leopold

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 163

From: [Ellen Gemma](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Agenda items 2 and 3, Aug. 10 meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 7:15:30 AM

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Hello.... Please add me to the list of those in total support of banning camping on the parkway... it is becoming a fire danger as well as increasing crime potential. The problem has only become worse and worse over the past years. We live in Fair Oaks and are often on the parkway and on Sunrise Blvd and surrounding areas so see the increase. We can provide temporary housing but must require sobriety help and mental health help. These issues must be addressed. Thank you for finally starting to look at the full issue and caring about the rest of the community as well as these folks.

Ellen Gemma
ellengemma@comcast.net

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Susanne Christenson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: American River Parkway and Homelessness.
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:38:06 AM

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SacCounty Board of Supervisors

I am writing in support of the proposed ordinances (item 2 and 3) regarding homelessness along the American River Parkway, near schools, libraries and parks. Let's work together to make our community safe and clean for all to enjoy and to find shelter and care for those that are homeless. It is shameful what our government has allowed to happen. I have lived in this community for 40 years and my husband 70 years. We were always so proud of our community.

Susanne Christenson

Susannechristenson@gmail.com

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 165

From: [Ann Hoover](#)
To: [Rich Desmond](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: American River Parkway Camping Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 8:34:41 PM

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I fully support SARA'S proposed ordinance to prohibit camping on the American River Parkway.

Thank you.

Ann Hodges

From: [mo sharpe](#)
To: richarddesmond@sacounty.gov
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: American River Parkway Ordinance
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 8:15:52 AM

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Dear Mr. Desmond,

Please allow this letter to serve as our support for the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. Unfortunately, we are unable to attend today's meeting but want to voice our support for passage of the ordinance. This support is also based upon the understanding that the County must address and find alternatives and solutions to addressing the current unhoused living on the parkway.

There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven, in large part, by the 2,000-3,000 illegal campers estimated by the Parkway Foundation. In addition to the negative environmental impact, the conditions create a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructures serving our communities. Lastly, the continued allowance of these illegal and unregulated campers is likely to result in uncontrollable fires and other calamities endangering innocent neighbors and structures of law-abiding citizens.

While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, the issue of homelessness cannot be ignored. Temporary shelter space and "wrap-around" services must be developed and provided to help those currently unhoused escape the vicious homeless cycle.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and for taking action to address this crisis.

Sincerely,

Jon and Maureen Sharpe

From: [Olson, Glenn](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:57:58 PM

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Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022

To Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

I have used the parkway since I was 10 years old. I have always thought it was the best feature of Sacramento- our Central Park or our beachfront. I am now 72 yrs old and though I haven't floated or fished the river for many years, my wife and I bike ride along the parkway several times each week. I still believe it is the best feature in sacramento and I love it.

I am deeply concerned by the lack of attention to Preserve the American River, a State and Federally designated Wild and Scenic River. The long-term health and sustainability of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries have long been in jeopardy and the seeming lack of county response is deeply troubling. Our local waterways provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats, and foster healthy human recreation to all socio-economic members of our community on an equal basis. The American River Parkway gets 8 million visitor days a year. It is the crown jewel of our region. You must protect and preserve it.

Individual citizens and local volunteer groups such as Preserve the American River, Save the American River Association and Sacramento Picks It Up which combined

and with many others implore the County to cleanup and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries.

The riparian system of our waters and parkways are full of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped garbage. Toxic and pathogenic wastes are being discharged into these waters. Carpet, cloth products, tarps, and clothing debris accumulate in the waterway and “armor” the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water to support aquatic life. The ecological system of our Parkway is suffocating, and toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Many parts of our riparian parks and channels look like dumps with water flowing through them. The government response has seemingly been impotent while public volunteer cleanup efforts are thwarted by illegal re-occupancy and re-accumulation of garbage, household furnishing, electronics, tires, shopping carts and other waste all along the American River and its tributaries such as Arcade Creek and Steelhead Creek.

The failure of our leaders to take necessary action to stem this problem and its recurrence is unacceptable.

I respectfully request that you immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

- 1) Designate all regional waterways as “critical infrastructure” to include not only our rivers, but also their tributaries, including creeks, sloughs and canals.
- 2) Pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, debris and the storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high water mark of all of our rivers and tributaries;
- 3) Immediately enforce all existing anti-dumping laws within 150 feet of the high water mark of our waterways, including but not limited to, California Fish and Game Code §5652; and
- 4) Advance and fund consistent creek, river and other waterway cleaning and restoration by our regional departments and agencies.

The existing condition is inexcusable. Please rectify the existing damage due to the abandonment of the duty to protect these vital community assets and pass and enforce regulations to ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Thank you for your consideration of these views.

Sincerely,
Glenn and Devon Olson
1017 43rd St
Sacramento Ca 95819

Glenn Olson
Donal O'Brien Chair in Bird Conservation and Public Policy
National Audubon Society

From: [Jessica](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bell, Liz](#)
Subject: American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:24:13 PM

Dear Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Sacramento County area resident, I am deeply concerned by the lack of attention to Preserve the American River, a State and Federally designated Wild and Scenic River. The long-term health and sustainability of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries have long been in jeopardy and the seeming lack of county response is deeply troubling. Our local waterways provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats, and foster healthy human recreation to all socio-economic members of our community on an equal basis. The American River Parkway gets 8 million visitor days a year. It is the crown jewel of our region. You must protect and preserve it.

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Sincerely,
Jessica Atwood
Resident of Butterfield/Riviera East Neighborhood

From: [Frank Lindsen](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:58:27 PM

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Dear Supervisor Serna ~

I am a Sacramento County resident in Midtown who uses and enjoys the American River and American River Parkway a lot. I'm sickened by the destruction vagrants are causing there with camping, defecating, trashing, devastating fires, drug abuse and on and on.

I urge you to vote for the ordinance that will allow the county to prohibit camping, accumulating trash, and all of the other abuses the vagrants are ruining our beautiful American River Parkway with. This ordinance desperately needs to be passed AND enforced. Please let me know how you plan to vote on this ordinance.

Thank you,

Frank Lindsen
Midtown Sacramento
916-456-1513

From: [Mary Ann Williams](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: American River Parkway
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:47:35 AM

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Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022

Dear Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Sacramento native and longtime Sacramento County area resident, I'm concerned and angry that my rights to the use of our American River Parkway have been endangered. I no longer feel safe to walk, bike or hike along our once treasured outdoor area. I'm also deeply concerned by the lack of attention to Preserve the American River, a State and Federally designated Wild and Scenic River. The long-term health and sustainability of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries have long been in jeopardy and the seeming lack of county response is deeply troubling. Our local waterways provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats, and foster healthy human recreation to all socio-economic members of our community on an equal basis. The American River Parkway gets 8 million visitor days a year. It is the crown jewel of our region. You must protect and preserve it.

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The existing condition is inexcusable. Please rectify the existing damage due to the abandonment of the duty to protect these vital community assets and pass and enforce regulations to ensure this destruction is never repeated. I request you make our parkway safe once again for humans and wildlife.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Williams
P.O. Box 1898
Orangevale, CA 95662

From: [KATHLEEN RODRIGUEZ](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10 Board Meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 7:54:34 AM

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My husband and I are in favor of Agenda Items 2 and 3 on today's agenda. We need to protect our parkway and critical areas, but we also need to provide services for the homeless, so they have somewhere safe to live and a path out of homelessness. It is a two way approach.

Kathy and Larry Rodriguez
1523

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 172

From: [Jim and Mary Ann Olson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Rich Desmond](#)
Subject: August 10, 2022 Board Meeting - Agenda Item 2 - Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 8:32:31 AM

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Dear Board Clerk and Supervisor Desmond

We are writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. This support is based on the contingency that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wraparound services for the unhoused – especially for those living on the Parkway – a priority.

There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines.

While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, we will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Without this element, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem. And shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need.

Thank you for taking the time to read our email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jim and Mary Ann Olson

From: [beryl michaels](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: august 10, 2022 board of supervisors
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 6:06:45 PM

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Subject: august 10, 2022 board of supervisors

Agenda item Section II
items 2 and 3

First; place those who Supervisor Desmond refers to as the unhoused into suitable housing.

then and only then should he and the rest of the supervisors consider prohibiting camping on public property whether by the American river or anywhere else. In this already dystopian culture where the numbers of people without homes are increasing at an alarming speed, the supervisors would do well to address the challenge by providing housing rather than taking away what little shelter is currently available.

Suggest each supervisor live the life of an unhoused person for just a day or two before they make these draconian rules.

It is clear from his behavior, that supervisor Desmond has no concern whatsoever for sheltering the unhoused and apparently that is true for several of the other supervisors.

The real leadership which is apparently sadly lacking from several of the supervisors would be to forge ahead with housing perhaps using a variety of different pilot projects many of which have been reasonably successful around the country.

The action of taking away whatever shelter they do have demonstrates the real contempt, lack of compassion, lack of decency and underlying lack of concern for the entire community the supervisors Who support these measures of prohibiting camping have for those challenged with homelessness.

From: [Brian Branine](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Rich Desmond](#)
Subject: August 10, 2022 Meeting | Agenda Item #3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:32:50 PM

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We live adjacent to The American River Parkway at Bannister Park. Lately, we have noticed an increase in unpermitted campsites south of the Bannister Bike Trail.

As those campsites have multiplied, so have our concerns about wildfires, especially when smoke from illegal campfires reaches our property. The threat of wildfire is a real and ongoing concern of which we are constantly mindful.

We support efforts to fund more suitable housing for those experiencing homelessness, but unpermitted campsites are major causes of wildfires that threaten us, our local wildlife, and the parkway's natural and recreational resources.

We fully support Item #3 on the August 10, 2022, meeting agenda to introduce an ordinance prohibiting illegal fires and camping in The American River Parkway.

Thank you.

Wendy and Brian Branine
Fair Oaks, CA

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 175

From: [James Simon](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10, 2022 meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:04:35 AM

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RE: Agenda Items 2 and 3

Honorable Supervisors:

My wife and I, current residents and Sacramento County, support items on today's agenda regarding camping and hours of remaining in the respective parklands. We have read the packet and agree with the stated reasons for the need for the ordinances and the ordinances as reasonable first solutions to the problems that "camping" in the parklands create for the environment, government, and the users.

Sincerely,
James Simon
Anita Scuri

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 176

From: [Janet Rezos](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10,2022 meeting, Agenda items #2 and #3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 4:52:22 PM

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As Carmichael residents, we support the ordinances prohibiting camping, fires, and remaining on the parkway between sunset and sunrise.

The American River Parkway is the best public space in the county. We walk there 5 days a week. Time spent on the parkway heals the mind and body.

Thank you.

Janet Rezos and Stephen Woodward
Sent from my iPad

From: [Heather Brownholtz](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10th 2022 meeting Agenda items #2 & #3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:53:02 AM

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August 10th 2022 Meeting date
Agenda item's #2 & #3

Supervisors~

As a Carmichael Business Owner & Resident of District 3, please know I am in full support of the proposed ordinances to establish safe & clean neighborhoods, sidewalks, schools and keeping our American River parkway the jewel of our city.

Having been the victim of a home invasion 2 months ago, I was confronted with a transient woman in my bathroom. She broke into my home, loaded up two bags with our valuables, and was brash and brazen to come into my home in broad daylight; I am grateful to be alive. Having experienced that terrifyingly scary moment of having to defend my home, we need strong laws protecting our community. Other home invasions in Sacramento this year alone have led to murders. We can no longer look the other way and just pour \$\$\$ into countless programs. We need to protect the tax paying, hard working members of Sacramento. The children of our community do not need to see sidewalks littered with trash and drugged out humans, we need clear sidewalks so children can attend school safely and to walk to parks or local establishments. Our sidewalks are protected by the ADA and the disabled have limited choices of transportation so their safety needs to be considered with critical care and immediate action as clear passageway and safety of our most vulnerable, those with disabilities, will benefit greatly from safe sidewalks and entrances to necessities of daily needs and employment.

The transient problem has exploded in recent years and the time is now to begin to make Sacramento the safest city in the State!

With the murder of Emma Roarke on the American River Parkway the time is NOW to establish laws protecting the citizens and children of Sacramento. These 2 ordinances send a clear message of how Sacramento will reestablish societal norms based on public safety and creating a safe community for all to thrive, run professional and profitable businesses that create jobs and add to a thriving community.

Passing ordinances #2 & #3 are critical first steps in reestablishing societal norms necessary for a thriving business climate and safe community for the residents of Sacramento the Capital of California.

Heather Brownholtz
CFO Brownholtz & Associates

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 178

From: [Sandy Malaney](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10th 2022 Meeting date Agenda item's #2 & #3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:49:55 AM

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August 10th 2022 Meeting date
Agenda item's #2 & #3

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Sandy and Mick Malaney

Sent from my Sandy's iPhone

From: [Jennifer Smith](#)
To: [Nottoli, Don](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10th Board Mtg.
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:07:07 PM

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Dear Supervisor Nottoli,

Hi Don! As the Chair of the American River Parkway Advisory Committee (I speak for myself as this was not an agenda item), I respectfully request the Board of Supervisors to protect and preserve the American River Parkway. The long-term health and sustainability of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries have long been in jeopardy. The destruction from fires and trash must stop now before it is too late.

The riparian system of our waters and parkways are full of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped garbage. Toxic and pathogenic wastes are being discharged into these waters. Carpet, cloth products, tarps, and clothing debris accumulate in the waterway and “armor” the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water to support aquatic life. The ecological system of our Parkway is suffocating, and toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies.

I respectfully request that you immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum.

1. Designate all regional waterways as “critical infrastructure” to include not only our rivers, but also their tributaries, including creeks, sloughs and canals.
2. Pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, debris and the storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high-water mark of all our rivers and tributaries.
3. Immediately enforce all existing anti-dumping laws within 150 feet of the high-water mark of our waterways, including but not limited to, California Fish and Game Code §5652.
4. Advance and fund consistent creek, river and other waterway cleaning and restoration by our regional departments and agencies.
5. Convene public workshops that will help us all first, better understand the County programs that administer the \$181 million dollars invested annually in helping those in our community who need support, and second, afford the Sacramento region a collective opportunity to offer insights/input that might speed up the process of moving people off the streets and into housing and/or programs that address addictions and mental health.

I urge you to rectify the existing damage and pass and enforce regulations to ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Sincerely,

Jenny Smith, Chair and District 5 Representative,

American River Parkway Advisory Committee

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 180

From: [devoetwo \(null\)](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10th meeting about homeless encampments
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 8:44:24 AM

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Dear elected officials, I am pleased to hear that you are finally getting serious about our homeless situation in Sacramento. These people have demonstrated that they can't follow the rules and laws that the rest of us are forced to follow. They should not be allowed to live like vermin on our streets and parkway. Those of us trying to recruit workers to Sacramento find it very difficult to do when our officials allow these unfortunate homeless to destroy the jewel of Sacramento, the American river parkway. Not to mention making it scary to walk the streets of our city. We need to allocate spaces for them to set up camp that are away from the parkway. They are destroying the river with their needles and feces. They get aggressive on our city streets. Those of us who pay all sorts of taxes aren't getting our money's worth! Please do your jobs and clean up our once proud and lovely city before it's too late. R Patrick DeVoe, M.D.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Kim](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10th, 2022 board meeting
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:11:41 PM

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Hello,

In regards to items #2 and #3 on the agenda for August 10, 2022 regarding homeless encampments on the American River Parkway and adjacent to public areas I strongly encourage immediate action. As someone who has lived in the unincorporated area of Sacramento my whole life I am saddened by the decline of our parkway the “jewel of Sacramento”. The litter problem is out of control despite volunteers picking up trash and there have been numerous fires caused by cooking and human feces are found throughout the parks. Encampments next to public and private buildings are causing our neighborhoods to be called ghettos and now I live in what’s considered a “bad” area. If I didn’t grow up here I would have left already. I am constantly accosted by panhandlers asking for money. Please pass these ordinances so we can start to get a handle on the problem.

Sincerely,

Kimberly DeWein

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

From: [Jennifer Smith](#)
To: [Kennedy, Supervisor](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Board of Supervisor Meeting August 10th
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:28:27 PM

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Dear Supervisor Kennedy,

As the Chair of the American River Parkway Advisory Committee (I speak for myself as this was not an agenda item), I respectfully request the Board of Supervisors to protect and preserve the American River Parkway. The long-term health and sustainability of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries have long been in jeopardy. The destruction from fires and trash must stop now before it is too late.

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Jenny Smith, Chair and District 5 Representative,

American River Parkway Advisory Committee

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 183

From: [Mark Jaffe](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: ["S Jaffe"](#)
Subject: Board of Supervisors - August 10th Meeting - Agenda Items 2 and 3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:14:28 AM

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To the Board of Supervisors

My family and I live in Carmichael on River Oak Way on the river, and very close to Sarah Court park. This is strongly express our support for items 2 and 3 on the agenda.

The people who live on the river create a lot of garbage, start fires, leave dogs off the leash, use drugs and leave syringes on the river bed, use the river for a toilet, and create a very unpleasant environment for people who want to use the river for fun and recreation. It is very common to see drug transactions happening at Sarah Court park. When my daughter who is 15 wants to go down to use the beach near the river I no longer let her go alone. If she goes with a friend it is not uncommon for her to encounter

People living on the river and made to feel like she is an intruder.

Last month I found someone who had been living on the river climbed a fence and was then living in the back corner of my backyard. So now when my daughter wants to go in the back yard, I have to "keep an eye on her".

We moved here 3 years ago and 100%, the beauty of the river and the area was the reason. Please take action to ensure that this beautiful resource and area is not ruined.

Mark Jaffe
5947 River Oak Way

From: [Antony Smith](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Rich Desmond](#)
Subject: Board of Supervisors Meeting August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 6:56:17 PM

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I support the proposed amendments to the County Code under Items 2 and 3 of the August 10, 2022 meeting.

I realize that the problem is complex and other measures are necessary, including the provision of alternate locations for sleeping.

Antony Smith

8824 La Riviera Dr., # E
Sacramento, CA 95826

From: [Jack and Cathy](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#); [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: lweiland@yahoo.com
Subject: BOS Hearing, protect the parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:34:34 PM

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PLease sir, do what you can to protect the AR parkway.
The parkway is an unparalleled greenbelt in an urban area.
Imagine if Central Park in NYC was trashed with camps and fires.
The situation is out of control. Clear the camps

On behalf of my wife, daughters, myself, and all my neighbors on Primrose Way
95819
Jack Kemp

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 186

From: jeffba@winfirst.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Comments for August 10, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting at 2:00 p.m.
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:36:27 PM

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Hello Supervisors,

Regarding items 2 and 3 on the August 10, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting agenda I support moving forward and approving these items.

For over two decades I have observed the decline of the American River Parkway due to homeless encampments. It is past the time when action needs to be taken. We have allowed the most irresponsible members of our society to determine how government policy is set when it comes to preserving the jewel of Sacramento, the American River Parkway. It is time for those who are responsible and possess good judgement to take action to recover our parkway.

I support providing somewhere the homeless can camp with proper services to help them, but the American River Parkway is not that place.

Jeff Baldwin
Sacramento, CA 95833

From: [Jon Schwedler](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Comments in support of Prohibiting Camping in public/American River
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:45:05 PM

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Dear Supervisors-

I am submitting comments in support of amendments that would prevent camping in public areas and along the American River.

I have lived in Sacramento for twelve years with my wife and our two sons. In that time we have owned two homes, and currently reside in Sierra Oaks. My sons have attended public schools here, and both will be attending Rio Americano High School this year.

But to be frank we may not live in Sacramento much longer. I have invested in this city as a school parent, a coach, and help look after my elderly neighbors. But I do not feel like the leaders of this city are taking action to create an environment conducive to a positive way of life for myself and my family. The homeless and crime problems, and causal mental illness and addiction issues, are out of control, and have been for half the time I have lived here.

I used to treasure living near the American River as a runner and a fisherman. But not anymore. Now I have to dodge homeless encampments, trash, and suffering people who are living in a city that refuses to take the actions they need to help them. I have had insane homeless people throw rocks at me, witnessed them walking the trails with weapons, and had my children (who bike to school on the ART) tell me that homeless people have shouted threatening things at them. Neither my wife or I feel comfortable with her walking or running on the trail alone any more. And that's just on the ART.

And this problem, of course, is not just limited to the ART. It is all over our city, with homeless people creating blight, trash, and raving all over Sacramento. My wife went out to eat downtown last week and reported she had to walk past a homeless person laying in the street without pants on. How is it possible this is rampant this is how we're living in the capital of the world's 5th largest economy?

When is it going to end? I want to invest in my home; I want to put solar on the roof, I want to rip out our grass and put in xeric landscaping; I want to support local businesses and see them succeed. But unless Sacramento's leaders take steps now to prove they are going to change the living conditions in this city, I am going to move my family and business elsewhere. I've had enough.

Please take all measures possible, including the two measures under consideration today, to improve our homeless situation in this city, both for the homeless themselves (because truly what mercy can it be to keep people living in this squalor) and for the citizens and families working to make this city their home.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jon Schwedler
Sierra Oaks

ITEM: #2 [Introduce An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area](#)

ITEM: #3 [Introduce An Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway](#)

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Jon Schwedler
916/769-4728

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 188

From: [Michael Seaman](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Encampments and camping ordinances
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 4:40:48 PM
Attachments: [EncampmentsAndCamping_ordinance_ltr.docx](#)

The attached letter contains my comments on the two ordinances under consideration for the Boards' August 10th and August 23rd meetings. Please provide the letter for the Supervisors' consideration.

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Michael Seaman
Arden Arcade CA 95825

Local control was a good idea in 1776 and it still is
Energy efficiency 1st in the loading order.
Take a ski or snowboard lesson from a Pro.

Michael Seaman
2837 Merrywood Drive
Arden Arcade, CA, 95825

August 9, 2022

Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022, Timed Hearing Matters #2 and #3

Dear Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As an Arden Arcade resident, I am deeply concerned about the long-term health and sustainability of our local waterways, including our rivers, creeks and related tributaries. These channels provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats and foster healthy human recreation.

I have read County Executive Ann Edwards' memo to your Board concerning the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 9.36 of the Sacramento County Code related to fires, remaining in the Parkways between sunset and sunrise, and prohibiting camping or constructing, maintaining or inhabiting any structure or camp facility within the American River and Dry Creek Parkways. I agree with the proposal to protect the American river Parkway and the Dry Creek Parkway. However, I am concerned that the proposed ordinance would leave out the American River's tributary creeks: Steelhead Creek, Arcade Creek, Chicken Ranch Slough and Strong Ranch Slough. The issues – water quality, hazardous substances, garbage and debris, wildlife protection and wildfires - that drive your intent to control encampments and camping in the American River Parkway also apply to those waterways.

Those tributary streams are integral parts of the drainage network of the American River. They also provide critical habitat for several fish and wildlife species that are protected through the federal Endangered Species Act (Chapter 35 (commencing with Section 1531) of Title 16 of the United States Code), the California Endangered Species Act (Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 2050) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code), the California species of special concern laws, the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. Sec. 703 et seq.), and other related laws. To better understand the significance of these waterways and related public property, I urge you to read the comment letters submitted to the State Clearinghouse in response to the Notice of Preparation issued by the San Juan Unified School District for a proposed new middle school campus at the Creekside Surplus School site, which is bounded on the north and northwest by Chicken Ranch Slough. Of particular relevance is a letter from the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, which can be found at <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2022060230>. There was a similar letter from the Sacramento Area Creeks Council, which is available by contacting saccreeks@gmail.com.

I have also reviewed Ms. Edwards' memo concerning an ordinance amending Chapter 9.120 of the Sacramento County Code to prohibit camping and encampments on or near certain public property locations in the unincorporated County area. I agree with the rationale put forth therein. However, I encourage you to include the above tributary waterways in the scope of this ordinance as well. The Chapter 9.120 ordinance would, in the words of Ms. Edwards' memo, prohibit camping and encampments "Inside of, or within 30 feet of wildfire and flood risk areas

during severe weather.” I believe the threat of wildfire is not determined exclusively by “severe weather”, but is instead associated with our region’s dry season and is exacerbated by drought. I have attached photos of the burn scar from a fire of June 29, 2002 associated with an encampment on the banks of Chicken Ranch Slough on school district property at the Creekside Adult School. The fire happened around 3:30 a.m. during a time period of fairly mild overnight and daytime temperatures (not “severe weather”). It was made worse by some kind of accelerant, as one can imagine from the propane tanks in photo #3. A neighbor who was up at the time saw the flames and called Metro Fire, who contained the blaze before it could spread. But it could have easily spread (see photo #5) to other properties - including the significant eco-reserve that is the Creekside nature Area - because California is a tinderbox. And it could have been worse had it happened when no one was able to alert the firefighters in time or if the wind, humidity and temperature had been different. Climate change has extended the risk of wildfire across most of the year. Please ensure that the ordinance is clear about minimizing the risk of wildfires every day, not just during “severe weather”.



1. Chicken Ranch Slough burn scar 08/03/22. Damage and debris from this fire on school property on 06/29/22 have yet to be abated.



2. and 3. Encampment debris. 06/29/22





4. Encampment debris ~30 yards upstream from #2 & #3 06/29/22



5. Combustible vegetation immediately upstream from #4 06/29/22

As for the risk of floods, I urge you to protect the 500-year flood plain, rather than the traditional bankfull discharge (the 3-5 year recurrence interval) or 100-year flood plains when defining the “within 30 feet” no-camping zone. Intense atmospheric river events, brought on by climate change, have made the 500-year flood the priority for risk management at our region’s streams.

Also, the proposed ordinance would ban encampments and camping within 25 feet of youth-serving facilities, defined as public or private primary or secondary schools and public libraries. Surely the County must be aware that children also use local parks. My community has parks equipped with play structures, playing courts and fields, open fields, pathways, picnic areas, community centers, a fishing pond, a pre-school and a swimming pool – all of which are used by children. Strong Ranch Slough runs through one of parks (the one with the pre-school and the swimming pool) and Chicken Ranch Slough runs through the other two. It is hard to believe the Supervisors want to protect children who use public schools and libraries, but not protect children who use parks. Youth-serving parks should be included by the ordinance. I also believe 25-feet is not an adequate distance for separating youth-serving facilities from the adverse exposures the ordinance would intend to address. The zone should be greatly increased.

The ubiquitous nature of our region’s encampments-and-camping situation is unsustainable and unacceptable. The damage done to our waterways by encampments and camping far outweighs the public purpose intended by the *Martin v. City of Boise* decision. The tributary waterways are integral parts of the American River Parkway system they run through neighborhood parks that are frequented by children and are part of our region’s critical infrastructure. If it is worth protecting the Parkway ecosystem, then it is equally important to protect the entirety of the waterways that are part of that system. Please include the following in the proposed ordinance:

- 1) Designate all regional waterways as “critical infrastructure” to include not only our rivers, but also their tributaries, including creeks, sloughs and canals.
- 2) Pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, debris and the storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high water mark of all of our rivers and tributaries;
- 3) Immediately enforce all existing anti-dumping laws within 150 feet of the high water mark of our waterways, including but not limited to, California Fish and Game Code §5652; and
- 4) Advance and fund consistent creek, river and other waterway cleaning and restoration by our regional departments and agencies.
- 5) Recognize public parks beyond those in the Parkways, particularly those used by children, as being part of the county’s “critical infrastructure”.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the drafts of both ordinances.

With respect,

Michael Seaman

From: [Tracy](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Fw: Vote to PROHIBIT and stop camping in our river and creek parkways without permission
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:23:27 PM

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FYI -

From: Tracy
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:22 PM
To: SupervisorFrost@saccounty.gov <SupervisorFrost@saccounty.gov>
Subject: Vote to PROHIBIT and stop camping in our river and creek parkways without permission

Dear Supervisor Frost,

I am writing to ask that you vote to prohibit camping or maintaining any structure in our river and creek parkways.

I am a resident of Folsom, California living in the Preserves (near the Veteran's Hall). (I allowed your husband to place your large campaign sign on my corner lot lawn.) I live one block away from the entrance to the American River Parkway. I have enjoyed walking, jogging, and cycling along the parkway for many years. However, in the last couple of years, there has been an increase of undesignated camping and sleeping in our parkway, which has affected my use of the parkway and its aesthetic and environmental quality.

Unfortunately, I see an increase in litter on the trails including left sleeping bags, garbage, cigarette butts, and what appears to be human waste. Additionally, I have witnessed many people who appear to be "camped out" in certain areas that I used to recreate. I no longer feel safe exercising on the trails, nor comfortable that the area is kept in sanitary conditions to picnic or sit and rest.

My husband and I enjoy camping and are surprised and perplexed that people may be allowed to just camp for free without any rules or expectations to keep the area clean, safe, and preserved for future use.

I implore you to PROHIBIT camping or constructing, maintain or inhabiting any structure or camping facility in the American River Parkway or Dry Creek Parkway, except with written permission from the Director.

Sincerely,

Tracy Wetzel

From: [BigbmanComcast](#)
To: [Rich Desmond](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Hearing Matters #2 & #3 Wednesday August 11th, 2022 2:00pm
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:21:01 PM

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From: BigbmanComcast <bigbman@comcast.net>
Date: August 9, 2022 at 7:08:29 PM PDT
To: Rich Desmond <RichDesmond@saccounty.net>
Cc: BoardClerk@saccounty.net
Subject: Parkway Camping Ordinance

Supervisor Rich Desmond,

I am writing in support of the ordinances being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping and fires on the American River Parkway.

There are multiple destructive issues on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover. The campers and camps are a public health hazard, along with the physical destruction to the Parkway.

Implementation and enforcement of these ordinances will be essential to saving this incredible resource for the general public.

Thank you,

Brian McElligott
4347 Stollwood Drive
Carmichael, CA 95608
916 257-4432

From: [Scott Brownholtz](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Homeless Ordinance Comments
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 8:59:04 AM

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Board of Supervisors Meeting
8/10/2022

- [Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area](#)
- [Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway.](#)

I have been a proud Carmichael resident for 22 years...recently the homeless crisis has reduced all the Carmichael has to offer. This is a health and safety issue. We need boundaries that protect the tax-paying law-abiding citizens. I am in FULL support of the above ordinances.

Sincerely,

Scott Brownholtz

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 192

From: [Tina Royer](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: In support of Issues #1 and #2 on 8/10/22 Agenda
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:33:43 AM

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Please accept this email in support of the above referenced agenda items.

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 193

From: [Maria Patrone](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Item 2, Item 3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:15:48 AM

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Hello,

I am lending my support for Item 2 and Item 3 regarding the proposals concerning encampments of the homeless population. While I support resources for homeless integrating the homeless back into society and restoring their dignity, it should be done in a suitable location with all encompassing services. Steps, if you will, out of homelessness. Perhaps a campus in a remote location, not blocking city sidewalks, streets, walking/cycling paths, or near any vulnerable site. Additionally, the general population should be free from having this situation dumped on their doorsteps due to the feckless handling our city/state leaders have thus far produced. Again, I support Item 2 and Item 3.

Maria Patrone

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Beth TenPas](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Item 3 August 10 Board Meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 8:23:53 AM

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Supervisors,
Regarding an ordinance to prohibit overnight camping on the American River Parkway:

I'm in support of protecting that sensitive environment as well as keeping the space safe for public use; **but only if the County provides substantial alternatives for the people** that have been living there. The Sacramento City Council is calling for your help, as are many of your constituents. Please fund community efforts to address this issue.

Here is an excerpt from the Sac Bee today:

A measure that aims to compel the city of Sacramento to create more shelter for homeless residents will remain on the November ballot, but it will only go into effect if Sacramento County leaders also agree to increase homeless services. The Sacramento City Council late Tuesday voted 7-2 to amend a ballot measure they previously agreed to send to voters, reflecting concerns that it could succeed as designed only with support county-run social services. "Moving people around in circles is not homeless services," Councilwoman Angelique Ashby said. "We need mental health, we need child services, we need domestic violence ... we need resources. That means we need the county."

ARP funding is available to fund efforts, and the people of Sacramento County are eager for you to help our fellow residents.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth TenPas
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From: [Diane Deterding](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Items #2 & #3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:43:31 AM

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I am writing in support of items #2 & #3. It is imperative for the health of our children, our businesses and our community, that you pass these items. It is time to clean up our streets and our parkway.

Thank you,
Diane Deterding

From: [Anthony DeRiggi](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Lower American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:31:13 PM

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Dear Supervisor Serna,

As a resident of your district, I am concerned by the lack of attention to protect the American River Parkway, a State and Federally designated Wild and Scenic River. The long-term health and sustainability of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries have long been in jeopardy.. Our local waterways provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats, and foster healthy human recreation to all socio-economic members of our community on an equal basis. The American River Parkway gets 8 million visitor days a year. It is the crown jewel of our region.

The riparian system of our waters and parkways are full of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped garbage.

I request that you initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

- 1) Designate all regional waterways as "critical infrastructure" to include not only our rivers, but also their tributaries, including creeks, sloughs and canals.
- 2) Pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, debris and the storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high water mark of all of our rivers and tributaries;

Sincerely,
Anthony DeRiggi, MD
932 46th St
Sacramento 95819

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 197

From: [Teeann Duncan](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Meeting Aug 10, 2022 - Items 2 and 3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:31:04 PM

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Meeting Aug 10, 2022 - Items 2 and 3

It is very important to pass these ordinances to protect our public property and parkway from the negative impact of homeless camps.

Teeann Duncan

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 198

From: [Jim Cralle](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Ordinance Related to Parkways
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 11:23:25 PM

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The Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce supports passage of Item#3 on the agenda to provide the County the necessary enforcement to control the issues related to the homeless encampments on the American River Parkway between Sunrise and Sunset Avenues.

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Jim Cralle
President,
Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce
916 944 1707 Bus.
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From: [yaquimorey](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:09:23 PM

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August 10, 2022
Item #1 & Item#2

I have lived in the Carmichael area basically my entire life. I now own a home in Carmichael. In the last few years the homelessness has gotten out of hand. I cannot go to the nearby grocery stores without seeing homeless encampment and all the filth that comes with it. Anywhere I go in the area the problem exists.

But my biggest concern is the fact that I am having to deal with it literally in my own backyard. I have a utility box at back fence. I have had homeless people camping there. They have attached their "tents" to my fence. They smoke drugs and do their bodily functions there as well. They have also stayed across the street at a semi vacant office building. I have found used needles, crack pipes and Marijuana in my driveway on the sidewalk and in the area where the utility box is. All of this is in the "heart" of Carmichael. The average home value is between \$400k to \$800k, we have a higher class Senior residence a block away. We live on a street which is the direct path to the neighborhood High School, we also have students walking to other nearby neighborhood schools. These children will have to pass by all this, luckily I am the one who found the drugs and not the children. I have no idea if these drugs were laced with fentanyl or something else. The street for which I am referring to is Engle Ave. It is not public parks this my home, my neighborhood. I have attached pictures and videos of some of what we have had to deal with in just the last few months.

This has got to be fixed!! I know none of you would want this in your backyard, so please don't let one of the oldest most prestigious neighborhoods in Sacramento County fall to the wayside. We are counting on you.

Thank you,
Sandra Morey
Carmichael resident

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 200

From: [BigbmanComcast](#)
To: [Rich Desmond](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Parkway Camping Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:08:31 PM

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Supervisor Rich Desmond,

I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure.

There are multiple destructive issues on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover. The campers and camps are a public health hazard, along with the physical destruction to the Parkway.

Implementation and enforcement of this ordinance will be essential to saving this incredible resource for the general public.

Thank you,

Brian McElligott
4347 Stollwood Drive
Carmichael, CA 95608
916 257-4432

Thanks,

Brian McElligott
916 257-4432

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 201

From: [James Koppert](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Parkway Vote
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 6:19:57 PM

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The current situation along the American River Parkway is unsafe, unacceptable and a complete embarrassment to all of us who love the Sacramento area and cannot believe what has been allowed to occur to this regional treasure...
DO SOMETHING!

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 202

From: [Hazel Watson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Proposed camping ordinance
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 7:37:52 AM

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Please do not criminalize poverty. Do not pass anti-camping ordinances. Instead focus on providing services to people and building affordable housing.

From: [Carolyn Bahl](#)
To: [Rich Desmond](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Proposed ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:28:54 PM

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Dear Supervisor Desmond,

I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. This support is based on the contingency that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wrap-around services for the unhoused – especially for those living on the Parkway – a priority.

There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines.

Personally, it has made a big difference in my use of the Parkway. For the past 30 years I have walked, hiked, and cycled along the American River Parkway. I now have to limit where and when I can enjoy the parkway due to safety concerns. The amount of trash has grown astronomically and there is destruction of habitat. What was once a gem of Sacramento has become an eyesore in places.

While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, we will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Without this element, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem. And shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Carolyn A Bahl

From: [Harry Struthers](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [DLR](#); [Vince Jacobs](#); [Harry Struthers](#)
Subject: Public Comment -
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:50:01 AM

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For the 2pm Wed Sept 10 Board Meeting, we wish to make the following statement relating to Agenda Items 2 & 3 - Camping and Encampments on unincorporated lands - American River Parkway:

We believe we are at a tipping point in the long term protection of the American River Parkway. If clear and effective steps are not taken now to protect these areas, we believe our ability to do so will be lost indefinitely, That would be tragic. Please vote in favor of these two agenda proposals. Thank you. Harry and Linda Struthers 28 Covered Bridge Road. Carmichael, CA 95608.

From: [Leah Burdick](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment for August 10th Meeting
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:29:30 PM

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Hello,

I am a constituent of Supervisor Rich Desmond.

This is regarding the August 10 meeting where the following items will be addressed:

ITEM: #2 Introduce An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area

ITEM: #3 Introduce An Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway

I write this email in favor of these ordinances and Rich Desmond's position. The challenges with the unhoused must be addressed. In the six years I've lived in this area, homelessness gets worse and worse with encampments along popular streets in the area. It not only creates litter and detracts from the value of our neighborhood, but it also puts the unhoused at risk of being hit by vehicles.

It's time that we protect our residents and businesses from this seemingly unchecked issue. For that, I support passing both ordinances noted in items #2 and #3.

Thank you,
Leah Burdick
Arden Park

From: [Brenda Gustin](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Public Comment for Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:08:40 PM

Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Native Sacramentan, I am deeply concerned about the long term health and sustainability of our waterways and how little attention is being paid to preserve the American River, a State and Federally designated [Wild and Scenic River](#), a designation given to only a fraction of one percent of rivers nationwide remain wild and free; a the crown jewel of our region with 8 million visitor days a year. Yet, the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries have long been in jeopardy with little county response and are now becoming the home for illegal "campers".

Our local waterways provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats, and foster healthy human recreation to all socio-economic members of our community on an equal basis. This is deeply troubling. You must protect and preserve these waterways.

Abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped garbage is polluting the riparian system of our waters and parkways with toxic and pathogenic wastes. Citizens and local volunteer groups such as [Preserve the American River](#), [Save the American River Association](#) and [Sacramento Picks It Up](#) combined with many others implore the County to clean up and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries. Weekly, groups like these retrieve carpet, cloth tarps, and clothing debris that accumulate in the waterways and "armor" the bottom of the channels preventing the free exchange of oxygenated water to support aquatic life.

All along the American River and its tributaries such as Arcade Creek and Steelhead Creek illegal re-occupancy and re-accumulation of garbage, household furnishing, electronics, tires, shopping carts and other waste is dumped into the Parkway's ecological system and is suffocating them with toxic pathogens that are leaching into our surface and groundwater supplies. The government response has seemingly been impotent while public volunteer cleanup efforts are thwarted by this continuing behavior. These existing conditions are inexcusable.

The failure of our leaders to take necessary action to stem this problem and its recurrence is unacceptable.

I respectfully request that you immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

- 1) Designate all regional waterways as “critical infrastructure” to include not only our rivers, but also their tributaries, including creeks, sloughs and canals.
- 2) Pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, debris and the storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high water mark of all of our rivers and tributaries;
- 3) Immediately enforce all existing anti-dumping laws within 150 feet of the high water mark of our waterways, including but not limited to, California Fish and Game Code §5652; and
- 4) Advance and fund consistent creek, river and other waterway cleaning and restoration by our regional departments and agencies.
- 5) Create plans to care for the increasing number of people camping along our waterways, streets, highways and roadways. Cities like Austin, Texas, have created innovative and successful models for mitigating homelessness. Their [Community First! Village](#) program, for example, is a supportive community for men and women coming out of chronic homelessness.
- 6) Invest tax dollars to implement expansion of the numerous successful programs helping the poverty stricken population and enforce existing laws for illegal camping and dumping.
- 7) Invite media to utilize its power to report on successful programs and educate local citizens with action steps and solutions to aid the truly homeless and hopeless people we witness on our streets daily.

Citizens educated with solutions can guide people to existing services and engage in helping these services and its recipients thrive.

Please rectify the existing damage due to the abandonment of the duty to protect these vital community assets and pass and enforce regulations to ensure this destruction is never repeated. Thank you for listening, and I am here to help.

Sincerely,

Brenda Gustin

Concerned Citizen

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 207

From: [Katie Pavy](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment Items 2 and 3 Board of Supervisors Meeting 8/10
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 8:58:43 PM

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Hello,

My name is Katie and I am a medical student at California Northstate University. I oppose Items 2 and 3 on the 8/10/2022 agenda. These ordinances are not genuine attempts to address homelessness; rather, they further criminalize our unhoused neighbors. Many supporters of these items are concerned about the environmental and public health impacts of encampments located on the Parkway. These hesitations are valid, yet the solution does not lie in criminalizing folks living on the Parkway. Instead, we should ensure current public restrooms are well-stocked and accessible to those living outside, or we should invest in portable toilets with hand hygiene stations for encampments. Under California's Assembly Bill (AB) 685, sanitation is declared a human right; however, the state has failed to uphold this right for its residents living outside. Additionally, Sacramento lacks adequate shelter space for unhoused people displaced under this ordinance. Furthermore, pursuant to *Lehr vs. The County of Sacramento*, the city would need space to store the belongings of displaced residents. Clearly, Items 2 and 3 will not solve the issue of homelessness in Sacramento. The solution to homelessness lies in housing and services.

From: [Sara Lennertz](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public comment submission: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 2:00 PM, items #2 and #3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 4:38:01 PM

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I am writing to submit public comment for the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 2:00 PM. My comments are in relation to items #2 and #3 and I fully support the enactment of both proposed ordinances.

I am a long term resident of Sacramento County, having lived in the county for a total of 39 years. I have resided in the Arden-Arcade area for the past 14 years and have been an avid runner and user of the American River Parkway for 7 years.

The dramatic increase in the homeless population over the past several years has been disturbing on multiple levels.

1) The number of people in extreme poverty and without shelter is unacceptable; no one should have to cope with such dire circumstances. State and local governments have a duty to establish systems to provide services and supports to homeless people including housing, medical care, mental healthcare, drug and alcohol addiction treatment, etc. However, we cannot sit on our hands while waiting for those systems to be developed. Action must be taken to protect our community now.

2) The increase in the homeless population has led to increased crime and reduced safety. Many people, including myself, no longer feel safe utilizing the American River Parkway due to the recent history of increased crime. I have observed, and reported to 311, several encampments on sidewalks in busy areas such as Marconi and Fulton. These encampments block the sidewalks, making them impassable for individuals with disabilities requiring walkers or wheelchairs and creating an unsafe environment for all. Encampments near businesses are also hurting the local economy. The Target store on Fulton and Alta Arden used to be a frequent stop for me; however, I no longer feel safe shopping there due to the encampments along Alta Arden and the criminal activity that has

spread from them to the Target store.

3) The natural resources in our community must be protected. The American River Parkway has been a refuge for wildlife and humans for decades, for centuries. It is a priceless resource that is being destroyed more and more each day as homeless individuals sully it with garbage, drug paraphernalia, and human waste. The American River is a water source for many in our region and the water quality has declined, the e-coli bacteria levels have increased, and the levees have been damaged.

For all of these reasons, I fully support the enactment of both proposed ordinances.

Thank you for your time.

Sara Lennertz

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 209

From: [Andrei Fintescu](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10, 2022 2:00 PM AGENDA- CAMPING PROHIBITED ON PARKWAY
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:22:37 PM

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Hello,

Being homeless is not a crime, and we need to make sure every unhoused person has a space to exist. But society also has the right to regulate its land use, and zoning laws have been upheld numerous times by the SCOTUS. The American River Parkway is land set aside for recreational uses, and I believe it is one of the greatest urban parks in America. The homeless encampments generating trash, fires, violent crimes, and disease are unacceptable in this location. I have volunteered for some of the river cleanups but have stopped because of the health hazard from profuse drug needles and human feces.

Sacramento is still rich in unused and under-used land, and the county must act now and designate appropriate places for the homeless, and even those housed in their vehicles, to exist. These spaces should be chosen to have the least negative impact on productive society while still allowing reasonable access to services and amenities. The American River Parkway is the least appropriate space for this use.

Thank you,
Andrei Fintescu

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 210

From: [Jennifer George](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public comment
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 4:35:53 PM

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I support items 2 and 3 of the agenda scheduled for Aug 10

Thank you, Jennifer

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From: [Tiffany Tran](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment: 8/10/2022 at 2pm, Items 2 and 3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 4:48:38 PM

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My name is Tiffany and I am a medical student at California Northstate University, and Advocacy Co-Chair of Sacramento Street Medicine. I strongly OPPOSE ITEMS 2 AND 3 on the 8/10/2022 2pm agenda. Both are attempts by the County to circumvent Martin v Boise — making people move with nowhere to go is cruel and unusual punishment. These two ordinances will do nothing to fix homelessness; only services and affordable housing will. The critical infrastructure ordinance is deceptive, as the County may overly define critical infrastructure so that our unhoused neighbors may be constantly confused about where they can sleep at night. The American River Parkway Ordinance does not have to be seen as an environmental justice issue vs homeless rights issue. People who live outside go to the Parkway so as to not bother nor be bothered by the general public, and County services such as sanitation and trash pickup can be increased in order to balance both needs. Additionally, the County does not have adequate shelter space for all of the unhoused citizens that these ordinances would displace. Again, the only solution to homelessness is to provide affordable housing and services, NOT criminalization.

Tiffany Tran

(she/her)

College of Medicine '25
California Northstate University
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From: [sa](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Re: Amending
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:05:50 PM

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For August 10 th Board Meeting

- Sacramento County Code Chapter 9.120 Item 2
- Sacramento County Code 9.36.058 and 9.36.067 Item 3

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On Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 9:01 PM, sa <dsmithee@aol.com> wrote:

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors,

We fully support amending Chapter 9.120 Of the Sacramento County Code, as described in Item #2 and as well amending Sacramento County Code Section 9.36.058 and 9.36.067 Item 3 as described.

Thank you for taking this on. Something absolutely needs to be done.

Darrel Smithee
Debra Smithee
2820 Carrisa Way
Sacramento, CA 95821

ITEM: #2 [Introduce An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area](#)

ITEM: #3 [Introduce An Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway](#)

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From: [Sharlene Smith](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Rich Desmond](#)
Subject: Sacramento BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 11:04:09 PM

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Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Sacramento County area resident, I am deeply concerned by the lack of attention to Preserve the American River, a State and Federally designated Wild and Scenic River. The long-term health and sustainability of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries have long been in jeopardy and the seeming lack of county response is deeply troubling. Our local waterways provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats, and foster healthy human recreation to all socio-economic members of our community on an equal basis. The American River Parkway gets 8 million visitor days a year. It is the crown jewel of our region. You must protect and preserve it.

Individual citizens and local volunteer groups such as Preserve the American River, Save the American River Association and Sacramento Picks It Up which combined and with many others implore the County to cleanup and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries.

The riparian system of our waters and parkways are full of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped garbage. Toxic and pathogenic wastes are being discharged into these waters. Carpet, cloth products, tarps, and clothing debris accumulate in the waterway and "armor" the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water to support aquatic life. The ecological system of our Parkway is suffocating, and toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Many parts of our riparian parks and channels look like dumps with water flowing through them. The government response has seemingly been impotent while public volunteer cleanup efforts are thwarted by illegal re-occupancy and re-accumulation of garbage, household furnishing, electronics, tires, shopping carts and other waste all along the American River and its tributaries such as Arcade Creek and Steelhead Creek.

The failure of our leaders to take necessary action to stem this problem and its recurrence is unacceptable.

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The existing condition is inexcusable. Please rectify the existing damage due to the abandonment of the duty to protect these vital community assets and pass and enforce regulations to ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Sincerely,
Steven & Sharlene Smith

From: [Lisa-Noelle LeGare](#)
To: [Nottoli, Don](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento County Board Meeting 8/10/2022-Agenda Items 1 and 2
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 8:31:12 AM

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Dear Supervisor Nottoli:

I am writing to express support for the two county ordinances prohibiting/restricting fires, camping and encampments on or near certain public property locations in the unincorporated county area, and along the American River Parkway.

Over the last few years, the homeless encampments have expanded along Folsom Blvd from the unincorporated area starting at La Riveria Drive to Bradshaw along the light rail line/Folsom Blvd., and private business perimeters, as well as on the American River Parkway.

I and others have tried over a number of years to identify problem areas where the homeless or transients set up what are now permanent camps/enclaves. These camps always seem to be set-up where jurisdiction and enforcement are ambiguous, and the enforcement buck gets passed time and time again. These enclaves are like homeless magnets where every day more tents and tarps appear, the individuals deal or use drugs, cook over open fires, accumulate an abundance of personal waste, trash and debris, and cause problems for local businesses and residents that are already under strain. The American River Parkway, long known as a recreational attraction, is now a place where heightened personal vigilance is necessary, and trash, pollution and crime abound. The fire hazard cannot be over-emphasized given the number of encampments where open fires and other unsafe activities are occurring.

The news reports on the Sacramento-wide increases in the homeless population only serves to emphasize that (1) what the county and other responsible entities (such as Sacramento Sheriff/HOT, Cal-Trans, MTA, SMUD, Sacramento Regional Parks, etc.) have been doing or are allowed to do is not working as a community solution; and (2) the citizens of Sacramento County are paying the price in increased crime, neighborhood and environmental deterioration, fire safety, and overall decline in quality of county life. I am therefore all in favor of County ordinance actions meant to dissuade the homeless from engaging in behavior and activities that diminish safety and quality of life for all residents of Sacramento County. One can only hope that the new ordinances with added prohibitions and enforcement teeth will help.

Lisa LeGare
Resident Tiffany Cordova Neighborhood
Sacramento, CA 95827

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 215

From: [Rachael Brown](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, Wednesday, August 10th, Agenda Items #2 & #3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:48:26 AM
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Good morning Board Clerk,

Please find the attached Letter of Support for the above-mentioned agenda items included in today's meeting. Please confirm receipt.

Thank you,
Rachael



Rachael Brown
Executive Director
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August 9, 2022

County of Sacramento
Board of Supervisors
700 H Street, Suite 2450
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: August 10, 2022 Board Meeting: Agenda Items #2 and #3

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express our support for the ordinances that will prohibit camping and encampments near certain public property locations and in the American River and Dry Creek Parkways. While these ordinances address locations outside the Power Inn Alliance's district boundaries, we recognize that this is an important step for the County to take.

As the region continues to grapple with the issues that homelessness and the pandemic have brought to our city and county, the reality is that this complex issue needs a variety of solutions. These ordinances are efforts to begin tackling the mounting concerns, and we think it is a step in the right direction.

Our business community is ready for solutions and eager to support local government when it acts. The discourse between the City and County has been frustrating to hear and watch as the situation worsens. We expect more productive collaboration from our leaders on this critical priority for the people who elected you. In conclusion, we are offering our support for these ordinances and hope this is the beginning of more solutions for this pressing issue.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachael Brown".

Rachael Brown, Executive Director
Power Inn Alliance

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ADVOCACY

ECONOMY

TRANSPORTATION

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From: [Roxanne Knight](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento county BOS Meeting 8/10/22
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 6:16:33 AM

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Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Sacramento-area resident, I am deeply concerned about the long-term health and sustainability of our local waterways, including the rivers, creeks and other tributaries. These channels provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats and foster healthy human recreation.

I am also a volunteer with a local group that has been feverishly attempting to clean and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries. Since March 2021, this group has removed over 700,000 pounds of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped debris from our waters and parkways. Every day, toxic and pathogenic wastes are also being discharged into these waters and adjacent soils causing long-term damage. Textiles and other debris accumulate in these areas, armor the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water needed to support aquatic life. Our ecological systems are literally suffocating while toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Tragically, some of these channels have already become solid waste sites, as evidenced by our recent 2-day cleanup that spanned a mere 1100 feet of Arcade Creek near Rio Linda Blvd, or 1.2% of the 16.2 mile creek. During the event, volunteers manually removed over 12,000 pounds of debris from this small section of creek (video: https://youtu.be/KUx_JhrcV68).

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The current contamination of our waters and soils is an inexcusable, ecological travesty. Therefore, I implore you to take immediate action to rectify the damage inflicted by years of neglect and abandonment and ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Sincerely and Urgently,

Kevin and Roxanne Knight
3947 Garden Hwy
Sacramento, CA 95834

From: [Carolyn Lewis](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellis, Liz](#); [Dan](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, 8-10-22
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 8:55:45 AM

Dear Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

I have been a Sacramento County area home owner and business owner since 1987. I have ridden and hiked the river bike and walking trails for more than 30 years, and as a member of the American River Bike Patrol, I daily see serious problems brought by unhoused camping on the American River Parkway. There have been fires, sewage waste, public bad behavior and more due to these camps.

I am deeply concerned by the lack of attention to Preserve the American River, a State and Federally designated Wild and Scenic River. The long-term health and sustainability of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries have long been in jeopardy and the seeming lack of county response is deeply troubling. Our local waterways provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats, and foster healthy human recreation to all socio-economic members of our community on an equal basis. The American River Parkway gets 8 million visitor days a year. It is the crown jewel of our region. You must protect and preserve it.

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Sincerely,

Carolyn Lewis, Board Member
American River Bike Patrol

Carolyn Lewis, Owner
Canine Behavior Specialist



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From: [Lori Alvi](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:14:25 AM

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

You must prevent the law-abiding, tax-paying residents of this county from being marginalized by the homeless crisis. The fact that I, and my neighbors, must pass a minimum of 4 separate large homeless encampments within a .5 mile radius of my home is unacceptable and an embarrassment (near Winding Way and Auburn Blvd.). These encampments include pedophiles who have not registered a location as sex offenders (no "residence"), active drug users (we have found used needles on the ground), and leave literally tons of garbage and human waste. Seriously? Everyone agrees these people need access to services, if they are willing and able to comply with the requirements. But things cannot stay where they are! We have started dreaming of moving out of Sacramento County due to this single reason, and it will be a sad day when we are forced to leave. You have the support of your constituents to address the issue - you just need the courage and creativity to do it. Offer the services, if they are not utilized, the camps need to abide by the law and leave.

Lori Alvi
4351 Dartmouth Drive
Sacramento, CA 95841

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Sincerely and Urgently,

Lori Alvi

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To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bell, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:04:20 AM

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Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

In 1982 while stationed at Mather Field AFB I became a Sacramento County area resident and have lived in my current residence since 1983 because of my easy access to walk to the American River Parkway. Over the last decade I have noticed a continual decay of the American River Park Way, and for that reason I have decided to voice my concerns on the need to preserve this endangered National Beauty.

Within the last few years, I learnt the American River is part of the National Wild and Scenic River System. This parkway is a crown jewel that attracts people from around the world who enjoy exploring all the attributes this river has to offer from the scenic views, rafting down the river, biking, the trails, fishing, and photographing or painting views from this National Treasure.

It is imperative that the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors immediately step in and stop the deterioration before it is too late. Your action is immediately needed to protect long-term health and sustainability of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries for our future generation to enjoy.

I have learnt this waterway is vital to the local communities as it provides 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats, and foster healthy human recreation to all socioeconomic members of our community on an equal basis.

The American River Parkway pumps money into our local businesses, providing much needed jobs and tax revenue with 8 million visitor days a year. It is the crown jewel of our region. You must protect and preserve it now, rather than later.

As service needs arose individual citizens and local volunteer groups have stepped in to provide needed services to protect and preserve the American River and the tributaries. The local groups, Preserve the American River, Save the American River Association and Sacramento Picks It Up combined and with others, the County needs to take swift and decisive action to establish procedures to stop the abuse of the land. Your actions with help cleanup and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries.

The riparian system of our waters and parkways are full of abandoned encampments, trash, and illegally dumped garbage. These activities discharge toxic and pathogenic wastes into these waters. Carpet, cloth products, tarps, and clothing debris accumulate in the waterway and "armor" the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water to support aquatic life. The ecological system of our Parkway is suffocating, and toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Parts of our riparian parks and channels look like dumps with water flowing through them. The government response has been impotent while public volunteer cleanup efforts are thwart by illegal re-occupancy and re-accumulation of garbage, household furnishing, electronics, tires, shopping carts and other waste all along the American River and its tributaries such as Arcade Creek and Steelhead Creek.

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The existing condition is inexcusable.

Please, rectify the existing damage due to the abandonment of the duty to protect these vital community assets, and pass and enforce regulations to ensure this destruction never repeated.

Sincerely,

Helen Whelan-Bashaw
2600 Tierra Grande Cir
Sacramento, CA 9582
916-205-3552

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From: [peter.medler](#)
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Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022

Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Sacramento County area resident, I am deeply concerned. As many other letters have documented the details of the conditions, the damage, and the lack of action, I will focus on my personal thoughts on the subject.

The river systems in Sacramento are the number one most valuable asset we have in Sacramento County. If it was not for the rivers, Sacramento would not even exist. Additionally, this is California, the most environmentally responsible State in the country - its hard to believe this is a controversial issue. Yes, homelessness is a serious and important challenge, however we CANNOT let one problem multiply another problem, especially an environmental one - that is just sloppy and lazy policy. We must have mercy and compassion for homeless people, however, allowing folks to live in an environmentally sensitive and valuable area is total nonsense. If we lose our most valuable asset, we'll be helping no one including the homeless. Yes, living by a river is wonderful, every homeless person in the country should be so lucky. If nothing is done, however, BOTH problems will be greatly exacerbated. Sacramento is supposed to be smarter and more nimble than the larger California cities - do the right thing to protect our unique and wonderful part of the State!!

Sincerely,

Peter Medler

From: [Robert Sewell](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bell, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 8:19:42 PM

Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

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The existing condition is inexcusable. Please rectify the existing damage due to the abandonment of the duty to protect these vital community assets and pass and enforce regulations to ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Sincerely,

Lyvonne & Robert Sewell

From: [J Smith](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:26:14 PM

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Dear Supervisor Serna,

As the Chair of the American River Parkway Advisory Committee (I speak for myself as this was not an agenda item), I respectfully request the Board of Supervisors to protect and preserve the American River Parkway. The long-term health and sustainability of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries have long been in jeopardy. The destruction from fires and trash must stop now before it is too late.

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5. Convene public workshops that will help us all first, better understand the County programs that administer the \$181 million dollars invested annually in helping those in our community who need support, and second, afford the Sacramento region a collective opportunity to offer insights/input that might speed up the process of moving people off the streets and into housing and/or programs that address addictions and mental health.

I urge you to rectify the existing damage and pass and enforce regulations to ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Sincerely,

Jenny Smith, Chair and District 5 Representative,
American River Parkway Advisory Committee

From: [Darryl Schmidt](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Rich Desmond](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:09:16 PM

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Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Sacramento County area resident for over 25 years, I am deeply concerned by the lack of attention to Preserve the American River, a State and Federally designated Wild and Scenic River. The long-term health and sustainability of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries have long been in jeopardy and the seeming lack of county response is deeply troubling. Our local waterways provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats, and foster healthy human recreation to all socio-economic members of our community on an equal basis. The American River Parkway gets 8 million visitor days a year. It is the crown jewel of our region. You must protect and preserve it.

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Sincerely,

Darryl Schmidt
Gold River Resident 25 years
Mobile: 916-342-6151

From: [Greg Young](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 6:07:27 PM

Dear Supervisors,

I was made aware of your consideration at tomorrow's BOS meeting of adopting new regulations that would improve conditions along the American River, focused mainly on removing the camping provisions. As an active user of the Parkway, I have seen the situation of homeless camping, trash, and habitat destruction grow worse over the past several years. My wife no longer feels safe running along on the American Trail in the area between Howe and William Pond – a place she has used to run for well over a decade. And I had to literally tackle a crazed homeless man (on drugs) last summer while on a run after that man had thrown his bike at another jogger, knocking over the jogger, and was about to start beating the older jogger! The homeless man was arrested and the assault victim pressed charges, but I would guess that nothing ultimately happened and that homeless man is likely back along the river somewhere. I do not ever want to deal with that again. That is UNEXCEPTABLE that us law-abiding and tax paying members of the County that want to enjoy the parkway always have this threat and have to be vigilant while along the river! My business is also located near the Sac State bridge and we have had homeless sleeping and peeing on our balcony on several occasions. It is disgusting. And recently, a fire by the bridge was started by homeless – a fire that was right by my business (thankfully our tax funded fire departments handled the situation).

Please prioritize your constituents over the many drug-crazed homeless. In my opinion, the homeless epidemic is driven by a major drug problem – not a situation of being down on one's luck and needing a hand up.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Regards,
Greg Young, P.E.

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 225

From: [Scott Wells](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bell, Liz](#)
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Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:27:18 PM

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Sincerely,
Scott Wells

From: [Wesley Smith](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:05:19 PM

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I would also like to add that my daughters and I use the trail all the time and have encountered many frightening and discouraging situations. This is NOT the future we want for Sacramento and The American River Trail.*

Sincerely,
Tara Smith
206-619-4744

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Christine Jensen](#)
To: [Garcia. Marysol](#); [Halcon. Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava. Lisa](#); [Kennedy. Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost. Supervisor](#); [Nottoli. Don](#); [Haynes. Janna](#); [Bellus. Liz](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:25:59 AM

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Christine

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ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 228

From: [Theresa Wells](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bell, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10; 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:17:12 PM

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From: [Suzanne Latimer](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento County Supervisors Mtg- August 10, 2022 - Agenda Items 2 & 3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:01:12 PM

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I have been a homeowner & resident of College Greens East for over 26 years. During this time span I have seen many undesirable changes occur in our community, but nothing as concerning as the last couple of years have been. One of the draws to this particular neighborhood has always been the close proximity to the American River Parkway, which has always been touted as one of the Crown Jewels of our Once Beautiful City. I live right across the street from the river, and yet have NOT been able to access its once many amenities secondary to the many homeless vagrants that occupy & have completely taken over this once family recreational area! Families that used to walk their dogs, ride their bikes, or just plain get outdoors & enjoy the nature surrounding the river, no longer do so for fear of being mugged, raped or even killed by a drug addict looking for his next fix!! Additionally, because of the extreme drought situation facing us now, we have the added fear of fires started in the dry grassy area along the parkway spreading to our homes as well. Only a few weeks ago our fears were realized on my street, Rio Bravo Circle, when this occurred. Fortunately, it was a rare day when the air was still & the wind was not blowing all day, keeping the embers from flying up into all our beautiful but dry trees. Our hardworking first responders were able to contain the fire before it jumped to our homes. However the dense smoke filled the air & the noxious odor burned our noses for many hours afterwards, even inside our air conditioned house; making it extremely difficult for those of us that have breathing problems.

I understand that the entire nation, & particularly California, of which I am a native, going back four generations, is going through a very difficult time at present; and even though we have a surplus State budget, the trickle down effect of funds is not working as it should in our local communities. We have a limited support system for the unfortunate, TRULY unhoused citizens living in our County. I am all for using our taxpaying monies to assist those that temporarily need that extra assistance, enabling them to get back on their feet. Most of the needy families are happy to cooperate with those providers of service & get the help they need.

However, like the MAJORITY of our law abiding citizens, we would like it very much if our elected officials would stop pandering to the MINORITY and LISTEN to us!! We are tired of having the ner-do-well, law breaking, "homeless" druggies foraging our garbage cans, leaving a littered mess. After they illegally ride the Lite Rail out to our neighborhood from downtown, & meander down to the River, they are stealing items from our yards & defecating & urinating in our bushes. As well as camping out, or even breaking into empty homes that are for sale or rent. These individuals are NOT law abiding citizens down on their luck!! They are druggies looking for their next fix and/or the mentally ill who have slipped through the cracks of our social services system. Most are very aware that they are breaking the law & just scoff at us because they KNOW they can get away with it! As tax paying, & more importantly to you,

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 230

From: [Suzanne Latimer](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento County Supervisors Mtg- August 10, 2022 - Agenda #2&3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:27:01 PM

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Suzanne Latimer

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ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 231

From: [Geraldine Nicholson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: SAVE OUR WATERWAYS! BOS meeting 8/10/2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:18:47 PM
Attachments: [SPIU - BOS Email \(Form Version\).docx](#)

Please read my enclosed letter in support of the City, County - ANYONE - to take responsibility for keeping our waterways free of garbage to maintain the environmental ecosystem upon which all flora and fauna depend.

Thank you.

To: BoardClerk@saccounty.net

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halcone@saccounty.gov
SupervisorSerna@saccounty.net
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Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022

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I am also a volunteer with a local group that has been feverishly attempting to clean and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries. Since March 2021, this group has removed over 700,000 pounds of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped debris from our waters and parkways. Every day, toxic and pathogenic wastes are also being discharged into these waters and adjacent soils causing long-term damage. Textiles and other debris accumulate in these areas, armor the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water needed to support aquatic life. Our ecological systems are literally suffocating while toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. **Tragically, some of these channels have already become solid waste sites, as evidenced by our recent 2-day cleanup that spanned a mere 1100 feet of Arcade Creek near Rio Linda Blvd, or 1.2% of the 16.2 mile creek. During the event, volunteers manually removed over 12,000 pounds of debris from this small section of creek** (video: https://youtu.be/KUx_JhrcV68).

Exhaustive efforts to clean our waterways are frequently negated shortly thereafter by re-occupancy and the rapid re-accumulation of waste, garbage and personal property. This has recently occurred in countless sites along Arcade Creek, Steelhead Creek and the American River; areas that required thousands of volunteer hours to clean over many weeks or even months.

This situation is unsustainable and unacceptable.

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The current contamination of our waters and soils is an inexcusable, ecological travesty. Therefore, I implore you to take immediate action to rectify the damage inflicted by years of neglect and abandonment and ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Sincerely and Urgently,

Geraldine Nicholson
Homeowner, Taxpayer, Voter
Fruitridge Manor, Sacramento

From: [Michele Mariscal](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bell, Liz](#)
Subject: Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:54:07 PM

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Sincerely,

Michele Mariscal
Concerned Citizen Sacramento County

Michele Mariscal, CPTD
Prevention Services Department
Schools Insurance Authority
(916) 364-1281 www.sia-jpa.org

"One sees clearly only with the Heart. Anything essential is invisible to the eyes." -
Antoine de Saint-Exupery

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 233

From: [John M. Costa](#)
To: [Nottoli, Don](#); richdesmon@sacounty.gov; [Supervisor Serna](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: SUPPORT - Proposed Ordinance Prohibiting Camping and Encampments on the American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:27:41 PM

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Dear Chairman Nottoli,

I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. This support is based on the contingency that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wrap-around services for the unhoused – especially for those living on the Parkway – a priority.

There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines.

While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, we will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Without this element, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem. And shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need.

Thank you for taking the time and attention to this important community issue.

Sincerely,

John M. Costa
County Resident

From: [Ruth Janson](#)
To: [Rich Desmond](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [McClain-White, Renae](#); [McCarthy-Olmstead, Vanessa](#)
Subject: Support of Parkway Ordinance - homeless crisis in general
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 6:45:06 PM

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Dear Supervisor Desmond,

I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway.

My husband and I ride the main bike path often and sometimes hike and ride some of the side paths, or what's left of them that we deem safe. We are losing one of the jewels of Sacramento that make this area a desirable place to live. It is happening in front of our eyes everyday. It is no one's fault and everyone's fault. The majority of homeless that we have encountered along the pathway, frankly, seem out of their minds on drugs or mental illness or some spiral of both.

Despite what many of the advocates say affordable housing is not the root cause, nor sole solution to this crisis. This is statewide mental health and drug crisis and will need statewide resources – perhaps we need institutional drug treatment facilities for people who are clearly a threat to themselves, others and the community at large.

However, we, as voters and our local representatives, can't just clear them out of one area only to have them take over the parking lots of our local supermarkets, libraries and camp in local parks. Immediate shelter has to be provided that doesn't take 5 years to permit and cost 50 million dollars to build. There has to be support services but also law enforcement that doesn't allow shelter safe-spaces to become open-air drug markets.

Enough is enough. Carmichael is becoming depressing and it used to be a wonderful place to live. This is more than just an upscale, quality-of-life concern. If I and neighbors don't feel safe going to the closest supermarket, then it closes and we have another vacant lot that just attracts more homelessness.

I plan to contact you again on the homelessness crisis as it is my number one concern for our area.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I look forward to reading your response and hearing what measures your office and the other supervisors plan to pursue.

Sincerely,

Ruth Janson

Carmichael

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 235

From: [Joe O'Connor](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#)
Subject: Today's Proposed Ordinances Involving the Homeless Camps
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:29:54 AM

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Due to another engagement, I'm unable to attend the BOS meeting today, but I would like to express my support regarding two proposed ordinances involving removing homeless camps from the American River Parkway and other areas where they obstruct normal civic life and present a public hazard within the county. The problems these camps create are well known, so I don't feel the need to list them here. I also realize that the next step, dealing with the displaced homeless, will not be easy, but things can't continue on the current course.

Joseph O'Connor

From: [Kathleen Hart](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#)
Subject: Topic at meeting today: American River Parkway
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:46:02 AM

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To all:

I am interested in the topic for your meeting today regarding "Prohibition on camping or constructing, maintaining or inhabiting any structure or camping facility in the American River Parkway or Dry Creek Parkway, except with written permission from the Director." (9.36.083)

I support this prohibition on camping and/or constructing any structure in the Parkway. I support this action that will begin the process of protecting and preserving Sacramento's American River Parkway. The destruction from fires and trash needs to stop now before it's too late.

I live in Fair Oaks and can walk to this parkway from my home as I have on many occasions since I moved here over 34 years ago. My family has enjoyed this amazing area filled with incredible beauty. For several years, I have become more and more concerned about the increase in trash, violence and camping with unlawful fires that could lead to a county-side tragedy if not curtailed.

Thank you for taking the time to ensure our American River and Parkway remain a safe haven for Sacramento residents, visitors, and the plants and animals that call our River Parkway home.

I also support the other ordinance that would allow the removal of homeless camps near sensitive infrastructure like schools and libraries.

Kathleen Hart
9133 Promontory Way
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

From: [Tracy](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Vote to prohibit camping in river and creek parkways
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:26:54 PM

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Dear Supervisor Serna,

I am writing to ask that you vote to prohibit camping or maintaining any structure in our river and creek parkways.

I am a resident of Folsom, California living in the Preserves. I live one block away from the entrance to the American River Parkway. I have enjoyed walking, jogging, and cycling along the parkway for many years. However, in the last couple of years, there has been an increase of undesignated camping and sleeping in our parkway, which has affected my use of the parkway and its aesthetic and environmental quality.

Unfortunately, I see an increase in litter on the trails including left sleeping bags, garbage, cigarette butts, and what appears to be human waste. Additionally, I have witnessed many people who appear to be "camped out" in certain areas that I used to recreate. I no longer feel safe exercising on the trails, nor comfortable that the area is kept in sanitary conditions to picnic or sit and rest.

My husband and I enjoy camping and are surprised and perplexed that people may be allowed to just camp for free without any rules or expectations to keep the area clean, safe, and preserved for future use.

I implore you to PROHIBIT camping or constructing, maintain or inhabiting any structure or camping facility in the American River Parkway or Dry Creek Parkway, except with written permission from the Director.

Sincerely,

Tracy Wetzel
1301 Young Wo Circle
Folsom, CA 95630

From: rogers91@sbcglobal.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Wed. Aug. 10 Agenda items 2 and 3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:32:26 PM

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Dear County Supervisors,

It's possible to have respect and compassion for the unhoused and also to believe that reasonable restrictions on their behavior are neither cruel nor unfair. **Please vote for the ordinances that will ban camping in our beautiful, fragile, shared public spaces on the Parkway.**

Amy Rogers
2740 Creekside Ln
Sacramento, CA 95821

From: [Christine Bagley](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Christine Bagley](#)
Subject: Agenda item #2 & Agenda item #3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:40:06 AM

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Homeless Ordinance meeting 8/10/22

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I have lived in Carmichael for 53 years. I am in Support of passing the below ordinance.

I have two legally blind Sons that the homeless have negatively impacted from an ADA standpoint.

My Sons are not legally allowed to drive and unfortunately navigating the streets of Carmichael as a pedestrian has proven unsafe. Both my son's walk to work and due to the tents on the sidewalk's, being constantly approached for money and/ or drug's They have had to modify their commute to navigate the dangerous sidewalk's. This has affected our entire family and negatively impacted my son's financially. My Son's are the true definition of vulnerable and they work full time despite their disability. The homeless have impacted their right to commute to work under safe conditions.

I am also very concerned about the environmental impact of the trash, feces, pollution on our river parkway.

My family and Son's both ride their bikes and they are blind and have had issues navigating the pounds of trash on the parkway.

I am in full support of passing the following ordinance

Homeless Ordinance Comments

- [Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area](#)
- [Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek](#)

Parkway

Christine Bagley

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 240

From: [Bruce Kennedy](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: American River
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:17:45 AM

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Dear Supervisors, please prohibit any camping in the American River Parkway. - Bruce Kennedy, 1600 Day Drive, Carmichael CA 95608

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 241

From: [Mary Jones/ Kingsley Macomber](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Rich Desmond](#); [Dave Reed](#); [vince.jacobs](#)
Subject: Item 3 on August 10 County Council Agenda
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:20:03 AM

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We are writing in support of Item 3 on August 10 County Council Agenda. This measure is desperately needed to protect the American River Parkway for all the reasons outlined in the staff report.

To cite just one example, so far this summer there have been 4 fires in the parkway started by campers that could have easily spread to our neighborhood if fire fighters hadn't been able to contain them.

Thank you,

Mary Jones
Kingsley Macomber
34 River Bluff Ln
Carmichael, CA 95608
Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 242

From: [candace furlong](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Item 3, prohibiting camping on the American River Parkway
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:34:04 AM

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I would like to contribute to the discussion for today's meeting, regarding item #3, overnite camping on the American River Parkway:

If campers move as they do, from one day to the next, both on the streets as well as the Parkway, this rule will just continue that unresolving crisis, adding to more frustration and lawlessness as campers move to avoid detection....

MY SUGGESTION is to use under-used lands along the parkway (like around CalExpo, miles 5, 6, around there) to provide a fenced, safe, patrolled area for camping. This should include bathrooms, showers, laundry, social services, and police (precinct on the campsite).

This would eliminate the fire hazards, as it would be monitored, patrolled, regulated.

This would meet with the Boise standards, by providing a place for unsheltered to go.

There are no residents around this area, so it avoids the NIMBY issues.

Thank you,
Jerry S Furlong
1401 Arroyo Grande Dr
9586
(916) 215-2169

From: [Jerry Blalock](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Medical Facility
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:10:34 AM

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Dear Board,

I am very concerned that so far no mention, that I have heard, has been made or action was taken by any gov't or supervisory body to plan for and to begin construction of a medical facility for the large number of homeless (I have heard as high as 80%) who have the medical, disease, psychiatric, etc. challenges that need attention. With the large budget surplus California has garnered this year it seems funds are now available - I am a bit frustrated that we can pour billions into a so-called "bullet" train, and "save" money by not building more much-needed reservoirs for water storage (not one in the last 40 years!), but a medical facility for the stricken homeless seems far from being on the books.

The two Ordinances mentioned under the heading of *Hearing Matters* are a great step forward in the beginning of some kind of homeless control.

Sincerely,

Gerald D. Blalock
4946 Marlborough Way
Carmichael, CA 95608
916-607-6460

From: [Da Bigwave](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Rich Desmond](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:33:01 AM

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Dear Sacramento County Board of Supervisors,
We strongly encourage you to support Item #2 and #3 on the August 10, 2022 Board of Supervisors Agenda. The two proposed ordinances are needed to prohibit camping near certain designated public property and to prohibit camping along the American River Parkway and Dry Creek Parkway.

We support adoption of the two ordinances for all the reasons mentioned in the public comments received in support of the ordinances that have been published in the August 10 Board of Supervisors Agenda.

We are sympathetic to the plight of homeless people but more needs to be done to ensure their encampments do not spoil our environment with trash and human waste.

We support relocating homeless people to county designated camping areas where basic sanitary facilities and trash collection can be maintained at County expense in an orderly and efficient manner.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,
David and Sharon
Fair Oaks, CA

From: [Timothy Fiock](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:31:49 AM

Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Sacramento County area resident and live-in steward of the Lower American River, I am deeply concerned by the lack of attention to Preserve the American River, a State and Federally designated Wild and Scenic River. The long-term health and sustainability of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries have long been in jeopardy and the seeming lack of county response is deeply troubling. Our local waterways provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats, and foster healthy human recreation to all socio-economic members of our community on an equal basis. The American River Parkway gets 8 million visitor days a year. It is the crown jewel of our region. You must protect and preserve it.

Individual citizens and local volunteer groups such as Preserve the American River, Save the American River Association and Sacramento Picks It Up which combined and with many others implore the County to cleanup and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries.

The riparian system of our waters and parkways are full of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped garbage. Toxic and pathogenic wastes are being discharged into these waters. Carpet, cloth products, tarps, and clothing debris accumulate in the waterway and "armor" the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water to support aquatic life. The ecological system of our Parkway is suffocating, and toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Many parts of our riparian parks and channels look like dumps with water flowing through them. The government response has seemingly been impotent while public volunteer cleanup efforts are thwarted by illegal re-occupancy and re-accumulation of garbage, household furnishing, electronics, tires, shopping carts and other waste all along the American River and its tributaries such as Arcade Creek and Steelhead Creek.

The failure of our leaders to take necessary action to stem this problem and its recurrence is unacceptable.

I respectfully request that you immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

- 1) Designate all regional waterways as "critical infrastructure" to include not only our rivers, but also their tributaries, including creeks, sloughs and canals.
- 2) Pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, debris and the storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high water mark of all of our rivers and tributaries;

3) Immediately enforce all existing anti-dumping laws within 150 feet of the high water mark of our waterways, including but not limited to, California Fish and Game Code §5652; and

4) Advance and fund consistent creek, river and other waterway cleaning and restoration by our regional departments and agencies.

The existing condition is inexcusable. Please rectify the existing damage due to the abandonment of the duty to protect these vital community assets and pass and enforce regulations to ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Sincerely,

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 246

From: [Lisa Williams](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Support for item #2 and #3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:28:34 AM

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As a citizen of Sacramento I am extremely disappointed of our city officials, what they have done to our beautiful city. Please vote to support item #2 and 3. It's time to step up and make smart decisions not ones of nonsense that you have been making in the past! It is disgusting, despicable and I am ashamed of our city. Please pay attention to what the people actually want! We work hard and we pay taxes to keep our city safe and clean. You are protecting the criminals and the people who are drug addicts on our streets instead of the people who actually are paying taxes and need protection. What you have been doing is clearly not working. It is not safe for homeless people to be walking in intersections or blocking sidewalks. They do not have the capacity to make deci to help themselves. The ones who choose this life to avoid the law should not be on our streets. Our children deserve better! I never thought America would have areas looking like India. It is awful.
Thank you, I am praying you make the right decisions.

Lisa Williams

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 247

From: [Jennifer Hall](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Support for Item 2 and 3 on the August 10 agenda
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:24:45 AM

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Hello,

I am a resident of Sacramento County. I walk regularly on the American River parkway and wanted to voice my support for the ordinances being proposed. I am supportive of item 2 and 3. I would like to be able to walk without fear of fire or harrassment during the day on the parkway.

Thank you,

Jen Hall

4884 Kipling Drive

Carmichael, CA 95608

From: [Hayes, Rebecca](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Rich Desmond](#)
Subject: August 10 Board Meeting in Support of Item 1 and 2
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:55:14 AM

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I am writing this email in support of

ITEM: #2 [Introduce An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area](#)

ITEM: #3 [Introduce An Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway](#)

I cannot express the angst that the homeless situation is causing in our community. I have lived in the area my entire life. I do not understand why we are letting this situation get out of control and ruin our community. Our river parkways are a mess.

Please! We need more laws to rid our streets of homeless, to protect our local children, and support local businesses. We need to support our law enforcement to help our community.

My family is hard working. I have worked and paid taxes here since I was 16 years old. Because we work so hard, we pay an extreme amount of taxes. I find it unfair that while we work and pay taxes, others can live free on our streets.

I am an educator. I worked in Grant Joint Union High School District for 12 years and have been at American River College for over 23 years. I work hard at being part of the solution. I help people in our community gain skills to achieve their goals and become a productive person in our society. Believe me when I say, I have helped many homeless students to help themselves and to see

brighter futures. I can absolutely say without blinking an eye, that letting people live in homeless camps in public areas is **NOT HELPING them**. It is **enabling** them to sustain a lifestyle of homelessness and not moving on.

We love to walk our dogs on the river trails. I can no longer go alone. I have had some scary encounters. It is **absolutely unsafe**, especially alone and for children, to take a leisurely walk along our beautiful river. It is soooooo sad for this community.

Isn't it time to be proactive? Much of the petty crime would not be committed if we cleaned up our community.

I hear the other side of the argument...where will they go? Well, where were they before? We are encouraging the homeless to come to Sacramento and enjoy a lovely lifestyle at our river. They are coming to the communities that allow them to stay. We feed them. We give resources to them. Their medical is paid for. They can put up a tent and live rent free. I would like to help and support individuals "in our community" that are having a bad go for a bit (in fact - we would have more money and resources to help them if the out of city and state homeless were not coming here), but it is not okay to make our community a destination city for anyone that wants to live the free life.

You only have to drive about 15 minutes in many directions to go to communities that are not "allowing" or putting up with homeless tenants. Drive to Wilton. Drive to El Dorado Hills. Why are those communities not littered with tents? **The community is not allowing it. It is an easy solution.**

At this point, the community is asking for something to be done. It is not fair to those of us that are working, paying taxes, and striving to live in a nice, safe, community.

I am in full support of Item 1 and 2.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Rebecca Hayes

From: [Marsha Lang](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bell, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:52:42 AM

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Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Sacramento-area resident, I am deeply concerned about the long-term health and sustainability of our local waterways, including the rivers, creeks and other tributaries. These channels provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats and foster healthy human recreation.

There are volunteers with a local group that has been feverishly attempting to clean and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries. Since March 2021, this group has removed over 700,000 pounds of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped debris from our waters and parkways. Every day, toxic and pathogenic wastes are also being discharged into these waters and adjacent soils causing long-term damage. Textiles and other debris accumulate in these areas, armor the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water needed to support aquatic life. Our ecological systems are literally suffocating while toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Tragically, some of these channels have already become solid waste sites, as evidenced by our recent 2-day cleanup that spanned a mere 1100 feet of Arcade Creek near Rio Linda Blvd, or 1.2% of the 16.2 mile creek. During the event, volunteers manually removed over 12,000 pounds of debris from this small section of creek (video: https://youtu.be/KUx_JhrcV68).

Exhaustive efforts to clean our waterways are frequently negated shortly thereafter by re-occupancy and the rapid re-accumulation of waste, garbage and personal property. This has recently occurred in countless sites along Arcade Creek, Steelhead Creek and the American River; areas that required thousands of volunteer hours to clean over many weeks or even months.

This situation is unsustainable and unacceptable.

I have become disheartened by the failure of our leaders to take necessary action to stem this recurrence and implement appropriate corrective action. Thus, I request that you immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

- 1) Designate all regional waterways as "critical infrastructure" to include not only our rivers, but also their tributaries, including creeks, sloughs and canals.
- 2) Pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, debris and the storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high water mark of all of our rivers and tributaries;

- 3) Immediately enforce all existing anti-dumping laws within 150 feet of the high water mark of our waterways, including but not limited to, California Fish and Game Code §5652; and
- 4) Advance and fund consistent creek, river and other waterway cleaning and restoration by our regional departments and agencies.

The current contamination of our waters and soils is an inexcusable, ecological travesty. Therefore, I implore you to take immediate action to rectify the damage inflicted by years of neglect and abandonment and ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Most Sincerely and Urgently,

Marsha M. Lang

Sacramento resident since 1974

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 250

From: [Noorafsha Khan](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Critical Infrastructure & American River Parkway - Meeting 8/10 at 2pm.
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:44:19 AM

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Meeting Date	08/10/2022
Time	2pm
Agenda Item	Items 2 and 3

My name is Noorafsha and I am a medical student at California Northstate University. I strongly OPPOSE ITEMS 2 AND 3 on the 8/10/2022 2pm agenda. Both are attempts by the County to circumvent Martin v Boise — making people move with nowhere to go is a cruel punishment. These ordinances will not improve nor fix the situation the unhoused population is facing. What will help is services and affordable housing. These ordinances will displace these citizens who have nowhere to go. Instead of implementing this "critical infrastructure" ordinance, the County needs to provide adequate shelter space as well as provide affordable housing and services, not this criminalization. This will only cause the issue to worsen. The American River Parkway Ordinance does not have to be seen as an environmental justice issue vs homeless rights issue. People who live outside go to the Parkway so as to not bother nor be bothered by the general public, and County services such as sanitation and trash pickup can be increased in order to balance both needs. Insufficient housing places a SIGNIFICANT burden on the community. Ultimately the ONLY solution is to create more housing - be it through construction of affordable housing units or taking action against the institutions who are creating the problem.

Thank you.

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 251

From: [SANDS KING](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: A letter concerning the Board's Agenda towards Homeless Encampments
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:08:01 PM
Attachments: [Community standards and problem solving.docx](#)

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I am writing to you in regard of Sacramento community's frustration at not being able to stem the increasing tide of homelessness-even though the county rolls out program after program, and builds interim housing, etc. This homelessness problem has nothing to do with building more housing. The problem is centered in mental illness, addictions, and no valid solutions that guide individuals back towards fiscal self-sufficiency.

A homeless encampment and metered housing present a horrible experiment for this community. The Carmichael region, over the last few decades, has always offered housing at lower rents to a large percentage of community members-in-need since the 1980s, if compared, in total, with the greater surrounding Sacramento region. To sustain an even larger portion of the community's population who have fallen through the net of outreach services is an unfair problem, that affects land values and personal safety, that slide backwards on an overwhelming scale.

Our community has many elderlies, frail residents, who have chosen to live here most of their lives with paid mortgages, and now are retired, with a fixed stable income. Our home, along with my neighbors in our collective area have been subjected to burglary, traffic hazards, harassment, needles, noise, feces, and the threat of fire from the homeless campers, a great majority of whom suffer severe alcohol and drug addiction and mental health problems. A portion of unsheltered people experiencing homelessness may be reliant on fires for everyday survival activities, sterilizing water, cooking food, along with keeping warm. And of course, these encamped practices substantially increase the risk of nearby brush catching fire with rapid and explosive spread. These fires are dangerous to the surrounding residences and endanger our local firefighters with a higher level of danger in extinguishing hard to reach locations. People experiencing homelessness and living in high-risk fire zones may miss emergency notifications and may experience challenges in safely evacuating, along with unknowing residents that are caught in the emergency. To subject all inhabitants to these risky behaviors are dangerous and unconscionable.

Syringes have been removed from the Carmichael Park, and various storm drains and utility manholes along Fair Oaks Boulevard. There has been an exceptional rise in the level of syringes within utility service manholes within the region in the past few years. The health risk to residents and utility workers are unacceptable.

Bicycle versus car accidents have increased in this local area, as some homeless population spontaneously elect to circumvent existing traffic laws and cross heavy traffic patterns that cause collisions, hospitalizations, and in some instances, death. Fair Oaks Boulevard is a major artery to the area, supporting heavy traffic flows.

A homeless centralization is not the answer to most individuals that need mental, and addiction services. This added step only delays service and impacts the entire region negatively with added costs and unnecessary dangers. prolongs the spiral in agony to both residents and homeless, promoting a gap, and an atmosphere of mistrust between residents and those camping in public thoroughfares.

Let us at least agree on the basic principle that drug addiction and mental illness are intractable problems that need different solutions, and these present policies do not address these issues, and only add distinctly with the immediate region's downfall. These problems, as they exist currently, only undermine the community's fiscal growth and tranquil security of residents with a problem that deserves more than a band aid, and a bad choice as a solution. Allowing encampments do not solve any issues that we are faced with.

A) ***Gas prices are "through the roof". Ordinances that pertain to sidewalk easement and right-of-way need to be properly enforced. Local business should not be impacted by people continually obstructing any sidewalk.

B) The provision in the infrastructure ordinance prohibiting camping near a 'youth facility' needs a distance of 500 feet minimum, for day care centers, if not 1000 feet which only aligns with current law that frames and protects public and private schools.

C) There is a current ordinance that pertains to blocking sidewalks, which results in an infraction. This law enforcement instrument needs to be promoted to a misdemeanor, in which reaches the correct level of guiding behavior and promotes safety- to an acceptable and normal community standard, that we are currently losing.

These conversations and focused problem-solving are a very good start. Any camping within residential and community property is not acceptable. A regulated and enforced area of shelter that falls within community standards, that controls criminal behavior is what everyone wants and needs that guarantees safety to all.

From: [John Malin](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #2 and #3, Wednesday August 10th, 2022 Meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:49:54 AM

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The county's plan to ban camping in the American River Parkway is an indefensible and inhumane abdication of the board's responsibility to pursue real solutions to homelessness, and will do nothing to address the rightful concerns of residents impacted by the presence of homeless encampments. This proposal seems to operate under the logic that if unhoused people are banned from existing in a certain place, they will then disappear into the ether, never to be seen again. We all know that this is not the case, and those unhoused people removed from the parkway will simply be living on the city's streets instead.

While inducing unhoused people to move into the city may allow the board to feel that they can wash their hands of the issue and continue to pass responsibility for dealing with the problem to the city, it will not solve the concerns of any of the residents who are supporting this measure, who will find that the encampments that were formerly located in the parkway, are now located on the streets in front of their businesses, schools, and homes.

I am understanding of the desire many residents have to see enforcement, but enforcement that is not paired with increasing humane shelter and long term housing solutions is not a solution at all. All this ordinance will accomplish is increasing the suffering of our most vulnerable neighbors, without making our communities safer, or preventing more and more people in our county from falling into homelessness.

I implore the board to rescind this proposed ordinance and instead engage with honest deliberation with the city of Sacramento, and other cities in the region, to address the real causes of homelessness, and pursue real solutions.

Last night the City of Sacramento, in pursuing an ordinance that is flawed in its own right but at least pairs enforcement with requirements for emergency shelter space, called for greater collaboration and cooperation with the county, which has more resources and expertise than the city for addressing the root causes of homelessness. The Sacramento Board of Supervisors must cease its shameful abdication of its responsibilities, and work with the city to be a partner in solving this problem, not just cynically picking it up, and moving it somewhere else.

-John Malin
Sacramento Homeowner

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 253

From: [William Hixson - SacHotelAssoc](#)
To: [William Hixson - SacHotelAssoc](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #2 and Agenda Item #3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:28:07 PM
Attachments: [SHA Letter to Sacramento County.pdf](#)

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Dear Chair Nottoli, Supervisors, and County Executive Edwards,

I am writing you today on behalf of the Sacramento Hotel Association and its 30 member hotels which employ thousands of Sacramento employees. Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis in the City and County of Sacramento, and today I am depending on you, my elected leaders, to act in the best interest of your constituents. This human tragedy requires swift action and any progress towards solving it is the right thing to do. I am in agreement that we need to preserve the vitality of the American River Parkway to ensure it is safe, environmentally protected, and can serve as an economic driver for the future. For this I applaud your willingness to take a critical first step and I support these items.

Sacramento County's unsheltered homeless population has risen by 71% since 2019 and this issue affects everyone in the region, from families, to small businesses.

However, as you are aware, in the absence of a legally binding partnership agreement between the City and County of Sacramento to address overall homelessness policy and response, there is no way to truly solve this crisis. Sacramento County is responsible for providing services including mental health treatment, addiction and detox services, child welfare services, etc., while the City of Sacramento can only provide shelter spaces and enforcement of its laws. To truly solve this crisis, I ask that the County Board of Supervisors and County Supervisor Edwards, negotiate a legally binding partnership agreement with the City of Sacramento's leadership.

With this said, passing Items #2 & #3 today is an important step towards providing safety for Sacramentans. I urge your yes vote for each of these items on Wednesday, and continue to respectfully demand your full partnership with the City of Sacramento.

Sincerely,

Will Hixson, CAE
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Sacramento Hotel Association



Wednesday, August 10, 2022
2pm County Board of Supervisors Meeting

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and County Executive Edwards
Sacramento County
700 H Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Agenda Item #2 and #3 – Proposed Ordinance to Prohibit Camping in the Unincorporated County Area and the American River Parkway and Dry Creek Parkway

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I am writing you today on behalf of the Sacramento Hotel Association and its 30 member hotels which employ thousands of Sacramento employees. Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis in the City and County of Sacramento, and today I am depending on you, my elected leaders, to act in the best interest of your constituents. This human tragedy requires swift action and any progress towards solving it is the right thing to do. I am in agreement that we need to preserve the vitality of the American River Parkway to ensure it is safe, environmentally protected, and can serve as an economic driver for the future. For this I applaud your willingness to take a critical first step and I support these items.

Sacramento County's unsheltered homeless population has risen by 71% since 2019 and this issue affects everyone in the region, from families, to small businesses.

However, as you are aware, in the absence of a legally binding partnership agreement between the City and County of Sacramento to address overall homelessness policy and response, there is no way to truly solve this crisis. Sacramento County is responsible for providing services including mental health treatment, addiction and detox services, child welfare services, etc., while the City of Sacramento can only provide shelter spaces and enforcement of its laws. To truly solve this crisis, I ask that the County Board of Supervisors and County Supervisor Edwards, negotiate a legally binding partnership agreement with the City of Sacramento's leadership.

With this said, passing Items #2 & #3 today is an important step towards providing safety for Sacramentans. I urge your yes vote for each of these items on Wednesday, and continue to respectfully demand your full partnership with the City of Sacramento.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Hixson".

Will Hixson
Executive Director
Sacramento Hotel Association

From: [Vicki Fargo](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:15:37 PM

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Dear Mr. Serna,

I have been an avid user of the American River Parkway for 50 years, hiking, cycling and kayaking. It is so very special to have a wild place to go to that is so close.

Thank you, as always, for taking the time to ensure our American River and Parkway remain a safe haven for Sacramento residents, visitors, and the plants and animals that call our River Parkway home.

Please Vote to prohibit camping and erecting anything along the parkway

Regards,

Victoria Fargo

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Rancho Murieta, CA
vicki.fargo@gmail.com
916-717-8720

From: [Greg Cowper](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:09:30 PM

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The best thing about Sacramento is the American River Parkway. Or rather it should be. Virtually abandoned by the city and county, it has been allowed to become a festering and dangerous open sore. For the twenty years that I have lived here there have been several proposed schemes to develop the park and clean things up but all for naught. I pray that this time we're going to spend whatever it takes and get the job done!

I implore you to please vote to ensure our American River and Parkway will remain a safe haven for Sacramento residents, visitors, and the plants and animals that call our River Parkway home.

Thank you

Greg Cowper
Portola Way / Curtis Park

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 256

From: [Janet Feil](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: american river parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:51:34 PM

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Thank you for voting to clean up the parkway. While the unhoused may have some rights, I do not believe that they should come at the expense of citizens who follow the rules and pay the taxes.

Thank you,

Janet Feil
Sacramento, CA
916-447-0707

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 257

From: [Karen Ganon](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Aug. 10 homeless ordinances
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:21:54 PM

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Please do NOT pass these ordinances until plans and places are set up for the people displaced. Thank you!

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 258

From: [Ruthel Hawkins](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10 meeting @ 2:00
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:53:07 AM

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Board of Supervisors,

This email is in regards to the Aug 10 meeting this afternoon @ 2:00

The agenda item # is 1 & 2

I am a homeowner at Mobil Country Club, in Rancho Cordova. I have resided at the park for 5 years.

My intention of this email is to voice my 100% support for the homeowners, who have tirelessly given their time and efforts towards the removal of the homeless encampment on Citrus Road, behind Mobil Country Club.

As senior citizens, and homeowners, we deserve the right to enjoy each day within this Park and our homes, without the continuous disturbances and ongoing safety concerns that are caused from this large tent community.

Sincerely,

Ruthel Hawkins
Mobil Country Club

[Sent from the all new AOL app for Android](#)

From: [Sara Pietrowski](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: August 10th BOS Meeting - Item 3
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:27:10 PM

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Supervisor Serna,

I am writing to urge you to vote yes on Item 3 on tomorrow's agenda.

As a Sacramento County area resident and your constituent, I am deeply concerned by the lack of attention to Preserve the American River, a State and Federally designated Wild and Scenic River.

The long-term health and sustainability of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries have long been in jeopardy and the seeming lack of county response is deeply troubling. Our local waterways provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats, and foster healthy human recreation to all socio-economic members of our community on an equal basis. The American River Parkway gets 8 million visitor days a year. It is the crown jewel of our region. You must protect and preserve it.

Individual citizens and local volunteer groups such as Preserve the American River, Save the American River Association and Sacramento Picks It Up which combined and with many others implore the County to cleanup and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries.

The riparian system of our waters and parkways are full of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped garbage. Toxic and pathogenic wastes are being discharged into these waters. Carpet, cloth products, tarps, and clothing debris accumulate in the waterway and "armor" the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water to support aquatic life. The ecological system of our Parkway is suffocating, and toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Many parts of our riparian parks and channels look like dumps with water flowing through them. The government response has seemingly been impotent while public volunteer cleanup efforts are thwarted by illegal re-occupancy and re-accumulation of garbage, household furnishings, electronics, tires, shopping carts and other waste all along the American River and its tributaries such as Arcade Creek and Steelhead Creek.

The failure of our leaders to take necessary action to stem this problem and its recurrence is unacceptable.

I respectfully request that you immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

- 1) Designate all regional waterways as “critical infrastructure” to include not only our rivers, but also their tributaries, including creeks, sloughs and canals.
- 2) Pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, debris and the storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high water mark of all of our rivers and tributaries;
- 3) Immediately enforce all existing anti-dumping laws within 150 feet of the high water mark of our waterways, including but not limited to, California Fish and Game Code §5652; and
- 4) Advance and fund consistent creek, river and other waterway cleaning and restoration by our regional departments and agencies.

The existing condition is inexcusable. Please rectify the existing damage due to the abandonment of the duty to protect these vital community assets and pass and enforce regulations to ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Thank you,

Sara Pletrowski
2240 33rd Street
Sacramento, CA 95817

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 260

From: [Joyce Seubert](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Board Meeting August 10, 2022: Agenda items 2 and 3 prohibiting camping in public areas
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:21:55 PM

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I am in favor of passing of these two ordinances in order to protect people and wildlife in and around the American River Parkway and other public areas. Camping in these areas causes myriads of problems, including contamination of water and land from fecal matter, dangers to public users of the areas from possible harm by campers, fire danger to the public areas and surrounding communities. These are just a few of the negative effects of allowing camping in such areas. It must be stopped. People can't even safely enjoy the river anymore. And who knows what negative effects, perhaps long term, it is having on wildlife?

From: [gmail](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [T Bunu](#)
Subject: Board of Supervisors August 10, 2022 2:00 PM agenda
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:10:19 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

This email is regarding the August 10, 2022 2:00 PM agenda.

As a member of District 3 as well as a parent of a child who works at In N Out Burger (store 276) located at 2001 Alta Arden Expy, Sacramento, CA 95825 I urge you to pass the two ordinances that would prohibit camping and encampments in certain sensitive public property locations to benefit our community.

Item #2: There are several encampments located on the south side of Alta Arden Expy starting at Cal Expo and ending at Watt Avenue. For example, there is camping on the sidewalk in front of the Goodwill and a large pile of trash blocking the bike lane near Howe Ave. You have the data of the fires and assaults in this location ... example: a few months ago a homeless person attacked another homeless person known in the area and set fire to his sidewalk camp on Alta Arden Expy across the street from In N Out Burger. The success of HBA demonstrates that customers (sales tax revenue) would increase if you helped to attract similar developments. Rancho Cordova, Citrus Heights (Bird Cage area), Folsom (Pallado area), Roseville (Galleria area) do not have the visible camps, graffiti (look behind Mimi's Cafe), blowing street trash (always), passed out people on the sidewalk & behind Mimi's Cafe, and groups of homeless congregating in the parking lot near the Guitar Center/Goodwill who cause problems at the local businesses and bus-stops. Sometimes I wonder if you want local community members to dine, shop, and purchase their cars from this location.

Item #3: The American River Parkway is often called the jewel of Sacramento; I agree. The community enjoys walking and biking on the trails and also volunteers to clean-up annually (parkway foundation). There was a fire near mile marker 11. I do not know who caused it. Many negative impacts will be eliminated if you prohibit free camping and encampments.

Respectfully,
terbunu@gmail.com

From: [cathy.creswell](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Kendra Lewis](#)
Subject: BOS August 10, 2pm Meeting Agenda Items 1 and 2
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:18:36 PM

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On behalf of the **Sacramento Housing Alliance** we urge the Board of Supervisors to reject both ordinances and instead work to develop immediate and long term solutions to the crisis of homelessness in our County. While the ultimate solution to homelessness is affordable housing, especially permanent supportive housing, we know that more immediate actions are needed to protect and serve those living on the streets and along the river. We appreciate the investments the County has already made in providing services and developing the Stay Safe Communities. However, these ordinances do nothing to reenforce those approaches and appear to be limited to enforcement and moving people regardless of whether there is a safe space, shelter or home available. The ordinances are not linked to increasing shelter opportunities or permanent supportive housing and will only force unhomed people to move further out of public view or into surrounding communities. We also believe the proposed ordinances are explicitly inconsistent with the County's housing element program and policies and the County's duty to affirmatively further fair housing. Sacramento County is facing an unprecedented humanitarian crisis that deserves real solutions; to get people off the streets and river parkways and provide permanent supportive housing. These ordinance do neither. We do appreciate the need to protect the environment and County infrastructure, but those protections should not come at the expense of our most vulnerable populations. Reject these ordinances and instead work to provide a real pathway home, to safe, service enriched shelters, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing.

From: [JHBS Eychaner](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: BOS meeting 8/10 Public Comments
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:11:50 AM

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Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
Meeting of August 10, 2022

Comments by Jim Eychaner
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Agenda item 2—Prohibiting camping

Proposed County Code chapter 9.120

The proposed policy is based on a clear concept but terribly vague geography. Before enacting this policy, the Supervisors should provide themselves and the public with reasonable estimates of how much land area would be affected and how much of the regulated area is now occupied by the activities to be prohibited. That is, does this policy apply to 100 acres or 100,000? Would camping activities be displaced from 10 acres or 10,000?

Equally, before enacting this policy, the Supervisors should provide an equal area of County property where the same camping activities would be permitted. You can't say

"they can't camp HERE" without also saying "they can camp THERE." Our unhoused neighbors will need just as much space to sleep, eat, and defecate tomorrow as they do today. The County holds title to at least 1472 parcels of land on the tax roll, not counting parcels held by the Housing Authority, Water Agency, and other County entities. Which of those parcels will the Supervisors make available for camping? A vague promise to decide that "later" is a clear decision not to do it at all.

Finally, the proposal protects whatever assets the County values at any time, but ignores assets an unhoused neighbor might value. The contrast of definitions is striking. Definition G "Facility" is broadly open-ended and could include essentially anything, because it uses the term "asset," which in military parlance is universal (places, things, people, ideas, or software, all without limit). In stark contrast, definition K "Personal property" is narrowly limited to "the following items" listed explicitly.

Agenda item 3—Regional parks

Proposed County Code chapters—

9.36.058 Fires.

Under proposed ¶ D, an automobile and its fuel tank would be prohibited as “a container with flammable or combustible liquid.”

9.36.067 Hours of Use.

Some of the most powerful personal experiences along the Parkways occur during the transition from false dawn to dawn to sunrise, as the overnight quiet slides away, the birds begin to sing one species at a time, the animals move toward their daytime haunts, and the light creeps across land and water. Proposed ¶ B would make illegal all those experiences before sunrise.

9.36.083 Prohibition On Camping

A. Findings.

Item 8 attempts to justify the proposed action as a means to protect “the health and welfare of unsheltered individuals camping in the Parkways.” As above under agenda item 2, you can’t say “they can’t camp HERE” without also saying “they can camp THERE.” Simply chasing unsheltered citizens away and confiscating their property is harm, not protection.

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 264

From: [Jerri L. Swoyer](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: comment for Aug. 10, 2022 agenda item
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:14:33 PM

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I am visually impaired and have not been able to find the agenda for today's meeting; however, I want to comment on items regarding homeless encampments. I am a resident of district 3.

I am very concerned with irreversible damage being done to our public infrastructure and environment. I am extremely concerned regarding pollution of our rivers and streams and fire dangers caused by encampments along the American and Sacramento rivers. This must stop. We must clean-up these areas and protect and preserve them.

I am also concerned regarding the unmitigated use of illegal drugs in and around these encampments. The danger to human life, both of the drug users and the surrounding communities is simply unacceptable and must be policed and eliminated.

Just moving the homeless from one area to another is hardly the solution and care must be taken to immediately provide adequate housing and treatment for the unfortunate. We have the financial resources to do this. Now. We need to stop wasting resources on studies and committees and construct adequate housing units NOW. Those who simply wish to flaunt the law and/or profit off the lives of the unfortunate should be dealt with like any other person who knowingly breaks the law.

Thank you for listening,
Jerri Swoyer

From: [Family Cal.](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: Destruction of the American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:03:50 PM

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Dear Supervisor Serna,

I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. This support is based on the contingency that the County continues to make the development of shelter and wraparound services for the unhoused – especially for those living on the Parkway – a priority.

There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines.

While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, we will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Without this element, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem. And shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,
Tim Kustic

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 266

From: [Rachael Brown](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#)
Cc: [Nava, Lisa](#); [McCarthy-Olmstead, Vanessa](#); [Hedges, Matt](#); [Sloan, Rebecca](#); [Riley, Keaton](#)
Subject: FW: Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, Wednesday, August 10th, Agenda Items #2 & #3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:53:31 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[PIA LoS - Sacramento County Board Camping-Ordinance 08092022.pdf](#)

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Good morning Board of Supervisors,

I wanted to send you our attached letter of support for today's agenda items. I look forward to hearing from the Supervisors after listening to last night's Council meeting. It sounds like there has been momentum towards an official agreement between the two agencies which would outline roles and responsibilities to combat the complex homelessness issue. I am eager to see what the two agencies produce and how the agreement is implemented.

Regards,
Rachael



Rachael Brown
Executive Director
p: 916.453.8888
w: powerinn.org



From: Rachael Brown
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:48 AM
To: BoardClerk@saccounty.net
Subject: Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, Wednesday, August 10th, Agenda Items #2 & #3

Good morning Board Clerk,

Please find the attached Letter of Support for the above-mentioned agenda items included in today's meeting. Please confirm receipt.

Thank you,
Rachael

Rachael Brown
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County of Sacramento
Board of Supervisors
700 H Street, Suite 2450
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: August 10, 2022 Board Meeting: Agenda Items #2 and #3

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express our support for the ordinances that will prohibit camping and encampments near certain public property locations and in the American River and Dry Creek Parkways. While these ordinances address locations outside the Power Inn Alliance's district boundaries, we recognize that this is an important step for the County to take.

As the region continues to grapple with the issues that homelessness and the pandemic have brought to our city and county, the reality is that this complex issue needs a variety of solutions. These ordinances are efforts to begin tackling the mounting concerns, and we think it is a step in the right direction.

Our business community is ready for solutions and eager to support local government when it acts. The discourse between the City and County has been frustrating to hear and watch as the situation worsens. We expect more productive collaboration from our leaders on this critical priority for the people who elected you. In conclusion, we are offering our support for these ordinances and hope this is the beginning of more solutions for this pressing issue.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachael Brown".

Rachael Brown, Executive Director
Power Inn Alliance

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ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 267

From: [SANDS KING](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Fwd: A letter concerning the Board's Agenda towards Homeless Encampments
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:42:53 PM
Attachments: [Community standards and problem solving.docx](#)

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Here is my letter in support of Item #2 and #3 for today's agenda with Homeless Ordinances**

Thank You for your time.

----- Original Message -----

From: SANDS KING <sstbeach@comcast.net>

To: "BoardClerk@saccounty.net" <boardclerk@saccounty.net>

Date: 08/10/2022 12:07 PM

Subject: A letter concerning the Board's Agenda towards Homeless Encampments

I am writing to you in regard of Sacramento community's frustration at not being able to stem the increasing tide of homelessness-even though the county rolls out program after program, and builds interim housing, etc. This homelessness problem has nothing to do with building more housing. The problem is centered in mental illness, addictions, and no valid solutions that guide individuals back towards fiscal self-sufficiency.

A homeless encampment and metered housing present a horrible experiment for this community. The Carmichael region, over the last few decades, has always offered housing at lower rents to a large percentage of community members-in-need since the 1980s, if compared, in total, with the greater surrounding Sacramento region. To sustain an even larger portion of the community's population who have fallen through the net of outreach services is an unfair problem, that affects land values and personal safety, that slide backwards on an overwhelming scale.

Our community has many elderlies, frail residents, who have chosen to live here most of their lives with paid mortgages, and now are retired, with a fixed stable income. Our home, along with my neighbors in our collective area have been subjected to burglary, traffic hazards, harassment, needles, noise, feces, and the threat of fire from the homeless campers, a great majority of whom suffer severe alcohol and drug addiction and mental health problems. A portion of unsheltered people experiencing homelessness may be reliant on fires for everyday survival activities, sterilizing water, cooking food, along with keeping warm. And of course, these encamped practices substantially increase the risk of nearby brush catching fire with rapid and explosive spread. These fires are dangerous to the surrounding residences and endanger our local firefighters with a higher level of danger in extinguishing hard to reach locations. People experiencing homelessness and living in high-risk fire zones may miss emergency notifications and may experience challenges in safely evacuating, along with unknowing residents that are caught in the emergency. To subject all inhabitants to these risky behaviors are dangerous and unconscionable.

Syringes have been removed from the Carmichael Park, and various storm drains and utility manholes along Fair Oaks Boulevard. There has been an exceptional rise in the level of syringes within utility service manholes within the region in the past few years. The health risk to residents and utility workers are unacceptable.

Bicycle versus car accidents have increased in this local area, as some homeless population spontaneously elect to circumvent existing traffic laws and cross heavy traffic patterns that cause collisions, hospitalizations, and in some instances, death. Fair Oaks Boulevard is a major artery to the area, supporting heavy traffic flows.

A homeless centralization is not the answer to most individuals that need mental, and addiction services. This added step only delays service and impacts the entire region negatively with added costs and unnecessary dangers. prolongs the spiral in agony to both residents and homeless, promoting a gap, and an atmosphere of mistrust between residents and those camping in public thoroughfares.

Let us at least agree on the basic principle that drug addiction and mental illness are intractable problems that need different solutions, and these present policies do not address these issues, and only add distinctly with the immediate region's downfall. These problems, as they exist currently, only undermine the community's fiscal growth and tranquil security of residents with a problem that deserves more than a band aid, and a bad choice as a solution. Allowing encampments do not solve any issues that we are faced with.

A) ***Gas prices are "through the roof". Ordinances that pertain to sidewalk easement and right-of-way need to be properly enforced. Local business should not be impacted by people continually obstructing any sidewalk.

B) The provision in the infrastructure ordinance prohibiting camping near a 'youth facility' needs a distance of 500 feet minimum, for day care centers, if not 1000 feet which only aligns with current law that frames and protects public and private schools.

C) There is a current ordinance that pertains to blocking sidewalks, which results in an infraction. This law enforcement instrument needs to be promoted to a misdemeanor, in which reaches the correct level of guiding behavior and promotes safety- to an acceptable and normal community standard, that we are currently losing.

These conversations and focused problem-solving are a very good start. Any camping within residential and community property is not acceptable. A regulated and enforced area of shelter that falls within community standards, that controls criminal behavior is what everyone wants and needs that guarantees safety to all.

From: sc0316@yahoo.com
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: Homeless vote on Wednesday
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 8:56:58 PM

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Hello,

My friends and I regularly use the equestrian trails along the American River Parkway.. Late last year a group of us were riding from William pond to Howe Avenue. In between Watt and Howe we were attacked and chased by a homeless man. There are a lot of dog walkers, joggers, bikers and equestrians that use these dirt trails off the main bike trail. They are often secluded and things happened down there with no one being able to see or hear what is going on down there. It is not safe. Please vote to disallow camping in the American river Parkway

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ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 269

From: [Twana James](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:02:53 PM

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I want to to talk for the homeless

From: [Nick Kufasimes](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: My Public Comment, Sacramento County BOS Meeting on 8/10/22
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:45:50 PM

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Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors,

I am now very deeply concerned about the long-term health and sustainability of our local waterways, including the rivers, creeks and other tributaries. These channels provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats and foster healthy human recreation. These areas belong to ALL of us and their preservation is imperative to a healthy and sustainable community.

I utilize the bike trail next the river, paddle board and boat on the river and cannot believe the destruction these unhoused camps have done to our beautiful riverfront and the negative impact it has done to our wildlife.

This situation is unsustainable and unacceptable.

I have become disheartened by the failure of our leaders to take necessary action to stem this recurrence and implement appropriate corrective action. Thus, I request that you immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

- 1) Designate all regional waterways as "critical infrastructure" to include not only our rivers, but also their tributaries, including creeks, sloughs and canals.
- 2) Pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, debris and the storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high water mark of all of our rivers and tributaries;

3) Immediately enforce all existing anti-dumping laws within 150 feet of the high water mark of our waterways, including but not limited to, California Fish and Game Code §5652; and

4) Advance and fund consistent creek, river and other waterway cleaning and restoration by our regional departments and agencies.

The current contamination of our waters and soils is an inexcusable, ecological travesty. Therefore, I implore you to take immediate action to rectify the damage inflicted by years of neglect and abandonment and ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Sincerely,

Nick Kufasimes

ESCA(East Sacramento Community Association) Vice President

MESA(Midtown East Sacramento Advocates) one of the founding members

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 271

From: [Sonny Cline](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:41:22 PM

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I am writing concerning

Prohibition on camping or constructing, maintaining or inhabiting any structure or camping facility in the American River Parkway or Dry Creek Parkway, except with written permission from the Director.

I am asking that you please push this forward and do everything in your power to put this in place and enforce it. I am very familiar with the people who live on the river as I practice medicine for a living and treat both the psychiatric illness and medical illness of these patients. I have done so for over 20 years. You must put limits on their behavior or it will cost our community, city and county much, much more in the long run. I am not just referring to financial cost but environmental, emotional health of the community in general, wildlife, property damage, the list is long. Also I would submit that if this were a corporation that was creating the same environmental impact that you would have already acted on this matter and in a forceful manner. Lastly I would point out that NY is a state very similar to Ca in regards to political climate and they have never allow Central Park in NYC to be treated in this manner. I would suggest that the American River Parkway is "our Central Park". Please protect it and the environment that we all say we care about but in practice are currently ignoring the devastation.

Thank you for listening.

Sonny Cline
clinedak@gmail.com

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 272

From: [JOHN VOLEK](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Ordinance 9.120 and 9.3.058
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:13:33 AM

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Board Clerk,

John and Vicki Volek, 5814 River Oak Way, Carmichael, CA. 95608, We are proud residents of Carmichael for over 25 years ! Recently the homeless crisis has become a crisis in our community! We are in support of Ordinance 9.120 and 9.3.058 ! Our leaders need to make this happen NOW! Sincerely John and Vicki Volek

From: [Shannon Albers](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:00:11 PM

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Dear Supervisor Serna,

I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure.

I use the Parkway for recreation and respite. It has gone to being the crown jewel of Sacramento to a dumping ground for people and things. As a woman, I no longer feel safe on the Parkway. I have been in the middle of active fires and am grateful for the quick action of our fire department.

This support is based on the contingency that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wrap-around services for the unhoused – especially for those living on the Parkway – a priority. There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines.

While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, we will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Without this element, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem. And shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,
Shannon Albers

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 274

From: [Kristina Towle](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Ordinance support
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:02:50 AM

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Hello,

This email serves as support for agenda items #2 and #3 to be discussed at the board meeting on 8/10/22. The passing of these will help increase safety to the public and reduce risk for businesses.

Thank you,
Kristina

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Shauna Heckert](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Ordinances limiting or prohibiting homeless in designated areas
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:10:40 PM

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I am a resident of Sacramento County District 3. I am opposed to the 2 proposed ordinances that will limit where unhoused people can camp. These people should not be criminalized. Services not sweeps. The county's solutions are woe inadequate.

Shauna Heckert Pandelidis

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From: [James Koppert](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: Parkway Vote
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 6:14:58 PM

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Please vote tomorrow to save the American River Parkway from the current unacceptable and unsafe situation.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mike and Pam Britton](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: Please vote to prevent illegal camping on the Prkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:14:19 PM

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Dear Sir,

I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping and living, on the American River Parkway.

The environmental impact by people living on the parkway will take decades for any recovery of this beautiful asset. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe! This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including levees, and water quality and Power lines.

The county needs to continue to make development of shelter and wrap-around services for the unhoused- especially, for those living on the Parkway.

Thank you for taking time to read my e-mail. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Pam Britton

Save the American River Association, Board Member

American River Parkway Coalition

Sunriver Neighborhood Association-Steering Committee

Sent from my iPad

From: [Stacie Sherman](#)
To: [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Rich, Desmond](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: Prohibit Camping on the American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:12:58 PM

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I'm writing in support of the ban on camping on the American River Parkway.

A ban will not stop people from camping on the Parkway but it will give law enforcement the power to trespass people off the river.

I realize that many of the people living on the river are homeless and many of them are mentally ill or addicted to drugs and alcohol but the Parkway is not where they should be located. The county is making the correct moves to create locations for people to camp if they are homeless. The county also made the right move to enact Laura's Law for the county.

I am a volunteer for State Parks and have cleaned up many homeless camps around Lake Natoma over the years. During my volunteer work, I have encountered a number of long term homeless that live in the Orangevale area along the lake. My encounters with them have changed my view on homeless. Most are mentally ill. They may also use drugs but they have underlying mental illness and they likely will never be self-supporting with a job ever again. They should be in supervised living situations not in a camp down by the river.

As a country, we treat these people horribly and we need to change that. They are broken people that need help getting into housing and connected to services. This view that they choose this life is a fallacy. No one wants to be dirty, hungry and miserable and people who have episodes of paranoia, delusions and hallucinations are not in a state of mind to make decisions about anything. Sometimes I think we treat lost pets better than we do broken people.

People say that the homeless are lazy but I think far too often we are confusing hopelessness with laziness. When people feel they have no options or they have no path out of their circumstances they shut down and resign themselves to survival. They harden their hearts because the community scorns them.

I hope the Supervisors vote in favor of the American River Parkway camping ban. As a country, we need to move away from allowing people to live in camps as homes and move them into housing, even if they are resistant to making a change in their lives.

Stacie Sherman
Orangevale, CA

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From: [\(null\).ronsuter](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Cc: [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Proposed Ordinance Prohibiting Camping and Encampments on Certain Public Property Locations and the American River Parkway – Wednesday, August 10
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:27:14 PM

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> Please support the proposed ordinance prohibiting camping along the American River Parkway. It has been a major problem for at least the past 30 years, it's time this is addressed and action taken at the Board level to correct illegal camping.

> Ron Suter

> Retired Sacramento County Regional Parks Director

Sent from my iPhone

From: [PS WELLS](#)
To: [Nottoli. Don](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Kennedy. Supervisor](#); [Frost. Supervisor](#)
Subject: Proposed ordinance that would address illegal camping on the American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 6:06:02 PM

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Dear Supervisor,

I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. This support is based on the contingency that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wrap-around services for the unhoused – especially for those living on the Parkway – a priority.

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While implementation and enforcement of this ordinance is essential, we will not be able to fully address the issue of homelessness without continuing to focus on the creation of shelter space that includes wrap-around services. Without this element, homelessness will continue to be a growing problem. And shelter alone has been proven to be a temporary band-aid that does not produce the results we need.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely, Shawna Wells

From: [Kella Cohen](#)
To: [Warren Truitt](#)
Cc: [Rich Desmond](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Frost. Supervisor](#); [Nottoli. Don](#); [Kennedy. Supervisor](#); [Halcon. Emily](#); [Nava. Lisa](#); [Haynes. Janna](#); [Bellas. Liz](#)
Subject: Re: August 10th Board of Supervisors 2 pm meeting regarding Parkway Illegal Camping
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:58:49 PM

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Hi Warren,

I am so impressed and moved by your fabulous letter!

You speak for *very many* of the thousands and thousands of users who won't be attending, writing, or, watching and calling in from online (as I will be) to tomorrow's meeting. What a great bee letter it would make!

~Kelly

On Aug 9, 2022, at 12:56 PM, Warren Truitt <wvt@infomania.com> wrote:

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am pleased that this issue has finally come before you for a much needed and overdue effort to save the Parkway from additional destruction, from fires and abuse by illegal campers.

I moved my family to Fair Oaks, by way of a company transfer & promotion in 1981. Not long after we arrived, our teenage son discovered the American River Bike & Pedestrian Trail. The rest is history as our son subsequently attended & graduated from U.C. Davis, worked at a local bike shop, *Wheelworks*, and became a member of the U.C. Davis Bike Racing Team. I subsequently joined our son on bike rides on the American River Trail. My wife, Mary, taught a Walk/Jog Class on the American River Bike Trail for several years in the late 20th Century. We all fell in love with this incredible outdoor resource and all enjoyed it frequently. The Parkway is the major reason we have made our home in Fair Oaks.

I have enjoyed almost daily after work and weekend cycling on the Parkway, plus frequent hikes on the dirt trails all along the entire Parkway. It was an idyllic and safe place to be. Unfortunately until more recently.

Today's Parkway experience is a whole other thing. In the past, I always felt safe while biking, hiking, or taking photographs on all portions of the Parkway, whether alone or with others. Now, while there are illegal campers all along the entire Parkway, I do not venture below the Guy West Bridge as I do not feel safe nor can I stomach viewing the extensive burned areas, major trash and needles around the illegal camps, plus observing downed trees, cut down apparently for firewood. There are many reasons for unhoused individuals deciding to live on the Parkway, including mental illness, drugs and alcohol, PTSD, child molesters, and inability to afford housing. Based on the conditions they live in they obviously need assistance, even though many claim they do not want to leave the Parkway.

While I have sympathy for those who are unhoused and want to see them provided for, in the proper setting, that setting is **NOT** the American River Parkway. Shortly after arriving in Sacramento, I read occasional articles in the Sacramento Bee about members of Save the

American River Association (SARA) performing their mission as *Guardians of the American River & Parkway since 1961*. I began sending donations to SARA in 1981, attended their December, 2003 Annual meeting and became a board member in early 2004. I am still on the SARA Board and in that capacity, encourage the BOS to finally begin removing illegal campers from the Parkway before we lose still more wildlife habitat and beautiful scenery.

In 1961, SARA and other Sacramento County organizations & citizens, educators, businessmen and elected officials, came together to rally the community to pass a bond issue to allow the first substantial purchase of Parkway land, as well as the purchase of what is now Elk Grove Park and Gibson Ranch. This was a substantial gift to the citizens of Sacramento County as well as citizens from surrounding counties as well. To lose this amazing and unique community asset is unthinkable. Please take a giant step on August 10th to begin the healing of what otherwise could not continue to be legitimately called, *The Jewel of Sacramento County*.

Thank you for reading and taking my comments into consideration.

Warren V. Truitt

Warren V. Truitt
Vice President
Save the American River Association (SARA)
wvt@infomania.com
Guardians of the American River & Parkway since 1961 - our 61st year

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 282

From: charhorseranch@aol.com
To: [Frost, Supervisor](#)
Cc: [Supervisor Serna](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Re: Items #2 and #3 on August 10, 2022 Wednesday meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:51:16 AM

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RE: County Code Amendments for Camping in Dry Creek Parkway and American River Parkway

Dear Supervisor Frost,

I write in full support of the Amendments under consideration for the protection of the Dry Creek Parkway and the American River Parkway.

In addition to the language forbidding camping, construction etc. I wonder if it's possible to also include language that would make it illegal for Parkway users to possess items such as: Saws, Loppers, Pruners, Hedge Clippers, Knives, Hatchets, Axes, Shovels, Chainsaws, or any implements that can be used as weapons to destroy, deface, remove, harm, or cut down Parkway flora without a permit.

I have personally encountered threats from established "campers" with axes and hatchets and I have witnessed the destruction that has occurred in the Dry Creek Parkway as a result of these implements being allowed. Personal threats have caused the Friends of Dry Creek Parkway to cease their efforts at cleaning the Creek and removing Red Sesbania. The destruction of oak trees, native shrubs and bushes, damming of the creek bed, channeling the creek flows and digging into the creek banks has caused terrible damage to the peace, beauty and enjoyment of the Dry Creek Parkway for thousands of residents.

I fully support any actions that will mitigate the destruction and return the people's Parkway to their future enjoyment.

Thank you,

Charlea Moore
Friends of Dry Creek Parkway
916-275-3275 or 916-991-0338
Charhorseranch@aol.com

From: [Miranda Hansen](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: Re: Sac County Parkway Ordinance 8/10 Vote
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:07:12 PM

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Dear Supervisor Serna,

I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway near critical infrastructure. This support is based on the contingency that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wrap-around services for the unhoused – especially for those living on the Parkway – a priority.

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Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,
Miranda Hansen

From: [Mavash Hadavi](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Re: Support!
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:20:47 AM

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Dear sir,

I am supporting the item # 2 and item # 3 ordinances.

Best Regards,



Mavash Hadavi



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ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 285

From: no-reply.wufoo.com
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: Report Issue or Request Information
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:43:45 PM

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Name	Jeff Van Zanten
Address	 6 Stefani Ranch Court Sacramento, CA 95826 United States
Email *	jyvanzan@sbcglobal.net
State	CA
Subject *	American River Parkway – Homeless Encampments
Description of Suggestion, Issue, or Concern *	<p>Homeless encampments along the American River Parkway are a public health and environmental hazard. Please vote yes to make camping along the American River Parkway illegal.</p> <p>Thank you. Jeff Van Zanten</p>

From: [Neil, Robert A](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sac County Parkway Ordinance
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:14:01 AM

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Dear Supervisor ,

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Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert Neil

From: [Eric Webb](#)
To: boardclrek@saccounty.net
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS meeting August 10, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:45:49 PM

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Dear Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Sacramento County area resident, I am deeply concerned by the lack of attention to Preserve the American River, a State and Federally designated Wild and Scenic River. The long-term health and sustainability of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries have long been in jeopardy and the seeming lack of county response is deeply troubling. Our local waterways provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats, and foster healthy human recreation to all socio-economic members of our community on an equal basis. The American River Parkway gets 8 million visitor days a year. It is the crown jewel of our region. You must protect and preserve it.

Individual citizens and local volunteer groups such as Preserve the American River, Save the American River Association and Sacramento Picks It Up which combined and with many others implore the County to cleanup and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries.

The riparian system of our waters and parkways are full of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped garbage. Toxic and pathogenic wastes are being discharged into these waters. Carpet, cloth products, tarps, and clothing debris accumulate in the waterway and "armor" the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water to support aquatic life. The ecological system of our Parkway is suffocating, and toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Many parts of our riparian parks and channels look like dumps with water flowing through them. The government response has seemingly been impotent while public volunteer cleanup efforts are thwarted by illegal re-occupancy and re-accumulation of garbage, household furnishing, electronics, tires, shopping carts and other waste all along the American River and its tributaries such as Arcade Creek and Steelhead Creek.

The failure of our leaders to take necessary action to stem this problem and its recurrence is unacceptable.

I respectfully request that you immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

- 1) Designate all regional waterways as "critical infrastructure" to include not only our rivers, but also their tributaries, including creeks, sloughs and canals.
- 2) Pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, debris and the storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high water mark of all of our rivers and tributaries;
- 3) Immediately enforce all existing anti-dumping laws within 150 feet of the high water mark of our waterways, including but not limited to, California Fish and Game Code §5652; and
- 4) Advance and fund consistent creek, river and other waterway cleaning and restoration by our regional departments and agencies.
- 5) Find shelter and housing for those displaced from the Parkway. Tragically, the "crown jewel" of our region has been used as a way to warehouse people in an "out of sight out of mind" fashion. This puts our unhoused neighbors at increased risk, and by extension, our greater community. Recent events have cast this in a stark light.**

The existing condition is inexcusable. Please rectify the existing damage due to the abandonment

of the duty to protect these vital community assets and pass and enforce regulations to ensure this destruction is never repeated. Improving the conditions of our Parkway and of our unhoused community are not mutually exclusive as some wish to believe. Instead they are inextricably linked.

Sincerely,

Eric Webb
Sacramento
District 1

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 288

From: [Matt Klop](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Subject: Support for American River Parkway Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 2:00:39 PM

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Good afternoon,

As an East Sacramento resident who frequently uses the Parkway to bike, paddleboard and walk my dog, I strongly support the proposed ordinance to address some of the illegal camping along the Parkway and urge you to support as well.

Thank you,

— Matt Klop

From: [Linda Abruzzini](#)
Subject: support the American River Parkway
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:11:56 PM

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Dear Supervisor ,

I am writing in support of the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors that would prevent illegal camping on the American River Parkway. This support is based on the contingency that the County continue to make the development of shelter and wraparound services for the unhoused a priority. There are multiple crises on the Parkway driven by the presence of the 2,000–3,000 illegal campers. The environmental impact they are causing will take decades to recover from. The conditions of the camps are a public health hazard and are leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This is in addition to the physical destruction illegal camping is causing to the critical infrastructure on the Parkway, including our levees, water quality and power lines.

Sincerely,
Linda Abruzzini

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 290

From: [Koppert, Mackenzie Jam](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: VOTE on clearing illegal campers from the American River Parkway and Surrounding Areas
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:16:26 AM
Attachments: [EXTERNAL SENDER Fwd Homeless Camp behind Gold River in Greenbelt.msg](#)
[Gold River Fire.mp4](#)
Importance: High

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Hello Board of Supervisors,

As a longtime resident of Sacramento and an avid user of the American River Parkway, I am deeply concerned by the lack of action to Preserve the American River Parkway and surrounding areas. I am shocked that the once considered 'regional treasure' American River Parkway, has turned into a dumping ground over the years. The long-term health and sustainability of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and nearby communities have long been in jeopardy and the seeming lack of county response is deeply troubling.

I have attached pictures and a video of the most recent fire caused by illegal camping along the parkway which threatened our Gold River community on July 9th. This fire happened 1 month after the concern of the homeless camp was raised to the board and local authorities (see attached email). It appeared the rangers were able to cite and encourage them to move out of the area, unfortunately, without reoccurring patrol this camp moved a couple hundred feet where the fire was started.

I encourage you leaders to take action by voting to clear illegal campers from the American River Parkway and surrounding areas.

With Gratitude!
Mackenzie Koppert









From: Mackenzie Koppert [mackenziekoppert@gmail.com]
To: Koppert, Mackenzie Jam [mackenzie.koppert@hp.com]
Subject: [EXTERNAL SENDER]: Fwd: Homeless Camp behind Gold River in Greenbelt
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:03:54
Attachment 1: image001.jpg
Attachment 2: image002.jpg
Attachment 3: image003.jpg
Attachment 4: image004.jpg

Mackenzie Koppert

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Frost. Supervisor" <SupervisorFrost@saccounty.net>
Date: June 2, 2022 at 4:43:26 PM PDT
To: Mackenzie Koppert <mackenziekoppert@gmail.com>
Cc: "Marzan. Elmer" <marzane@saccounty.net>, "Bickel. Randy" <BickelR@saccounty.net>, Nancy Hunter <ursidaefan@comcast.net>, Darryl Schmidt <darryls414@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Homeless Camp behind Gold River in Greenbelt

Thank you for the note Mackenzie.

Gold River is actually not in my district anymore, you are now represented by Supervisor Rich Desmond. I am going to forward this concern to his office so he can get back to you.

Best,
~Sue

From: Mackenzie Koppert <mackenziekoppert@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 4:37 PM
To: Frost. Supervisor <SupervisorFrost@saccounty.net>
Cc: Marzan. Elmer <marzane@saccounty.net>; Bickel. Randy <BickelR@saccounty.net>; Nancy Hunter <ursidaefan@comcast.net>; Darryl Schmidt <darryls414@gmail.com>
Subject: Homeless Camp behind Gold River in Greenbelt

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Greetings Sue,

I can't imagine how busy you and your team have been with the homeless camp clean-up in and along Gold River. My sincere appreciation and gratitude for your support and service cleaning

up our community.

I live at 12045 Gold Pointe Ln, Gold River in the Classics. It appears a new homeless camp has started right behind our community in the greenbelt area, visible from my backyard. I am concerned as this area has a high fire danger and I have young children as do many others in our community.

Am I out of line to ask what can be done to have this camp moved from this area?

With gratitude,
Mackenzie Koppert
916.943.6350

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From: [Richard Clothier](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: garciamary@saccounty.gov; [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); richdesmone@saccounty.net; [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bell, Liz](#)
Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:38:24 AM

Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Sacramento-area resident, I am deeply concerned about the long-term health and sustainability of our local waterways, including the rivers, creeks and other tributaries. These channels provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats and foster healthy human recreation.

I am also a volunteer with a local group that has been feverishly attempting to clean and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries. Since March 2021, this group has removed over 700,000 pounds of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped debris from our waters and parkways. Every day, toxic and pathogenic wastes are also being discharged into these waters and adjacent soils causing long-term damage. Textiles and other debris accumulate in these areas, armor the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water needed to support aquatic life. Our ecological systems are literally suffocating while toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Tragically, some of these channels have already become solid waste sites, as evidenced by our recent 2-day cleanup that spanned a mere 1100 feet of Arcade Creek near Rio Linda Blvd, or 1.2% of the 16.2 mile creek. During the event, volunteers manually removed over 12,000 pounds of debris from this small section of creek (video: https://youtu.be/KUx_JhrcV68).

Exhaustive efforts to clean our waterways are frequently negated shortly thereafter by re-occupancy and the rapid re-accumulation of waste, garbage and personal property. This has recently occurred in countless sites along Arcade Creek, Steelhead Creek and the American River; areas that required thousands of volunteer hours to clean over many weeks or even months.

This situation is unsustainable and unacceptable.

I have become disheartened by the failure of our leaders to take necessary action to stem this recurrence and implement appropriate corrective action. Thus, I request that you immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

- 1) Designate all regional waterways as "critical infrastructure" to include not only our rivers, but also their tributaries, including creeks, sloughs and canals.
- 2) Pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, debris and the storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high water mark of all of our rivers and tributaries;
- 3) Immediately enforce all existing anti-dumping laws within 150 feet of the high water mark of our waterways, including but not limited to, California Fish and Game Code §5652; and

4) Advance and fund consistent creek, river and other waterway cleaning and restoration by our regional departments and agencies.

The current contamination of our waters and soils is an inexcusable, ecological travesty. Therefore, I implore you to take immediate action to rectify the damage inflicted by years of neglect and abandonment and ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Sincerely and Urgently,

Richard Clothier

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 292

From: [Courtney Poole](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Nottoli, Don](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Board of Supervisors Meeting 8/10- Agenda Item 2 & 3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:03:03 PM

Good morning,

I am writing to submit public comment on Agenda items 2 and 3 of today's Board of Supervisors meeting.

As a resident of district 1 and a social worker in the community, I am deeply concerned about how prohibiting encampment in areas of the county and along the river will affect our community members who are unhoused. Further criminalization and sweeps will harm these individuals and put their health, mental health, and safety at risk. Our lack of affordable housing is so dire, where are you expecting these people to go? Uprooting folks from the homes they have created due to being priced out of all other options will only exacerbate their lack of connection to services and supports. Please consider this when you are voting on these agenda items. These are thousands of people's lives here.

We need more housing, not more criminalization and harm.

Courtney Poole
District 1

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Erin Celli](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Agenda Items August 10, 2022
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 3:23:45 PM

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To the Board of Supervisors of Sacramento County

I concur & support the Recommended Actions on the Agenda of August 10, 2022
Introducing Ordinances to the Sacramento County Code.

We in Sacramento County are being severely impacted by the blight, the destruction & the debris all relating to the continued illegal camping that is exploding in our Capitol City & environs.

These above mentioned action items are new & necessary additions to our code for the County to continue to refine & protect our County structures, individuals, neighborhoods, shopping areas & our safety and peace of mind in Sacramento County.

In addition, the destructive fires, whether deliberately set or not, and the additionally sloppy management by campers of their environs are vastly impacting the quality of life in this City & County. The inability of we residents, legal renters, homeowners, business owners & taxpayers that have chosen to live by the rules of polite society in this beautiful Capitol City are being unfairly challenged & impacted by the many who are choosing to not comply with the current codes in our County.

Further, many of us in the unincorporated County are quite tired of the expanding & continuing blight created by this homeless crisis. Additionally, it is unlikely that over 9,000 people have become homeless from Sacramento County alone. Some of this multitude of folks have arrived here in Sacramento because they have become, perhaps through no fault of their own, and others through their life choices to remain homeless, & many seem to have decided Sacramento is more lenient toward their choice of living arrangements. Those of us long living in Sacramento are tiring of being the safety net for so many who choose to not comply with our existing laws and services.

Further, there is concern that the advocates for these homeless individuals are promoting an agenda that furthers their own personal interests, not those of this Sacramento community as a whole. Many in Sacramento are tired of our dreams & desires for our community being superseded by these advocates for those who do not wish to comply with what we have to offer in Sacramento.

I will follow with interest as you as a Board move forward with this & further homeless crisis solutions.

Sincerely,

Erin Celli

Sent from my iPad

From: [NORMA LUTZ](#)
To: [Nottoli, Don](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: American River Parkway
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 2:44:52 PM

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Thank you, as always, for taking the time to ensure our American River and Parkway remain a safe haven for Sacramento residents, visitors, and the plants and animals that call our River Parkway home.

Respectfully yours,
Norma Lutz

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From: [Ron & Judy](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: August 10, 2022 Board Meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 2:13:15 PM

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For The Record

County Board of Supervisors

Meeting: August 10, 2022

We urge a yes vote on both ordinances on today's agenda: One to prohibit camping and encampments on the American River Parkway and Dry Creek Parkway, and a Second to prohibit camping near critical infrastructure.

Camping along our waterways has not only polluted our ground water, but the waste from these camps is going down into the soil and will eventually poison our ground water supply as well. Allowing our drinking water to be compromised is unthinkable.

Please vote yes and save our water.

Ron Jellison

Friends of Del Paso Regional Park

Del Paso Community Coalition

Sacramento Horseman's Association

Ben Ali Neighborhood Coalition

SaveourSuburb.org

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From: [Sara Hinz](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Board meeting agenda 8/10/2022 re: homeless
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:58:58 PM

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Dear Sacramento County Board Members,

The issue of homelessness is complex and as a taxpayer and property owner in Sacramento, I hope you will take my opinions into consideration. I don't want to belabor the multi-faceted causes of homelessness, nor the effects on public and private property since those are fairly well known.

I saw on the news last night that there are an estimated 10,000 homeless individuals in our county and do have some strong opinions regarding what needs to be done.

1. First, view those individuals as human beings, as if they were your family member, as they are someone's son, daughter, father, mother or sibling. If they were your family member, what would you want done with/for them?
2. When clearing encampments, hauling away trash, toxic material and other contaminants is understandable and necessary. However, I've seen so many news reports showing the confiscation and trashing of people's tents and belongings, I am aghast at how anyone thinks that is ok. It is cruel, heartless theft of private property from those who have substantially less ability to replace it. It's all they have. This should not be allowed, it is criminal!
3. It is understandable that no one wants homeless encampments in their backyard, on their sidewalk or in their park. Many people don't want to see these unfortunate people anywhere at all near them. Every time a location is proposed, the NIMBY crowd loudly protests, and sometimes the locations really aren't appropriate. However, there must be places that are adequate, and locations need to be found around the county for relocating and housing the homeless, whether it be utilizing vacant land, or buying vacant buildings, hotels or apartment buildings that could be adapted for housing. I think in the long run, those are less expensive than providing housing vouchers at hotel prices that do nothing to actually help the person find safe, stable housing. Of course, the type of location or housing should be related to the reason the person is homeless, such as whether they need mental health, drug rehab, or other health assistance or if they lost their job and lost their housing due to financial problems.
4. Having dealt with trying to get help for a family member who had mental health issues and who ultimately took their life, I am familiar with the issues and laws regarding involuntary commitment of those dealing with mental health issues. Those laws desperately need to change to make it easier to have a loved one hospitalized, and it isn't something the county board of supervisors can do, but even in light of those laws, I do think that the county can designate zones within the county and create and assign teams responsible to patrol and effectively triage homeless people in that area and if the people want to remain in the county, require they enter whatever options there are for them.
5. Those zones, teams and options must first be created and it is an urgent priority. As long as NIMBYs think that just clearing encampments is sufficient without giving people a place to

go, there won't be any meaningful progress. Clearing encampments is just shuffling people from one unsuitable place to the next and creates more misery. If they're allowed to stay until there is a place for them to go, maybe that will create enough pressure for the residents of our county to finally be willing to accept locations where the homeless can be housed.

6. That said, I am not against regulations that prohibit camping in the American River Parkway or cause environmental damage anywhere, for that matter. The Parkway needs to be patrolled for that purpose so that it becomes safe again for recreation. There should be teams assigned to sections of the Parkway and anyone found camping there needs to be picked up and transported to an appropriate spot that actually exists (see point 3.).

Where there's a will, there's a way and I hope the Sacramento County Board will take action that will create real solutions. Talk is cheap.

Best regards,
Sara Hinz
2285 Stillwind Ln
818-292-7982 (mobile)
Rancho Cordova

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 297

From: [Cindy Keene](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Board Meeting- Clean up the parkway
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 2:26:29 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of Item 2 and 3 on your agenda today.

As a resident of Sacramento County for over two decades, I urge you to start enforcing rules on public property and on the Parkway. We need protect our local community. The public has a right to walk on the Parkway and on sidewalks without fearing for their Safety. No more illegal camping because It Is Illegal!

We also need to protect our beautiful Parkway from transient and homeless persons who leave trash, needles, waste and whom seem to have no respect for this wonderful natural resource. Illegal camping is illegal for a reason!!

Thank you
Cindy Keene

From: [ginger.johnson.enrico](#)
To: [Nottoli, Don](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Camping ordinances Board Meeting 8/10/2022
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:59:59 PM

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Re: 1. [Introduce An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.120 Of The Sacramento County Code To Prohibit Camping And Encampments On Or Near Certain Public Property Locations In The Unincorporated County Area;](#)

2.

[2:00 PM -- Introduce An Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway](#)

Allowing the drug-addicted, mentally ill, or people without housing to live in parks or camp around critical infrastructure is not compassionate. It is not safe for them, for the rest of the public, or for the environment. Such camping creates public health problems and invites criminal activity. It degrades the campers, the places they camp, and the camping is unfair to other people who live, work, pass through, or would like to enjoy or use the areas as they are meant to be used.

Please pass or amend ordinances to stop this camping and develop compassionate but firm ways to deal with the campers.

Thank you.

Roy and Ginger Enrico

11137 Nile River Ct

Rancho Cordova CA 95670

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 299

From: [M.C](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Camping Prohibition in Parkway Ordinance for 8-10-22 and 8-23-22 Hearings
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:37:20 PM

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Dear Supervisors:

Protecting the American River Parkway for current and future generations is paramount, and as your staff makes clear in its report, the Parkway is threatened by camping within the parkway and associated activities. While I have much compassion for persons experiencing homelessness in these difficult times, we need not sacrifice our “Crown Jewel” while also accommodating people who need shelter.

I strongly support the passage of the ordinance amending section 9.36.083 to prohibit camping on the American River Parkway. All of my friends here in Sacramento are similarly strongly in support. I do wonder how the law will be enforced given the lack of consequences attendant to violating a misdemeanor ordinance in Sacramento County. Said differently, there is very little probability of jail time or other consequences for a violation of this proposed ordinance under current sentencing guidelines adopted by the court and/or plea bargain guidelines implemented by the District Attorney, so I hope the Board can look into that as well, to make sure that there are consequences to a violation of these ordinances. Otherwise, they will be “feel good” measures without much impact in preserving our Parkway.

Thank you for your work on this issue, so important to all of us in Sacramento.

Matt Carr, La Riviera neighborhood

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 300

From: [Marc Laver](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Garcia. Marysol](#)
Subject: Email-Public_Comment-Sacramento-County-BOS-Meeting-8-10-2022.doc
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 2:34:02 PM
Attachments: [Email-Public_Comment-Sacramento-County-BOS-Meeting-8-10-2022.doc](#)

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Hello!

I hope you are all well. I am sending this letter from Sacramento Picks it Up. A group I have helped a few times. We are pleading with you to do more to protect our creeks and water ways. The homeless issues are complex I know, but the damage to our environment is substantial now and should be stopped immediately. Have worked on the Garden Hwy and have seen unreal amounts of trash and debris. This is untenable now and better solutions are needed to end this disaster. Widespread encampments need to be banned entirely, and better ways to enforce this are required as well as making available reasonably secure and affordable housing options for this population. Simply to have the status quo continue is wrong and shows lack of compassion and understanding for all involved!!

Marc Laver

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022

Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Sacramento County area resident, I am deeply concerned by the lack of attention to Preserve the American River, a State and Federally designated Wild and Scenic River. The long-term health and sustainability of our waterways, including the rivers, creeks, and other tributaries have long been in jeopardy and the seeming lack of county response is deeply troubling. Our local waterways provide 80% of Sacramento's drinking water, recharge our aquifers, provide essential flood protection, serve as critical wildlife habitats, and foster healthy human recreation to all socio-economic members of our community on an equal basis. The American River Parkway gets 8 million visitor days a year. It is the crown jewel of our region. You must protect and preserve it.

Individual citizens and local volunteer groups such as Preserve the American River, Save the American River Association and Sacramento Picks It Up which combined and with many others implore the County to cleanup and restore our trashed and polluted rivers and tributaries.

The riparian system of our waters and parkways are full of abandoned encampment trash and illegally dumped garbage. Toxic and pathogenic wastes are being discharged into these waters. Carpet, cloth products, tarps, and clothing debris accumulate in the waterway and "armor" the bottom of the channels and prevent the free exchange of oxygenated water to support aquatic life. The ecological system of our Parkway is suffocating, and toxic pathogens are leaching into our surface and ground water supplies. Many parts of our riparian parks and channels look like dumps with water flowing through them. The government response has seemingly been impotent while public volunteer cleanup efforts are thwarted by illegal re-occupancy and re-accumulation of garbage, household furnishing, electronics, tires, shopping carts and other waste all along the American River and its tributaries such as Arcade Creek and Steelhead Creek.

The failure of our leaders to take necessary action to stem this problem and its recurrence is unacceptable.

I respectfully request that you immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

- 1) Designate all regional waterways as "critical infrastructure" to include not only our rivers, but also their tributaries, including creeks, sloughs and canals.

2) Pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, debris and the storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high water mark of all of our rivers and tributaries;

3) Immediately enforce all existing anti-dumping laws within 150 feet of the high water mark of our waterways, including but not limited to, California Fish and Game Code §5652; and

4) Advance and fund consistent creek, river and other waterway cleaning and restoration by our regional departments and agencies.

The existing condition is inexcusable. Please rectify the existing damage due to the abandonment of the duty to protect these vital community assets and pass and enforce regulations to ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Sincerely,

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 301

From: [Steve Wirtz](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Kennedy, Patrick](#)
Subject: Items # 2 & 3 Homeless shelter & health care
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 2:26:31 PM

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Supervisor Kennedy and Board members,
I urge you to NOT pass these two items to criminalize homelessness until you have a legally binding agreement on health care with the City Mayor and Council.

Steve Wirtz
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ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 302


From: [Corey Deroo](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Letter for Items #2 and #3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 2:43:05 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[8-10-22 County homeless letter FLORIN ROAD PARTNERSHIP.pdf](#)

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Please see attached.

Thank you.

#WeAreFlorin



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Wednesday, August 10, 2022
2pm County Board of Supervisors Meeting

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and County Executive Edwards
Sacramento County
700 H Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Agenda Item #2 and #3 – Proposed Ordinance to Prohibit Camping in the Unincorporated County Area and the American River Parkway and Dry Creek Parkway

Dear Chair Nottoli, Supervisors, and County Executive Edwards,

Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis in the City and County of Sacramento, and today I am depending on you, my elected leaders, to act in the best interest of your constituents. This human tragedy requires swift action and any progress towards solving it is the right thing to do. I am in agreement that we need to preserve the vitality of the American River Parkway to ensure it is safe, environmentally protected, and can serve as an economic driver for the future. For this I applaud your willingness to take a critical first step and I support these items.

Sacramento County's unsheltered homeless population has risen by 71% since 2019 and this issue affects everyone in the region, from families, to small businesses. Despite an investment of over \$250,000 per year to help maintain the cleanliness and safety of our district, our 320+ property owners, 550+ businesses are still struggling, especially our small- and micro-sized businesses. Please help us.

However, as you are aware, in the absence of a legally binding partnership agreement between the City and County of Sacramento to address overall homelessness policy and response, there is no way to truly solve this crisis. Sacramento County is responsible for providing services including mental health treatment, addiction and detox services, child welfare services, etc., while the City of Sacramento can only provide shelter spaces and enforcement of its laws. To truly solve this crisis, I ask that the County Board of Supervisors and County Executive Edwards, negotiate a legally binding partnership agreement with the City of Sacramento's leadership.

With this said, passing Items #2 & #3 today is an important step towards providing safety for Sacramentans. I urge your yes vote for each of these items on Wednesday, and continue to respectfully demand your full partnership with the City of Sacramento.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. DeRoo", written over a horizontal line.

Corey DeRoo, MBA
Executive Director, Florin Road Partnership

From: [Marie Bain](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Meeting Aug. 10 re: Camping on River
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:52:59 PM

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I am writing to support the ordinance amendment to Chapt. 9.120 of the Sacramento County Code to prohibit camping & encampments on or near certain public property locations.

I also support the ordinance of Sacramento County Code amending Sections 9.36.058 relating to fires and 9.36.067 relating to remaining in the parkways between Sunset & Sunrise. and adding section 9.36.083 to prohibit camping or constructing structures in the American River Parkway and the Dry Creek Parkway.

Marie Bain

From: [Tatiana Vazquez](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Opposing Item 2 and 3 on the 8/10/22 Agenda
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 2:58:38 PM

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My name is Tatiana Vazquez and I am a second year medical student at California Northstate University and a Camp Lead for Sacramento Street Medicine. I strongly OPPOSE item 2 and 3 on the 8/10/22 agenda. This ordinance is a cruel act against unhoused individuals, and suggests displacing them from their homes and communities without offering them housing. The solution to homelessness is housing. Additionally, people seeking shelter at American River Parkway live there to avoid public attention and harassment. Displacing American River Parkway residents living outside without offering them shelter puts them at risk for adverse events. As public shelters remain impacted and this ordinance fails to address housing displaced residents, people living outside should be allowed to remain living where they are. Dispersement may cause people living outside to lose existing connections to service providers, which increases the risk for the spread of an infectious disease. Rather than criminalize people outside, support and recommendations can be made to ameliorate the spread of infection. Rather than using resources to sweep encampments, resources can be allocated to make restrooms or portable latrines available to people living outside. Recommendations for encampment spacing can be made. People living outside can remain in their homes without opposing environmental justice.

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 305

From: [Tiffany Concklin](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Ordinances
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:58:31 PM

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Please hear and consider my request in support of Item # 2 and Item #3!!! I am a small business owner in Carmichael.

We want our beautiful community to be safe for all especially our children!!

Thankyou
Tiffany Concklin

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Katrina H](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: 8/10/2022 Board of Supervisors Agenda Item #3
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 5:42:57 PM

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The proposed Parkway Ordinance would specifically criminalize camping on the American River Parkway, making it a misdemeanor to be on the parkway between sunset and sunrise "or such other time as is posted by the Director." It exempts explicitly anyone passing through the parkway from being arrested for a misdemeanor, meaning it is transparently criminalizing homeless people. In addition, it adds language related to fires to the existing law, prohibiting "use or maintains [ance of] a container with flammable or combustible liquid or a generator except when issued a permit by the Director." This prohibition without installation of safe fire cooking areas will further dehumanize the existence of our unhoused neighbors. The Sacramento County parkway ordinance and this Sacramento City sidewalk ordinance are occurring at the same time, and these ordinances will leave homeless people with no available spaces where they can avoid being criminalized for being poor. This is violates our social contract as a civilized society.

In addition, it potentially violates Martin vs. Boise. I urge the Board of Supervisors to vote against the proposed Parkway Ordinance.

Thank you,

Katrina Harrison

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Nottoli, Don; Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Item 2 and Item 3 for the August 10th Sacramento County BOS Meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 4:51:34 PM

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It's a bit ironic to hear about environmental concerns when state scientific aid and environmental scientist positions don't even pay the hourly wage needed to afford Sacramento's average monthly rent according to the 2022 Sacramento county housing need report. I was houseless for five months while working as a fish and wildlife biologist due to the difficulties of the local housing market.

The California Dept of Water Resources lists the lower American river as impaired for mercury, polychlorinated biphenyls, and pesticides such as bifenthrin and pyrethroids. These are not impacts from houseless folks.

I have worked for fish and wildlife offices for over 5 years. As part of my job duties I walked, kayaked, and boated miles of the American river daily performing salmon and steelhead surveys, and operating rotary screw traps. Most of the trash I encountered was from recreational fishers and boaters/tubers. I cleared tangled fishing line from birds and picked up beer cans I watched folks floating the river on inflatables toss in. I've watched folks visiting the riverway and picnicking leave behind all their trash and dump their children's diapers on the shore. I've witnessed non-houseless folks illegally dump their bags of trash near houseless encampments. The times I felt unsafe while working on the riverway were from interactions with aggressive bicyclists and angry fishermen on their boats, not with houseless folks.

Additionally, these claims that riverway habitat is being degraded as the result of houseless folks is not based in science, and not one so called environmental advocate that has spoken has cited an actual study or any research supporting these claims. "Feelings" about e.coli level don't overrule the actual science about e.coli levels. It's easy to point the finger at folks experiencing houselessness, but ordinances like this only serve to pretend it's fixing the problem. Folks wouldn't live along these locations if they had somewhere else safe to go. Folks wouldn't need Sacramento Picks It Up to help clean trash if the county just provided regular trash pickups at encampments directly.

Criminalizing camping and encampments when folks have no where else to go isn't a solution. It's cruel and short sided. Lack of affordable housing, lack of public toilets, lack of healthcare and mental health services.....these are all deliberate policy choices. Maybe the county should focus on resources instead of brutalizing folks just trying to survive day to day.

ITEM 3 BOS PUBLIC COMMENT 308

From: [Lisa Sanchez](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bellas, Liz](#)
Subject: Agenda Items 2 & 3
Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022 10:21:28 AM

Good morning,

I would like to thank everyone who has worked on these two ordinances that passed last night. I know it was a huge undertaking and appreciate the many hours of hard work put into both of them. Your patience and attentiveness with everyone's comments were also appreciated.

Also, I would like to confirm that the Critical Infrastructure ordinance will specify that the 25 foot mark for creeks and waterways will be measured from the high water line. The ordinance presented prior to the meeting last night did not specify where this measurement would be taken from. As Sue Frost noted during her time speaking, she identified the ordinance as 25 feet from the high water line and I would like this specified.

Again, I would like to confirm this language will be added into the final version of the ordinance to ensure there is no question or interpretation of where the measurement will start from.

Thank you for all your time, energy, and efforts, :-)
Lisa Sanchez

From: andrea.willey@mac.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: American River Parkway
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 8:37:15 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I was unable to attend the meetings held this week regarding the homeless camps on the American River Parkway and wish to voice my concerns.

I off of American River Drive and run, walk, kayak, and paddle on the river along miles 10 and 11 regularly. During the past several years I have participated in numerous river clean ups as well as unofficial clean-ups with local parkway stewards. I am greatly concerned with the homeless problem in Sacramento and, like most, want the citizens of Sacramento to be housed. At the same time, I have watched this public recreation area become both harmed and unsafe. The waste material in the area is one problem, but the one that is of greatest concern to me personally is my safety. i no longer feel safe as I run into persons living in the camps in the bushes. One recently was walking around cracking a whip in the air as he walked- scaring everyone. Others come out of the bushes half clothed heading from one camp to another. We need our government to help figure out a solution to the homeless problem, which is complex and involves issues of drug abuse, mental health, and a long list of compounding factors affecting a generation of people. We need our local leaders to preserve the parkways for their intended purpose. Please hear the concerns of those who feel a great need to take action to preserve the parkways.

Thank you for your consideration.

Andrea Willey, MD

From: [Debra V](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Notes from my comments today
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 7:50:59 PM

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The ordinances are not part of the housing solution. We need to continue to do right for our unhoused neighbors and have enough housing for all. No one should have to sleep outside. No one should have to live without basic things like walls and plumbing and safety. I am here to advocate for a solution to help people. I think we can do more than one thing at a time.

I am here to advocate for our waterways. Included are creeks, sloughs and rivers. Many of our creeks and sloughs pass through underserved neighborhoods in our community. Morrison Creek, Strawberry Creek, Arcade Creek to name a few. All of our waterways should be considered "critical infrastructure" in my opinion. They all flow into either the American River or the Sacramento River. As such, these places (particularly those that flow into the American River Parkway) ARE part of the parkway!

Also - 25 feet is really not going to make a difference. 25 feet is not going to keep the trash and pollutants out of our waterways. We do not have housing for all of the people who are living outside and so in the meantime, I am asking you to mitigate the impact of humans living in places that are not set up for humans to live. What can our county do to provide for clean water, toilets, garbage services and clean up of areas that folks are leaving stuff behind in the environment? Protection of our wild areas from fire? Not to mention support and services for mental health, and the health and safety of pets? 150 feet from the high water mark is what we need.

When I was a child growing up in Sunnyvale, we had a creek that ran through part of our neighborhood. Many of us children would ride our bikes there and spend hours looking at the flora and the fauna; the reptiles, the amphibians, the fish, birds, the plants that lined the creek. The last time I tried to visit that creek I encountered a concrete barrier and cyclone fencing and was only able to peek at the creek through a small opening in the wall. The creek looked very forlorn and forgotten. I doubt any of the children in that area have an idea it is even there.

When I moved to Sacramento in 1979 I was taken with the old architecture, the rivers, the beaches and the creeks and sloughs. I enjoyed spending time picking berries, looking at plants, trees, the animals that get life from the water. 35 or more years ago when my son was 4 or so years old I would take him to the creeks and the rivers, particularly Steelhead Creek and I shared with him the enjoyment of just looking and experiencing a waterway meandering through a neighborhood. A waterway teeming with animal and plant life. And

to just see the water; moving through, unimpeded by much trash or litter.

This past year I have participated in many creek and river clean ups. I am saddened that these creeks, such as Steelhead are not a place I would take a child for a leisurely day looking at nature and fishing/crawdadding. These places are filled with plastics, textiles, shopping carts, needles, batteries and are not places of peace and quiet contemplation. They are creeks with solid waste channels running through them.

The ordinances you are proposing may be stop gap measures; may help protect what we have now somewhat. I am going to ask you to go further and clean and restore what we have and make these places accessible once again to the wanderings of the children and their families who live adjacent to them. Arcade Creek goes through a very underserved neighborhood. Strawberry Creek and Morrison too. Why are there no resources to clean and to make these places as healthy as they can be? At the very least they go into our rivers which produce 80 percent of the drinking water for our region. Why do we have no means of keeping ecologically healthy waterways? A society that does not preserve its natural environment and waterways is pretty much doomed.

Who is responsible for cleaning and maintaining the health of our waterways? Volunteers? What happens when they get hurt or exhausted? What is the plan?

Debra van Hulsteyn

I called in and spoke, but these are my notes and I would like an answer to my last question.

Thanks so much for the opportunity!

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To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bell, Liz](#)
Subject: Re: Agenda Items 2 & 3
Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022 10:40:08 AM

Good morning,

My apologies for this second email but I would also like to note for the record that I still encourage the 150 foot measure from the high water line, as noted in the State F&G code 5652.

By having this buffer, it will protect areas at a greater distance, which is needed. To the question of displacing campers outside of this area and possibly into a street of some neighborhood, the street would not be an allowable location either. This would be an added location of not allowing camping just like any street, someone's front yard, etc. I was a bit confused with the question, but campers would not be permitted within this buffer along with anything outside of this buffer that is already not permitted. The 150 foot mark from the high water line would ensure any trash and debris (and their tents & personal belongings) do not get caught in the sweeping waters and dragged downstream.

Please reconsider this measurement as a buffer to protect the waterways that have had no protection.

Thank you,
Lisa Sanchez

On Thu, Aug 11, 2022 at 10:20 AM Lisa Sanchez <lisa.j.sanchez02@gmail.com> wrote:
Good morning,

I would like to thank everyone who has worked on these two ordinances that passed last night. I know it was a huge undertaking and appreciate the many hours of hard work put into both of them. Your patience and attentiveness with everyone's comments were also appreciated.

Also, I would like to confirm that the Critical Infrastructure ordinance will specify that the 25 foot mark for creeks and waterways will be measured from the high water line. The ordinance presented prior to the meeting last night did not specify where this measurement would be taken from. As Sue Frost noted during her time speaking, she identified the ordinance as 25 feet from the high water line and I would like this specified.

Again, I would like to confirm this language will be added into the final version of the ordinance to ensure there is no question or interpretation of where the measurement will start from.

Thank you for all your time, energy, and efforts, :-)
Lisa Sanchez

From: [Naomi](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Fully support Agenda Items #2 & #3 BOS Meeting 8/10/22
Date: Thursday, August 18, 2022 10:03:50 AM

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August 18, 2022

Respected Sacramento County and City Leadership,

You have my and my family's (husband, brother, sister-in-law) full support for agenda items #2 and #3. We are very thankful to see action happening on these critically urgent issues.

As evidenced everywhere, there has been a massive increase in homelessness in Sacramento County. I live right next to the American River Parkway near the Sacramento State University region. In the last year, there have been many fires due to the homeless camps. I have seen these fires from where I live. I have compassion and concern for the homeless. In fact, I regularly try to help a disabled homeless man who is in a wheelchair, and I have volunteered in the food kitchen in one of the homeless shelters in downtown Sacramento.

My Mom recently visited us from New York. She was shocked to see the massive increase in homelessness during her visit in Sacramento. She said it was very disheartening for her to see this happening because she saw what Sacramento was like before the multitudes of homeless began appearing all over the streets of Sacramento region and the American River parkway. She did not feel safe walking along the biketrail because of the homeless encampments that are packed in very closely near Apartment complexes near the Howe Ave. bridge. She heard in the national news about the increase in crime along the American River parkway due to homeless encampments. This is very sad for me also.

I had a personally upsetting experience earlier this summer. I was by the river near my home when a homeless man appeared on the bank of the river. I actually felt afraid because of how he kept looking at me and what he said to me. I was in a very vulnerable location where it was hard for me to safely leave the area. I waited and hoped he would leave, but he didn't. I prayed and asked for God's protection and finally gathered the courage to leave the area I was in to a more visible area where other bikers/walkers/runners might see me. I felt very uncomfortable and unsafe. I thank God for his protection. Since that encounter with this homeless man, I saw this same man camped in a tent very close to the apartments where my husband and I live. There is trash in the encampment, and I have reported it on my 311 app. I also smell paint coming from his tents from time to time, so I think the homeless in that camp are inhaling paint (I've heard of this before as a way to get high or something like that).

It is very frustrating for me to see tents popping up everywhere along the American River bike trail. The homeless are putting up tents very close to the river and are making the river inaccessible to hundreds of other individuals and families who would like to access the river without walking through homeless camps and garbage. Just this morning, I saw boats and kayaks parked next to homeless camps that are at the river's edge under the Howe Ave. bridge!!!

In addition, many people have concerns about their safety due to the possibility of needles laying around where the homeless camps are. Recently, I saw a syringe with a tiny needle on it floating around in a fountain near the Los Rios headquarters on Spanos Drive.

The homeless are leaving garbage all over, are bathing in the river, are washing their clothes in the river, are setting up camps right next to the river, may be using the river as a bathroom for urine and feces, are regularly starting fires along the river, and are making the river inaccessible and unsafe for hundreds of other residents of Sacramento. I saw a hole in the ground with feces and toilet paper that one of the nearby homeless was using as a toilet. This is very close to the river.

I am very thankful that the county and city of Sacramento are taking action to stop enabling the homeless to continue living along the river and creating unsafe conditions for hundreds of other residents. Thank you.

There are many apartment complexes along the American River that are literally right next to the levee. The safety of thousands of people who live in these many apartment complexes are being put at risk on a regular basis through the wildfires that are being started in these homeless camps. One of these fires should have been enough to cause a change in policy where the homeless are moved from the American River Parkway. One of my friends lives in University River Commons and smells the fires from the homeless camps almost every day.

These fires are putting thousands of lives at risk. One of the fires that was started by a homeless camp was right next to the assisted living facility (Chateau at River's Edge) where hundreds of elderly and vulnerable people live. Thank goodness for a good fire department that was able to stop the fire from spreading into the Chateau at River's Edge. I can't imagine the fear the fire caused hundreds of residents and staff who could see the flames from the residences. This is just one example. There are large and small apartment complexes located right next to the American River (along with single family homes) starting around Howe and Highway 50 all the way to the Cal Expo area.

Everywhere there are homeless, there is excessive garbage laying around. This includes our city streets throughout all of Sacramento. It is disgusting and an embarrassment to our city. I am actually embarrassed to have family visit me from out of town or other states because I don't want them to see the garbage in our streets and the homeless camps that are everywhere. I have never witnessed this big of a homeless problem.

Since there is a surplus in California's budget, some massive changes need to be implemented ASAP to remediate the homeless problem. I have some suggestions:

1. Homeless should not be allowed to start any kind of fire. Those who start fires should be cited and possibly arrested because their actions are endangering thousands of other lives and properties. According to a Sac County website, open flames are not allowed in parks. Rules and laws should be upheld.
2. Hire more park rangers or other law enforcement to patrol the American River and remove homeless camps when the ordinances are passed.
3. The city should hire more people to regularly clean the streets and areas where the existing homeless camps are (until all the homeless can be relocated into housing). There should not be garbage on our streets or in the homeless camps along the American River parkway. This should be done immediately until all the the homeless have been moved to housing.
4. The city should provide temporary and transportable bathrooms and showers for the homeless until all of the homeless are moved to housing. The bathrooms and showers should be managed and cleaned by employees that are hired and paid well by the city.
5. The city should have one central department to manage the response to homelessness in Sacramento. An effective response to the homeless crisis is going to be a long-term response that is going to require a clear plan, consistent rule implementation and enforcement, job training, and rewards/incentives for the homeless who are meeting the requirements of any program.
6. The homeless need to be evaluated and categorized according to need and ability. Some homeless will require a lot of support, while other homeless will require less support. Any housing that is provided should come with certain cleaning requirements that the homeless are required to maintain (those who are physically and mentally able to meet specific program cleanliness requirements). They should be required to attend personal growth and mental health seminars in order to stay in the provided housing. The housing should be minimal, but enough to get them off the streets. Many of the homeless will require mentoring and one-on-one follow up, so this idea is going to require quite a few people to be hired to manage the housing developments. Housing should not be given for free!! This would only encourage more people to become homeless in order to get free housing. The unhoused need to work in order to be able to stay in any kind of provided housing, even if the work is only a few hours a day. For those who are physically able, they should be required to work. At the very least, they could work on helping keep our city clean and be hired for beautification projects for our city. There is MUCH cleaning that needs to be done all over Sacramento county. There are many projects that could be started to make this city

more beautiful (cleaning what we have, planting more beautiful bushes and flowers, resurfacing plain and old-looking areas). The current unhoused could be required to participate in these projects in order to stay in housing that is provided. Let's make Sacramento one of the cleanest cities in America!

7. Any program should consider the entire being of each homeless person: physical, emotional/mental (soul), and spiritual (spirit). Some homeless will greatly benefit from Christian prayer and faith in the intervention of a Higher Power.

My suggestions show concern for the homeless while also protecting the hundreds of thousands of other residents of Sacramento. My suggestions also offer some ideas for long-term solutions for the homeless crisis. The homeless crisis is going to require a persevering and long-term commitment. Thank you for your time. I hope to see some of my suggestions implemented as soon as possible.

Thank you again for your tireless work in creating these ordinances and also for your efforts to assist the homeless while also requiring them to contribute to the cleanliness, productivity, and well-being of the Sacramento region. Again, **you have my and my family's (husband, brother, sister-in-law) full support for agenda items #2 and #3.**

Sincerely,
Nae E.

From: [Gary Bradus](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Homeless Ordinances
Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022 3:18:55 PM

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am strongly in favor of agenda items 2 and 3 from the County Board of Supervisors meeting on August 10, 2022. Homelessness is a huge issue for the affected individuals and businesses and these proposed ordinances will vastly improve the situation. Thanks, Gary

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To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Save our open spaces
Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022 5:23:03 PM

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Please find a way to provide help for the homeless while giving the average citizens back the ability to visit the parkway and walk our streets in safety and peace without being harassed by unstable individuals. This is not just about "homeless". It's about unstable individuals who have taken away the ability of the average citizen to live life without fearing for our safety and being intimidated and screamed at. Clean up the parkway, the open spaces and the streets!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Megan Awalt](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Marysol](#); [Halcon, Emily](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nava, Lisa](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Rich Desmond](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [Haynes, Janna](#); [Bell, Liz](#)
Subject: Subject: Sacramento County BOS Meeting, August 10, 2022
Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022 3:20:37 PM

Dear Esteemed Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

As a Sacramento County area resident, I am deeply concerned by the lack of attention to Preserve the American River, a State and Federally designated Wild and Scenic River.

I have lived in Sacramento my entire life (42 years). These past few years have been a disgrace with our lack of enforcing our laws. I'm embarrassed when friends and family come to town and I fear for the safety of myself, my teenage children and my parents. If we had a fire, or a flood, I'm confident we would be able to find shelter for those who are displaced, just as they do in other areas in California when disaster strikes. Please treat this with the same urgency. It's an environmental and public safety emergency.

The failure of our leaders to take necessary action to stem this problem and its recurrence is unacceptable.

I respectfully request that you immediately initiate a plan to include the following, at a minimum:

- 1) Designate all regional waterways as "critical infrastructure" to include not only our rivers, but also their tributaries, including creeks, sloughs and canals.
- 2) Pass and enforce ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of human waste, garbage, debris and the storage of personal property within 150 feet of the high water mark of all of our rivers and tributaries;
- 3) Immediately enforce all existing anti-dumping laws within 150 feet of the high water mark of our waterways, including but not limited to, California Fish and Game Code §5652; and
- 4) Advance and fund consistent creek, river and other waterway cleaning and restoration by our regional departments and agencies.

The existing condition is inexcusable. Please rectify the existing damage due to the abandonment of the duty to protect these vital community assets and pass and enforce regulations to ensure this destruction is never repeated.

Sincerely,
Megan Awalt
916-607-8954

AGENDA ITEM CONTINUATION MEMO

MEETING DATE: August 10, 2022

DEPARTMENT: Regional Parks

TITLE: Introduce An Ordinance Of The Sacramento County Code Amending Sections 9.36.058 Relating To Fires And 9.36.067 Relating To Remaining In The Parkways Between Sunset And Sunrise And Adding Section 9.36.083 To Prohibit Camping Or Constructing, Maintaining Or Inhabiting Any Structure Or Camp Facility In The American River Parkway And Dry Creek Parkway; Waive Full Reading And Continue To August 23, 2022 For Adoption

BOARD ACTION: **Introduced the ordinance, waived full reading and continued to August 23, 2022 for adoption**

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