

2541 Diericx Drive
Mountain View, CA 94040
November 21, 2016

Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee
C/O Santa Clara Valley Water District
3750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

RE: Agenda Item 4.3 of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Homeless Encampment
Ad Hoc Committee's Recommendation for Board Action Meeting, November 22, 2016

Dear Chairperson Ms. Barbara Keegan:

As a thirty seven year property owner in Mountain View Waverly Park I have seen a lot of changes in my neighborhood. When I moved to Diericx Drive thirty years ago I was not informed that twelve of the homes on Diericx Drive were owned by the Santa Clara Valley Water District. Coming full circle, I am experiencing a difficult time wondering why I was not notified by Santa Clara Valley Water District of this possible change of usage of these properties as it directly affects me. I am a resident who lives next door to one of said properties.

While I sympathize with the homeless situation and wish to see changes made in finding housing for the homeless, I find that changing these homes from rentals for working people to housing for homeless in transition is trading one solution for another. Mountain View has a lack of rental housing inventory. So if you consider placing homeless people in these homes there will be fewer residences for working people to rent. Many of these homes have been rented for years and some for decades.

Further I find that these houses are too far from needed services, such as bus lines, shopping etc. to be considered of service to homeless residents. Please consider the neighborhood and the change of face this would make to a neighborhood that sees very little change in residents from year to year.

Sincerely,

Joy E. Weaver
A Concerned Resident and Homeowner

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