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The explosion of mentally ill and drug addicted living in squalor in our streets and in our creeks is destroying the quality of our lives.

Many of the homeless we see suffering on our streets and in our creeks are mentally ill and drug addicted. Their immediate need is a place in a residential treatment facility, not a safe sleeping site, or a Tiny Home, or in permanent housing.

The County of Santa Clara, not the City, and not the Santa Clara Valley Water District, has the legal jurisdiction, funding and technical expertise to take care of those with mental health and drug addiction behavioral issues.

The County's singular focus on providing exorbitant funding to community non-profit service providers as the primary solution to the homeless crisis, without demanding meaningful performance metrics and performance outcomes, has been a failed solution. The growing inhuman suffering of the homeless on our streets is a loud and clear broadcast of the failure of these non-profits to manage and address this crisis. It's time to stop funding this failure.

The County has a lot of under utilized land available throughout the 15 cities (not just in SJ) under its jurisdiction which must be explored to develop residential treatment facilities for the homeless who are mentally ill and drug addicted.

The County keeps buying up hospitals, but continues to shamelessly shirk its responsibility of utilizing

these facilities as desperately needed mental health and drug rehab institutions we need to house and treat our mentally ill and drug addicted floundering on our streets. Page 1 of 1

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