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Express Opposition

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I am writing to oppose the proposed San Jose Sanctioned Homeless Encampments, especially sites 4, 5, and 7. The City of San Jose, and also Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors should do all what is possible to keep our waterways safe, particularly along the Guadalupe River, in this case, as Shigella outbreak grows with cases in homeless encampments along Guadalupe River, per an update on Shigella Outbreak Associated with Homeless Encampments in San Jose – June 24, 2024, by The County of Santa Clara Public Health Department.

As far as the San Diego similar "SOS" "safe sleeping" encampment sites which the Mayor of the City of San Jose is proudly touting as a progressive example, the local district attorney [of San Diego] labeled the site a public health hazard and sued the city to close it. Mayor Mahan and certain councilmembers are pushing half-baked risky experiments.

It is essential to provide support services to the homeless, but it has to be organized and managed safely, professionally, on deliberated manner. Most importantly, Valley Water should keep waterways safe, it's a wide public security issue.

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