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Subject: SCVWD Agenda Comment Form

Agenda Comment Form

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Contact:	Attention: Clerk of the Board
Board Meeting Date:	11/22/16
Board Item Number:	4.3
I would like to:	No Selection
Comments:	<p>I understand that the Board Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations specify that when District-owned residential rental properties become available and are deemed suitable by the District and applicable city, the County Office Supportive Housing will be contacted to be given first opportunity to see if the properties will be conducive to provide housing for the homeless. The reason I am contacting you is that I am a resident in the Waverly Park neighborhood of Mountain View, which includes 19 houses owned by the Water District along and near Diericx Drive and Stevens Creek. I am concerned about the idea of housing formerly homeless people in this location. While I am an affordable housing advocate and serve on the Executive Committee of Silicon Valley at Home and supported Measure A, I do not think it makes sense to house formerly homeless people in single family homes in this neighborhood. Most former homeless people need supportive services that are difficult to provide in a low density setting away for transit. Without appropriate support and diligent property management, this could lead to problems that would create unfortunate social tensions in this well-established and stable neighborhood of single family homes. I do not see any scenario in the foreseeable future under which the 19 district-owned homes in this location could ever be deemed suitable for housing the homeless. Therefore my recommendation is that the board exempt these homes from this policy. Thank you for your attention to this request.</p>