

**From:** [Darrel Exline](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#); [Paloma Aguirre](#); [Anderson, Joel](#); [MontgomerySteppe, Monica](#); [Desmond, Jim](#); [Lawson-Remer, Terra](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Oppose Permanent Sale of Caltrans Property in Lemon Grove – Preserve for Future Transportation Use  
**Date:** Monday, October 20, 2025 5:15:36 PM

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Dear Monica Montgomery Steppe and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is **Darrel L. Exline**, and I am a long time resident of Lemon Grove. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the **proposed permanent sale** of the Caltrans-owned property near Troy Street to the County of San Diego.

This parcel was originally designated for transportation infrastructure — specifically, a future off-ramp from SR-125 at Troy Street. It remains one of the few remaining options for improving freeway access and traffic circulation in East County. Transferring ownership from Caltrans to the County would permanently eliminate the possibility of using this land for future freeway or infrastructure improvements.

While I am also concerned about the proposed temporary use of this property for a homeless shelter encampment, my greater concern is that a **permanent sale** would remove it from the state's transportation inventory altogether. Once sold, this land could never be reclaimed for Caltrans use, even if future regional traffic or growth patterns demand it.

Maintaining Caltrans ownership keeps future transportation flexibility intact and aligns with long-term SANDAG and Caltrans planning goals. Selling it now for short-term purposes would be a short-sighted decision with lasting consequences for mobility, safety, and congestion relief in the region.

I respectfully urge the Board to **reject any proposal for a permanent transfer or sale** of this property and to **ensure that it remains under Caltrans ownership** for potential freeway expansion or transportation infrastructure development.

Thank you for your attention and for your service to our community.

Sincerely,  
**Darrel L. Exline**  
Lemon Grove, CA

**From:** [Dennis Carney](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Lemon Grove Homeless Project  
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**Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,**

I respectfully request that the County Council and Board of Supervisors remove **Item 11** from the consent calendar to allow for public discussion. This item has a direct and significant impact on the daily lives of our community members, and it is essential that the public be given the opportunity to hear the details and provide input through public comment.

As a long-time (30 years) **Lemon Grove resident** and retired San Diego County Peace Officer, I have witnessed firsthand the importance of transparency and community involvement in local decision-making. The absence of an open forum regarding the proposed low-barrier facilities has fostered mistrust and frustration among residents who feel excluded from the process. This type of housing project has a zero percent success rate across the nation.

Now is the time to restore confidence and rebuild trust within our community by allowing open dialogue on this matter. Transparency and public engagement are critical to ensuring that decisions reflect the collective voice and best interests of Lemon Grove residents.

**Respectfully,**  
Dennis Carney  
Lemon Grove Resident and Community Volunteer

**From:** [Josh Klein](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Lemon grove pull item 11  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 21, 2025 7:32:55 AM

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Thank you for your service, my name is Josh. I cover gang graffiti and pick up trash in Lemon Grove and have been keeping a database of our progress the last few years. Due to the totality of the circumstances, I am humbly requesting item 11 the lemon grove sleeping cabin project be pulled for discussion as there are major concerns. Thank you for your leadership on this topic.

Respectfully,  
Joshua Klein SOC Ret.  
Lemon Grove 91945  
