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**From:** [Lysa Solano](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Desmond, Jim](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Butterfield Ranch Park  
**Date:** Friday, June 9, 2023 7:04:26 PM

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Hello. I am sending this email to express my support for the Butterfield Ranch Park Valley Center needs a park like this for its residents and visitors. Please VOTE YES!

Thank you

Lysa Solano

23 year Valley Center Resident

**From:** [Michael Han](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#); [Desmond, Jim](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Butterfield Park  
**Date:** Saturday, June 10, 2023 7:04:27 AM

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As a community member in Valley Center I wanted to show my support to adopting Butterfield Trails Ranch as a public park. This community has to be one of the fastest growing communities in San Diego county and the resources from the county and state need to align with the committed growth path we are on.

Our new community on the west side of the road will immediately benefit from added public space.

Furthermore, infrastructure and support from the county is needed to address the ingress/egress into Valley Center. It is clairvoyantly clear we need more LEO and patrol on these thoroughfares with the major uptick in use on county roadways.

Yours very truly,  
Michael Han  
27119 Calle de Encinas Ct  
Valley Center, CA 92082  
530-355-4990

**From:** [Jennifer Hill](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#); [Desmond, Jim](#); [Desmond, Jim](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Butterfield Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, June 10, 2023 12:34:30 AM

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Dear Sirs,

As a resident of the growing Valley Center, the need for more parks and safe fun outlets for our children is becoming apparent. I would like to urge you to vote in favor of funding the proposed Butterfield Ranch. This is a beautiful property that can be utilized by all residents of Valley Center and San Diego County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you,

JENN HILL

**From:** [Erin Hagen](#)  
**To:** [Desmond, Jim](#)  
**Cc:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Butterfield Park Comment-No to park  
**Date:** Friday, June 9, 2023 7:53:19 PM

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Hello, this is Erin Hagen, a Valley Center resident since 1996. I DO NOT want another park. I think that it will be a crime spot and maybe even encourage homeless person problems. No thank you, Sincerely, Erin Hagen

**From:** [Taryn Webb](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Desmond, Jim](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Please support Butterfield Park!  
**Date:** Saturday, June 10, 2023 11:51:03 AM

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To whom it may concern,

Please continue to support Butterfield as a park! It is a beautiful area and I would love to take my daughter there to ride our horses. Valley Center is growing quickly and we need a large piece of land designated as a park. Thank you!

Taryn Webb  
Valley Center resident

**From:** [Tanya Snyder](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Butterfields Trails in Valley Center  
**Date:** Saturday, June 10, 2023 11:23:47 AM

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Regarding Butterfields Trails in Valley Center

Dear Supervisors,

I know you with are working the other Supervisors on a new budget for the coming fiscal year. Many North County Residents are hopeful that the new budget will include the additions funds needed for the purchase of Butterfield Trails Ranch.

It is my understanding that an appraised fair price for the property has been determined and that a portion of the funding is available via grant from a non-profit donor.

This property is too beautiful to become just another housing development. With its giant oak trees, pond, meadow and native American artifacts, it should be enjoyed by all citizens of the county.

I would encourage the Board of Supervisors, County Parks & Rec and the County as a whole come up with the additional funding to acquire the property. The money for improvements and a budget for maintenance can be worked out in the future.

I am very thankful for your efforts and your support of additional Trails in Valley Center, and North County, especially your support of Rancho Lilac.

Thank you for helping our County better itself.

Sincerely,

Tanya Snyder

**From:** [Lee Durham](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#); [Desmond, Jim](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Butterfield Trails Ranch - Budget Funding  
**Date:** Saturday, June 10, 2023 10:50:29 AM

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Dear County Board Members.

This opportunity is greatly needed by our residents and visitors to Valley Center. Our increasing growth requires more public space, and protection of wildlife and native plant species.

We sincerely hope that you agree and will find funding to assist this important project for our community.

Best regards,  
Lee and Lisa Durham  
15428 Glentree Road  
Valley Center, CA 92082

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone



We support the idea of the park as long as the land is not used for anything else. I am glad to hear additional funding has been secured. I hope the County is able to make this park a reality for our community.

Best regards,

Francis Calabrese, Esq.  
Date: 10/10/2023 at 10:10:10 AM  
Re: Park  
Subject: Support of the proposed park

Dear San Diego Superior Court,

My name is Francis Calabrese and I have been a resident of Valley Center since 1981. I am writing regarding the proposed park in Valley Center. I was very excited to hear that the County is planning to develop this park.

We recently attended the park project site at the proposed park site. They are a pleasure to work with and are very helpful. I encourage you to see that this land is very valuable to the community as a whole park. The development of additional high density housing. Large tracts of open space such as this, that is land owner is willing to sell at an appropriate value to the "highest bidder" also a land developer, is a real commodity.

Valley Center continues to grow, and with more families moving to the area in higher density housing, the need grows for additional public space. Beautiful fields and forests are great, but having a space such as this, to help enjoy nature, would be an asset to both the local community and the county at large. The economic impact of a park such as this must be recognized. Parks decrease health care and support productivity, both through encouraging exercise and increasing oxygen production and reducing air pollution. It has been proven that parks improve our physical and psychological health and help strengthen our communities.

I have my young children who enjoyed their day at the park last month. The park, the kids, the trees, the lake - it was all beautiful and provided an exciting all-around for them. I hope to be able to tell them something about the choices our local government made to provide that space while demonstrating true stewardship of the environment. I believe in the idea of the park as long as the land is not used for anything else. I am glad to hear additional funding has been secured. I hope the County is able to make this park a reality for our community.

Sincerely,  
Francis Calabrese  
Valley Center Resident since 1981







**From:** [Lyn](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#); [Desmond, Jim](#)  
**Cc:** [Desmond, Jim](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Butterfield Trails Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, June 10, 2023 9:39:32 AM

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Questions:

How much more funding is needed?

Will the land remain open space or be developed as a county "park"?

Any impact on other park land projects?

Is the only related topic for the Supervisors' meeting having the remaining amount needed funded by the he county?

Will the minutes of the June 12th meeting be available?

It's too bad that information about this subject gave so little time for community response.

Look forward to further news.

Lyn Scribner

Valley Center resident

**From:** [C Crane](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Desmond, Jim](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Butterfield Trails Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, June 10, 2023 5:22:40 PM

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San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation-

I want to express my support for purchase and development of Butterfield Trails Ranch. i have had the opportunity to train my dog with San Diego Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue on the land. Mr. Hilbig generously has offered to let the unit schedule trainings on the ranch. The property is beautiful. It will be a wonderful park and recreation area.

Thank you for your consideration!

Cheri Crane  
760-751-1708

**From:** [margaret simonsen](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] sincere request  
**Date:** Saturday, June 10, 2023 2:57:25 PM

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Please support the Butterfield Trails Ranch Park acquisition in Valley Center. With a recent large influx of new residents, we really need more parks and recreational areas. This site is beautiful and historic. It would be a major addition of beauty and enjoyment to the area.

Margaret Simonsen

**From:** [Drsharon4U](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Desmond, Jim](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Butterfield Trails Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, June 10, 2023 2:53:18 PM

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Im a resident of Valley Center. I am emailing you to let you know that I think it is extremely important to have Butterfield Ranch as a community park. I think this property would allow many different types of people to be able to use this. The ability to have a gathering spot where you can walk, picnic, exercise would be an absolute gem for us Valley Center residents.

I hope the budget will allow the county to convert less private land to a public entity. It is not often that a large piece of property is available for usage like this.

Thank you for taking my opinion into consideration.

Sincerely,

Sharon Seibert  
Valley Center Resident

**From:** [M Puyot](#)  
**To:** [Desmond, Jim](#); [EGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Butterfield Trails in Valley Center  
**Date:** Saturday, June 10, 2023 1:56:52 PM

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Dear County Supervisors,

I just learned about an important vote to include funding for this park. I live in Park Circle, the new community that is across the street of the proposed park, and I would very much appreciate if you would please approve the park funding. We just don't have many options for parks nearby, other than the ones we fund ourselves in our community. I am an avid mountain biker, and was disappointed to learn that I need to go back to Escondido's Daley Ranch to find decent trails.

Thanks in advance for your kind support,

Mike Puyot

Park Circle

**From:** [Barbara Benjamin](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Desmond, Jim](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Butterfield Trails Ranch Valley Center  
**Date:** Saturday, June 10, 2023 1:28:16 PM

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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

Please include the remaining purchase price of Butterfield Trails Ranch in the budget for the upcoming fiscal year!

This preservation project has been proven to be enthusiastically supported by the Valley Center community. Now that a very generous supporter has made a substantial contribution towards the project, I and many other VC residents ask that you, as our representatives, PLEASE include the remaining purchase price of this beautiful property in the county budget for this year.

Please don't pass up this chance to preserve this beautiful land as a park in our community!!

Most Sincerely,

Barbara Benjamin  
34 year Valley Center resident  
[Nordicbnb@aol.com](mailto:Nordicbnb@aol.com)



**From:** [Rebecca Steiner](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#); [Desmond, Jim](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Butterfield Park Proposal  
**Date:** Saturday, June 10, 2023 12:45:05 PM

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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I wanted to make known my desire to have the property known as Butterfield Trails Ranch be purchased by San Diego County. The addition of that property as a park would greatly enhance the quality of life for Valley Center residents such as myself. I attended the "open houses" and was so impressed with the amount of nature in the midst of our small community. Butterfield Park would be of immeasurable value not only to Valley Center residents, but all of San Diego County. Please vote YES to include the purchase of that property in the upcoming budget for the new fiscal year.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Steiner  
31060 Hilltop Drive, Valley Center, CA 92082

"And when night comes, and you look back over the day and see how fragmentary everything has been, and how much you planned that has gone undone, and all the reasons you have to be embarrassed and ashamed: just take everything exactly as it is, put it in God's hands and leave it with him." *Edith Stein*

**From:** [Rose Anne Noll](#)  
**To:** [jim.desmond@sd.county.ca.gov](mailto:jim.desmond@sd.county.ca.gov); [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Butterfield Trails Ranch  
**Date:** Saturday, June 10, 2023 8:50:17 PM

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Dear Jim,

Please support the Butterfield Trails Ranch. My husband and I live across the street at the new development, Park Circle in Valley Center. We feel this park would provide tremendous enjoyment to our community.

Sincerely,

Rose Anne Noll

13412 Provision Wy, Valley Center, CA 92082

856-520-4449

**From:** [Jessica Bailey](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Butterfield station valley center  
**Date:** Sunday, June 11, 2023 8:51:42 AM

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This would be an amazing purchase both for wildlife in the area as well as the growing community in sticking with the rural feel as more people come. Jessica

Jessica Bailey  
Realty Executives Top Producer  
Chairman's Award -100% club  
DRE# 01322849  
213-926-6471

**From:** [Judith Shadzi](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Fwd: Butterfield Trails Ranch - a perfect park for Valley Center  
**Date:** Sunday, June 11, 2023 9:24:59 AM  
**Attachments:** [2023 June- Butterfield Trails Ranchj.pdf](#)

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From: [jonvick@ascs-inc.com](mailto:jonvick@ascs-inc.com) <[jonvick2@aol.com](mailto:jonvick2@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, Jun 8, 2023 at 11:22 AM  
Subject: Butterfield Trails Ranch - a perfect park for Valley Center  
To: Jon Vick <[jonvick2@aol.com](mailto:jonvick2@aol.com)>

Dear VC Neighbor,

**This needs your immediate attention, please - deadline is Friday, June 10th.**

Please send a note to [publiccomment@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:publiccomment@sdcounty.ca.gov), with a cc to [jim.desmond@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:jim.desmond@sdcounty.ca.gov) and request that the remaining funding needed to acquire **Butterfield Trails Ranch** as a park for Valley Center be included in the upcoming budget.

More information is attached.

Thank you and...  
Kindest regards,

Jon Vick  
Cell 760-291-7745  
[jonvick@ascs-inc.com](mailto:jonvick@ascs-inc.com)

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**From:** [jonvick@ascs-inc.com](mailto:jonvick@ascs-inc.com) <[jonvick2@aol.com](mailto:jonvick2@aol.com)>  
**To:** [publiccomment@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:publiccomment@sdcounty.ca.gov) <[publiccomment@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:publiccomment@sdcounty.ca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Supervisor Jim Desmond <[jim.desmond@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:jim.desmond@sdcounty.ca.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 8, 2023, 10:15:39 AM PDT  
**Subject:** Butterfield Trails Ranch - a perfect park for Valley Center

Dear SD County Supervisors,

With hundreds of new houses being built, Valley Center's population is rapidly increasing and we need more parkland as the community is underserved by our current parkland. **Butterfield Trails Ranch**, located across from Park Circle, a 700+ home development, is perfectly located for a new park and a conservation foundation has made a substantial contribution towards the acquisition of this property.

Please vote in favor of including the remaining amount in the upcoming budget.

Thank you and...

Kindest regards,

Jon Vick  
Valley Center, CA  
Cell 760-291-7745  
[jonvick@ascs-inc.com](mailto:jonvick@ascs-inc.com)

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Judith Shadzi  
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**From:** [Omar And Ashley Elamir](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Desmond, Jim](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Butterfield Trails Ranch Park  
**Date:** Sunday, June 11, 2023 11:39:45 AM

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Good morning,

We are writing to voice our support for the proposed park on Butterfield Trails Ranch.

Sincerely,  
The Elamir Family

**From:** [blar41@aol.com](mailto:blar41@aol.com)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Desmond, Jim](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Butterfield in VC  
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To Whom it May Concern,

As the grandmother of two active Valley Center Girl Scouts and a 30 year Valley Center home owner,  
I can clearly tell you that we are in need of more parks here! Butterfield Trails Ranch would add another  
important public space to enhance our growing community. Please make it happen!  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Linda D. Bryson  
30071 Alta Mira Lane  
Valley Center, 92082

**From:** [henkinp@earthlink.net](mailto:henkinp@earthlink.net)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Fw: BUDGET HEARINGS - PLEASE REVISE BUDGET  
**Date:** Sunday, June 11, 2023 2:47:16 PM

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I have already sent this to the Supervisors. I do not see it posted to the website and there is no way I can condense this to 500 character segments. Please post with the agenda materials for June 12. Thank you.

Regards,

Paul Henkin

[henkinp@earthlink.net](mailto:henkinp@earthlink.net)

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From: <[henkinp@earthlink.net](mailto:henkinp@earthlink.net)>

Sent: Jun 7, 2023 5:22 PM

To: Supervisor Nora Vargas <[nora.vargas@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:nora.vargas@sdcounty.ca.gov)>, Supervisor Jim Desmond <[jim.desmond@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:jim.desmond@sdcounty.ca.gov)>, Supervisor Joel Anderson <[joel.anderson@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:joel.anderson@sdcounty.ca.gov)>, Supervisor Terra LawsonRemer <[terra.lawson-remer@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:terra.lawson-remer@sdcounty.ca.gov)>

Cc: SD Cty Board of Supes <[PublicComment@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:PublicComment@sdcounty.ca.gov)>, Helen Robbins-Meyer <[helen.robbsins-meyer@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:helen.robbsins-meyer@sdcounty.ca.gov)>

Subject: BUDGET HEARINGS - PLEASE REVISE BUDGET

Hi Supervisors, Helen,

I looked at the budget and am glad to see that it does not begin with an award like last time I looked. Thank you. There are also many good things in it, especially the additional staff for detentions inspections by the Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board and the increased focus on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder, but some of the individual proposals are wasteful or really bad and harmful proposals. We can do better. Please be open to revising



these in the final.

On another issue, the lack of a Board Member representing District 4 is highly problematic.

## **Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder**

1. You want to spend \$8.8 million for 41 long-term beds. \$214,634 is a heck of a lot per bed, and not nearly enough beds anyway if you're serious about solving problem of raving addicts on the streets.

2. You want to spend \$18.3 million for implementation of the CARE Act, a new state program for people with serious behavioral health issues that may provide services, shelter and treatment through a civil court proceeding. Do we really need that much in the budget, or is there another source of funds, or do we need this much funding at all?

3. You want to spend \$7.1 million to address opioid addiction. However, increased awareness and enforcement seem to be making this problem better already. Do we really still need all these funds?

## **Homelessness and Housing**

4. You want to spend a \$25 million increase for the Innovative Housing Trust Fund to help build affordable housing. Why not start where the real problem is - homeless housing, and rent them out as affordable units on the basis of need rather than designating them as affordable from the start. And we know where those units go - bought out by Blackstone and transitioned upscale.

5. You want to spend \$2.3 million for homeless services/housing for LGBTQIA+ community [why special housing for just these people - what about veterans, older people, disabled? Do we want to end the problem or kick the can down the road for those who are arguably worse off (and veterans are probably better equipped to help the community at large.) Plus, why single people out for help if they want to be part of the community as a whole - it creates feelings associated with exclusion, separateness, and yes - the whole neighbor vs. neighbor thing again and again. Wonder what causes it?

## **Sustainability and Fighting Climate Change**

6. You want to spend \$3.8 million to continue work on an ambitious Regional Decarbonization Framework that will help communities move the region toward zero carbon emissions and plan to plant 5,000 trees as part of a regional effort to add 10,000 trees throughout the county to naturally remove carbon dioxide from the air and lower temperatures. We need a lot more than just decarbonization. Methane is worse in its effects than carbon dioxide. There are 8 major greenhouse gases. Going just to net zero will do little for the environment. A large proportion of newly planted trees die, BTW.

7. You mention "To reduce the County footprint and save costs by eliminating the need for a new facility, an office space consolidation plan is underway at the County Operations Center" Tinier cubicles - does this mean you're now hiring smaller people?

## **Justice Reform**

8. You want to spend \$2 million to keep young people out of the criminal justice system and address underlying causes of their harmful behavior [Does this include children driven nuts or who are keyed up and lash out because of radical teaching or policy (CRT, LGBTQ in inappropriate places, poor health (improper ventilation, etc.)]

9. You mention "Additional staff for detentions inspections by the Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board, an independent body responsible for investigating complaints against San Diego County Sheriff's deputies and probation officers." How about additional staff for use-of-force investigations, such as Audra Morgan, who was beaten for her political action?

10. You mention additional staff to implement the cannabis business tax and a Social Equity Program to address the disproportionate harm caused by the War on Drugs on communities of color. Does this mean you want to spread the harm from a poorly planned tax scheme to the rest of the ? Or am I reading this wrong?

11. You mention Homeless Court Pop-Up Resource Fairs supported by County, City and homeless service agencies to help those at risk of or experiencing homelessness to resolve minor offenses. Does this mean that those who show up at these non-permanent pop-ups will have a better chance at getting their offenses resolved? - sounds rather discriminatory.

## **Investing in Working Families**

12. You want 354 additional staff years across all Health and Human Services Agency departments to support safety net programs like CalWORKs, CalFresh, and Medi-Cal, and services for behavioral health, public health, seniors, children, and families.

Based on its prior performance, particularly during COVID and wastewater testing, where it went for the one-size-fits-all mandates, lockdowns, and masking, and pretty much pushed the mRNA shot as if the only preventative measure, rather than focussing on the individual, I do not trust HHSA to support safety net programs without regular and public audits to build confidence that our money is being properly spent in a manner which respects the individual.

## **Healthy and Safe Communities**

13. What about more funding to help students with a perverse education system where the administration and teacher no longer believe that all students are individuals but force-feed them controversial and wrong theories and instead dictate from the top down? When one teaches, two learn - I wish more people realized that teaching is really a two-way experience!

14. We also need more funding (as I said last meeting) for Child Care as more moms enter the workforce.

I'm sure that you are reviewing and correcting the budget documents. I think we can do better, and I hope my suggestions are helpful.

**Let me know what you think.**

Regards,

Paul Henkin

henkinp@earthlink.net

**From:** [Robin Norie](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Desmond, Jim](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Valley Center Butterfield Trails Ranch  
**Date:** Sunday, June 11, 2023 1:31:24 PM

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I would like to see the county to support Butterfield Trails Ranch as a park here in Valley Center. I understand that June 12th 2023 is when there will be a vote and I'm asking you all to support this for a park . Sincerely, Robin Norie

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Delores Harmes](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Vargas, Nora \(BOS\)](#); [Desmond, Jim](#); [Lawson-Remer, Terra](#); [Anderson, Joel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] BOS Meeting June 12, 2023 - Budget Hearing - Butterfield Trails Park  
**Date:** Monday, June 12, 2023 6:22:00 AM

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The Valley Center Community Planning Group has received an overwhelming response in support of the potential addition of 59 acres to be used as parkland in San Diego County.

The Butterfield Trails Ranch Park complies 100% with the existing Valley Center Community Plan and received unanimous support from the Valley Center Community Planning Group at our meeting on December 13, 2021. Preserving the natural beauty of this site is consistent with Valley Center's character of rural, country living. Additionally, by the county's own admission, Valley Center is underserved for parks given our population and planned continued growth. The addition of Butterfield Trails Ranch Park would not only satisfy the need for more parks in Valley Center but would also be a benefit for the entire county.

Valley Center is growing exponentially with more young families moving into our area. Recently, the San Diego Business Journal featured an article on Park Circle, a large development of 700 affordable homes with apx. more than 60% of these homes already completed. It is imperative that we mitigate this influx of homes and people with open space.

A public event held on November 6, 2021 drew over 500 community members who provided strong, positive comments on the value of Butterfield Trails Ranch Park being preserved as a park. That number has only increased. Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H, Vaqueros and many other youth organizations have expressed their excitement of having this space available for use.

The addition of Butterfield Trails Ranch Park would provide walking and hiking trails, a safe riding trail for horses, a bird watchers paradise, picnic areas away from traffic and noise, not to mention the benefit of decreased health costs by encouraging exercise, increasing oxygen production and reducing air pollution. Parks improve our physical and psychological health and help strengthen our communities.

The cost of maintaining Butterfield Trails Ranch Park would be minimal as no major infrastructure would be needed. Minor path improvements, trash receptacles, picnic benches, outhouses and gravel parking seem to be the only needs. No buildings or costly improvements are required.

Thank you for your time in review of this material. We appreciate all you have done for our community and continue to do. Please consider Butterfield Trails Ranch as an important and vital part of our future.

*Delores Chavez Harmes - Chair*

**Valley Center Community Planning Group**  
**(760)749-6555 off (619)318-8882 cell**

**From:** [kathi gerritsen](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Desmond, Jim](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Butterfield  
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Please approve Butterfield as a park!

John & Kathi Gerritsen

**From:** [Steve Tischler](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Make Butterfield Ranch a park!  
**Date:** Monday, June 12, 2023 7:48:37 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

You have a great opportunity to enhance Valley Center for current and future residents. Please vote to complete the purchase of Butterfield Trails Ranch as county parkland!

BTR is a beautiful piece of property that is centrally located in Valley Center. It would be ideal left as a mostly natural area, with hiking/equestrian trails and interpretive sites. It seems to me that the community is really rallying around this vision.

Thank you!  
Steve Tischler  
Valley Center resident

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**From:** [kallensimpson@gmail.com](mailto:kallensimpson@gmail.com)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Butterfield Park Acquisition  
**Date:** Monday, June 12, 2023 7:26:47 AM

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Hi SD County,

I'm emailing you to urge the County to purchase the Butterfield Ranch site in Valley Center. The park will significantly enhance the Valley Center community, and it's in keeping with the semi-rural nature of our community.

Many thanks...ks

*Keith Simpson*

Mobile: 760-415-8115

Email: [kallensimpson@gmail.com](mailto:kallensimpson@gmail.com)

**From:** [Charles Carr](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Re: Valley Center Butterfield Park proposal  
**Date:** Monday, June 12, 2023 9:19:01 AM

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Hello!

Please put me down as a YES for acquiring and developing the Butterfield property as a community park.

If we don't do it now it might be impossible to do so later what with the rapid rate of development coming to VC.

Thank you!

Charles Carr  
[charlescarr.com](http://charlescarr.com)  
[charcarr@gmail.com](mailto:charcarr@gmail.com)  
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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I write to urge you to support the creation of a new Butterfield Trails Ranch Park in Valley Center. This is a unique opportunity to preserve open space, preserve local history, and create much needed public park space for people of all ages.

My family has resided in Escondido for many years, and we regularly access local parks and trails like Felicita Park and Daley Ranch. My parents have been long-time residents of Valley Center, and so we have come to enjoy family activities in this community, such community events at Bates Nut Farm and hiking in Hell Hole Canyon.

Now more than ever we have to exert leadership to preserve invaluable open spaces and create opportunities for children and adults to enjoy nature, learn about local history, and participate in healthy, educational, community activities that are accessible and enjoyable. Please provide necessary the support to create Butterfield Trails Ranch Park.

Thank you.

Carmen Nava

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22% increase in homelessness since last year! This shows that SD politicians need to take a deep breath and admit that their focus on homeless housing has not worked. Nor has chasing them from place to place, be it to the shelter or otherwise.

It is time to try a new approach, like the one I have suggested for over a year (and many others have similar ideas) - jobs (dignity,) mental health including drug abuse (prescribed or not,) crime both by and against, and THEN housing which, given the state of the market and some powerful predatory landlords, could be years away.

<https://sdnews.com/2023-point-in-time-count-results-show-increase-in-homeless-population/>

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## **2023 Point-in-Time Count results show increase in homeless population**

By SDNEWS staff June 8, 2023 in SDNews - Top Stories, Top

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The Regional Task Force on Homelessness (RTFH) released the topline results on June 8 from the 2023 WeAllCount Point-in-Time Count, a one-night snapshot of the minimum number of San Diegans experiencing homelessness. The count was conducted across San Diego County, with more than 1,600 volunteers spending an early January morning helping RTFH complete this federally required task.

Overall, the 2023 Point-in-Time Count is sobering, finding **no less than 10,264 individuals experiencing homelessness across the region**. This number includes 5,171 unsheltered San Diegans with 5,093 individuals in shelters and transitional housing.

As always, it's critical to remember this is a **minimum** number. The challenge of finding every unsheltered person in a car, encampment, or under a bridge, is impossible. This year, however, RTFH did see an addition to the area the Point-in-Time Count covers. For the first time, under an agreement with the California Department of Transportation, RTFH was able to reach people experiencing homelessness in encampments on Caltrans property. The ability to conduct a robust count on these sites for the first time led to an additional 661 people being counted this year.

With these new areas added to the Point-in-Time Count, the region saw a **total increase of 22 percent** in the number of people experiencing homelessness this year compared to 2022.

Without those additional Caltrans sites added to the count, the region saw a **14 percent increase** compared to the same areas covered last year.

[Take your pick, either one is huge, unprecedented, and shocking.]

“These results show what’s been clear from our monthly reporting and from what we see on the streets – the region’s homeless system and providers simply cannot keep pace with the ever-increasing flow of people across the county falling into homelessness for a variety of reasons,” RTFH CEO Tamera Kohler said. “While there are some bright spots, more clearly needs to be done if we want to see different results.”

Of those surveyed, 80 percent said they began experiencing homelessness in San Diego County.

“What you’re seeing is a system that is stressed and overloaded,” RTFH board chair Ray Ellis said. “Our monthly data reporting shows that from March 2022 through February 2023, more than 11,000 people experiencing homelessness exited the system and moved into a home or apartment, an amazing achievement.

[Of course, only about 8,500 were counted, in the first place - definite undercount.]

“However, we’re still seeing a worrying jump in people experiencing homelessness over that same time period. This should be a clarion call to invest in what we know works. We need a lot more housing, a lot more shelter beds, and additional funding for outreach and services,” Ellis said.

[Or, to put it another way, what already works but resulted in a 22% jump in homelessness anyway.]

There are some small signs of hope found within the Point-in-Time Count results. Families experiencing unsheltered homelessness, for example, decreased by 25 percent. Additionally, there was a larger increase in the sheltered population of transitional-aged youth (18 to 24) than the unsheltered population, showing the expansion of shelter opportunities for those young people has brought more of them indoors.

Also important is that the percentages of people experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness remain roughly the same as in 2022, meaning that added shelter capacity – especially in the City of San Diego – is helping to provide more people with a safe place.

(Find regional and city-specific Point-in-Time information for 2023 at <https://www.rtfhsd.org/reports-data/>.)

“These numbers are sobering but not surprising,” RTFH CoC board chair Sean Spear said. “This is the reason implementing our Regional Plan is so vital in turning these numbers around. I look forward to our board investing our time and resources in implementing that plan this year, which aims to increase both shelter and permanent housing placements.”

[The plan, the plan, who's gotta plan (that works)?]

While the Point-in-Time Count is an important data point, the surveying and engagement of people on the morning of the count give insights and understanding beyond the numbers. That engagement showed concerning increases for two vulnerable populations. This year, RTFH found 29 percent of people living on the streets are women. Additionally, people 55 or older now make up 29 percent of

the unsheltered population, with 46 percent of them experiencing homelessness for the first time.

This annual count does not represent the totality of the challenges, which is why the RTFH works year-round to collect actionable statistics to keep the public informed. RTFH's monthly reports show for every 10

San Diegans who are housed, 13 San Diegans experience homelessness for the first time.

Those reports also show the region has not seen a month since March 2022 where more San Diegans have been housed compared to those experiencing homelessness the first time. Also, the region's homeless response system interacted with more than 41,000 people in San Diego County from October 2021 to September 2022, compared to 38,000 the previous year.

"All of these numbers point to the increasing crisis we see play out every day on our streets," Kohler said. "It's why we need to invest in what we know works: more homes affordable to every income level, more shelter beds, and more resources to keep people in their homes before they end up experiencing homelessness in every community in the county.

**"Without a level of investment that matches the severity of this crisis,** we will not achieve our goal of ensuring homelessness is a brief and rare occurrence rather than a permanent situation for thousands of San Diegans. The crisis we face was created over decades – years of overly restrictive housing policies, limited funding for homelessness, and more – and will not be solved overnight. We can and must do better to meet this daunting challenge."

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[Does this include creative thinking?]

The RTFH evolved from an initial Mayor's Task Force nearly 40 years ago to the organization that it is today with an integrated array of stakeholders committed to preventing and alleviating homelessness in San Diego.

"We are disheartened to learn that the homeless population continues to grow in San Diego at an alarming rate and that so many families and individuals are living on the streets. This reality underscores the urgent need for action. These numbers serve as a stark reminder that we must implement more strategic solutions to eradicate homelessness from our community," said Deacon Jim Vargas, president and CEO at Father Joe's Villages. "Until we have enough shelter beds, many will remain living on the streets. Until we have enough affordable housing, the ultimate solution to homelessness, the number of unhoused will remain an issue.

[22% is more than alarming. Given the 10% or less increases before this, this indicates a systemic failure. Solutions include more than shelter and housing, and whatever else was done - harassment?]

"Even with an increase in services at Father Joe's Villages – serving 3,000 each night, expanding shelter beds during the height of the pandemic, providing medical care to more people in our health center, and opening new affordable housing communities – there are systemic challenges we must address as a community before we can put an end to homelessness for good.

"It's critical that we continue this work to expand crucial resources for people in need well into the future. We must continue to advocate for more diverse shelters, and comprehensive services, including housing, meals, health care, behavioral health, employment services,

and therapeutic childcare to help thousands of people overcome obstacles to housing and income,” Vargas said.

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To whomever it may concern:

The City of San Diego needs to pause and stop moving the homeless around from place to place.

What guarantees does the rest of the County have that the homeless are not going to move to other and 'safer' cities or areas? THIS ORDINANCE IS A THREAT TO THE REST OF THE COUNTY.

The Union Tribune article says "In one of the more controversial aspects of the proposed ordinance, camping on certain public property would be prohibited 24 hours a day regardless of the availability of shelter beds. The prohibition would affect public parks and areas near homeless shelters, schools, trolley corridors, transportation hubs and waterways.

"That raised another criticism of the proposal, as a homeless person could just cross a street and go to an area where people are allowed to sleep at night.

""It literally is just going to move people into other zones, and if you're a housed person in a zone not covered by this, you're going to be unhappy," said homeless advocate Michael McConnell.

"While the restriction may push encampments out of East Village because of shelters in the neighborhood, McConnell said people may just move their tents a few blocks away to Barrio Logan and Sherman Heights.

"McConnell also he would pass out maps to show homeless people where they should move their tents if the ordinance passes.

"Concern that the ordinance could push homeless people out of San Diego was hinted at during a Poway City Council on Tuesday when council members passed a similar ordinance regulating encampments.

""The city of San Diego is becoming more aggressive, so we'd expect it to be an increasing problem in Poway," said Poway City Councilmember Brian Pepin."

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I would also note that the 32% increase in homelessness in San Diego (versus 14 to 22% for the entire County) strongly suggests that San Diego needs a better approach than a 'carrot and stick' mentality.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/should-san-diego-ban-homeless-encampments-city-council-decides-tuesday/ar-AA1cp26C?ocid=hpmsn&cvid=c7d4a1b28aa249f89cb1a80fce650ca2&ei=46>

San Diego Union Tribune

**Should San Diego ban homeless encampments? City**

## **Council decides Tuesday**

Story by Gary Warth • 5h ago [6/10/2023]

A proposal to ban homeless encampments from public property in San Diego will be debated this week by elected officials and it is expected to be cheered by some as long overdue and jeered by others as cruel and ineffective.

Submitted by City Councilmember Stephen Whitburn, the proposed ordinance would prohibit people from camping on public property if shelter options are available, but it also would ban camping on certain property, such as public parks, **even if no legal shelters are available.**

**[Illegal under Martin vs. Boise, upheld by the US Supreme Court.]**

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the new rules on Tuesday following weeks of protests against the proposed ban countered by a full-court press by Mayor Todd Gloria, who held press conferences at different locations last week in support of the plan.

Tuesday's hearing also follows the release of two reports that show a surge in unsheltered people in the city of San Diego.

"Neither of these announcements come as good news, and neither come as a surprise to myself or to anyone else who has seen what is happening on our sidewalks, in our parks, alongside our freeways and in our canyons along San Diego River," Gloria said Thursday, the day the reports were released.

Data released Thursday by the San Diego Regional Task Force on Homelessness found a **32 percent increase in the number of unsheltered homeless people in the city of San Diego**, with about 3,300 people living outdoors.

Also on Thursday, a recent count conducted by the Downtown San Diego Partnership found an all-time high of 2,100 people living on sidewalks and in vehicles just in downtown neighborhoods.

While there is little argument that the growing number of encampments in the city is an issue that needs attention, the proposed ban has faced much opposition and did not get overwhelming support when it was discussed by the city's Land Use and Housing Committee in April.

Committee members voted 3-1 to pass the proposal on to the full City Council without a recommendation. **Councilmember Kent Lee cast the only opposing vote and questioned how it could be enforced when the availability of shelter beds was as low as 3 percent at times.**

Lee's concerns were related to the Martin v. Boise court decision that allows cities to cite homeless people for camping on property only if there are adequate shelter beds available.

In the meeting, Councilmember Joe LaCava said he had concerns about the proposal and requested a comprehensive shelter plan, which also is going before the City Council on Tuesday.

Gloria said the key elements of the plan include expanding shelter types to fit the specific needs of veterans, seniors, youths and other populations, all with wraparound services to provide what he referred to as compassionate, equitable service to each person.

The plan also calls for engaging with community partners like the San Diego Unified School District and others to identify more potential short-term and long-term shelter sites. It also calls for enhancing the existing family reunification program to connect homeless people with family members and friends who can offer support.

But the plan also identifies future challenges, including the goal of adding 600 more shelter beds while also relocating another 930 beds as some shelters close. Among those are the 276-bed Alpha Project shelter on Newton Avenue, scheduled to close in the summer of 2024, and the 324-bed shelter on the first floor of Golden Hall, which is expected to close by October.

[Basically, to make this plan legal under Martin vs. Boise, the City needs 1530 shelter beds.]

Speaking at various locations in support of the ordinance last week, Gloria said it is needed for safety concerns around schools, parks and canyons.

Opponents have held their own events, which sometimes coincided with Gloria's. Protesters tried to drown out a press conference on Wednesday held by Gloria, LaCava, police officers and fire officials in University City.

On two consecutive Friday evenings, the grassroots group San Diego Housing Emergency Alliance set up lighted signs reading "Housing Now" on the 6th Avenue Interstate 5 overpass in opposition to the proposal.

Whitburn and Gloria have said the proposed ordinance would not result

in encampments disappearing overnight, and it would not affect every neighborhood the same.

[Instead of acting NOW, in the months before the shelters actually close, we need comprehensive plan, not a series of bandaid solutions.]

In many areas, homeless people still would be allowed on sidewalks between 9 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. as part of a settlement filed several years ago.

[So if you're afraid to walk down the street, don't go out late? Who's punishing whom?]

In one of the more controversial aspects of the proposed ordinance, camping on certain public property would be prohibited 24 hours a day regardless of the availability of shelter beds. The prohibition would affect public parks and areas near homeless shelters, schools, trolley corridors, transportation hubs and waterways.

That raised another criticism of the proposal, as a homeless person could just cross a street and go to an area where people are allowed to sleep at night.

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Whitburn said he expects the ordinance will be effective in part because more shelter options are being created. By July 1, a new safe sleeping area is scheduled to open in a parking lot at 20th and B streets to accommodate about 100 people. The open site will be an alternative to indoor shelters, which many people living on the street often decline.

A second safe sleeping site that will accommodate about 400 people is expected to open in the fall at Parking Lot O near the Naval Medical Center.

[500 beds when 1530 are expected to be needed next year?]

Whitburn, whose district includes downtown San Diego, said there is a pressing need to address the hundreds of encampments that are blocking city sidewalks, which could create a liability for the city.

Whitburn noted that Portland, Ore., recently agreed to spend millions of

dollars to clear tents from sidewalks to settle a lawsuit filed by disabled people who use wheelchairs.

"I think what happened in Portland is very relevant to the situation we have in San Diego," he said.

Gloria said the city also has an obligation to residents who deserve to have clean sidewalks.

"Taxpayers in this city will be spending over \$200 million on homelessness in the year ahead if the budget is passed as proposed," he said. "I think in exchange for that, it is absolutely reasonable to be able to expect to walk on the sidewalk without having to go around and step in the middle of the street."

Questions about the legality of the proposed ordinance already are being raised.

Attorney Scott Dreher, who has represented homeless people in lawsuits that led to the settlement allowing people to sleep on sidewalks at night, said he is looking into the ordinance.

The proposed ordinance also has gotten the attention of Will Knight, decriminalization program director for the Washington, D.C.-based National Homelessness Law Center.

Knight said the proposed ordinance appears to follow the Martin v. Boise agreement on the surface by enforcing a camping ban only when there are adequate shelter alternatives available.

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The part of the ordinance that would prohibit camping in certain areas even when no shelter beds are available is problematic, he said.

"There aren't exceptions," he said. "Martin v. Boise does not say they can do what they're trying to do."

Knight said a reasonable interpretation of the ruling would find it acceptable to have an absolute ban on camping in certain areas because of legitimate public safety concerns. As examples, he cited cities that banned camping under a railroad viaduct and in wildlife areas. He also had no problem with Santee's ban on camping near a river that could be polluted by runoff from encampments.

Knight said San Diego is not citing legitimate public safety concerns in banning camping near schools, parks and other places, but rather is just trying to hide homeless people from the sight of children and people in parks.

Whitburn and Gloria said the city attorney's office has looked at the Martin v. Boise decision and has found the ordinance in compliance.

[What do you expect from someone in the same organization?]

"They are confident that in cases of public health and safety, this will be allowable," Whitburn said.

Gloria also said the ordinance will follow the ruling because the city has the right to place restrictions on the use of specific areas.

McConnell said he does not think the ordinance would be effective in the long run because he already has seen the city crack down on encampments, only to eventually back off and have the encampments

return.

"I've seen it all before," he said, recalling how a large encampment that once was on Sports Arena Boulevard had been reduced to just a few tents, but lately has grown to about 30.

McConnell also said he sees the mayor's focus on enforcement as a change of heart in someone who had said he would take a more compassionate approach to homelessness than the past administration.

Gloria, however, repeatedly has emphasized that his approach is compassionate because it will lead to people getting shelter and services rather than allowing them to stay on the street where they face threats of violence, vehicle accidents, sex trafficking and drug dealers.

[BTW, you don't have to be on the street anymore to face threats of violence, vehicle accidents, sex trafficking and drug dealers.]

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Hello,

I'm writing to express my emphatic support for Butterfield Trails Ranch. These 60 acres offer a rare, unique and perfectly strategic protected area that can benefit local Valley Center residents, visitors from around the County and the world, and our animal and plant neighbors for centuries to come.

I just learned about this project today, and greatly appreciate that a broad range of nonprofits and local Indian Tribes support the project.

Time and time again, it has been shown that greenspace is not only good in its own right, not only does it improve the health of people and natural systems, but it increases the economic value of surrounding properties and businesses. It's a win, win, win.

Please do everything you can to support this wonderful project. I certainly will.

Thank you,  
Katie Stokes  
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To whom it may concern,

I live in Valley Center along with my husband and sons and we are in favor of preserving the land that is known as the Butterfield Trails Ranch by making it a park for people and animals to enjoy!

Thank you,  
Erin Roner

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Rick Lambert](#)  
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Dear Office of District 4,

I want to thank you for requesting my input on the 2023-2025 recommended budget.

In my many years of residency in San Diego County, this is the first time I remember the County seeking my thoughts. I live in the Fourth District of San Diego County, was born and have resided here for seventy-one years. I have seen a lot of changes over this time, most significantly a continual move to the political "Left," mimicking our State government. I love California and the community in which I live. I have watched with concern the mass exodus of families and businesses from our state and local communities due to increased taxes and questionable policies. I have experienced with horror the changes in our public school system, leaving behind conservative family values and adopting progressive ideology, leaving parents no choice but to home school or enroll their beloved children in charter or private institutions.

I recently watched the fall of my representative, Nathan Fletcher, who instead of serving his constituents as he vowed to do, was serving his own immoral desires. My first question is to ask if part of the proposed budget is to pay his supposed rehabilitation/medical bills? Also are we expected to provide him with a retirement salary? Over the course of my lifetime residing in San Diego County, I have seen politicians become more and more interested in furthering their careers, personal agendas, and selfish desires instead of seeking what is best for the people who voted them into office. They serve the desires of their political cronies and special interests, instead of the welfare of the general public. What ever happened to a government of the people, by the people, and for the people?

In addition, I would like to know if a portion of your budget is to spend more money on bike lanes, taking away essential parking and access from local businesses, which by the way, provide much of your tax dollars? These businesses already suffered major hardships as a result of the County's response to COVID-19, and now, adding insult to injury, you are taking away essential parking and access to provide bike lanes of which only a little over one percent of the public make use! Furthermore, many cyclists say bike lanes put them at greater risk than riding with traffic. How about using our tax dollars to actually improve our roads and fix the increasing pothole problem, making it safer for bicyclists and motorists alike?

I would also appreciate knowing what portion of your budget will be dedicated to solving the homeless problem? The County continues to throw huge amounts of money at this admittedly major problem, the result of which is that the problem has gotten worse and the numbers have increased instead of dropping! Shouldn't we enforce existing laws enacted to remove and relocate these unfortunates, from our business fronts, public parks, and business parking lots where they defecate,

leave trash, and generally make the areas repugnant to hard working and responsible citizens. I realize some of the homeless individuals are forced into this situation by our economic downturn, increasing taxes, and the cost of living in this county. Can't we find ways to help people avoid becoming homeless in the first place with rental subsidies and job search programs? Can we find ways to deal with the mental health problems or drug and alcohol abuse issues? How about joining hands with local churches and non-profits like Father Joe's Villages, The Alpha Project, The Salvation Army, or San Diego Rescue Mission, to name a few, who already have successful programs to empower individuals, families, and communities by providing work, recovery, housing and support services to people who are motivated to change their lives and achieve self sufficiency? Instead of simply providing housing (which they usually trash in short order) for these unfortunate people to continue their detrimental life styles, why don't we seek to understand and resolve the underlying issues that placed them in this situation and help them to make positive changes?

I certainly don't have all the answers, but I can ask important questions. I am just a regular guy representing an average American. I actually worked for the County of San Diego for almost fifteen years and considered it the best time of my life. I am only asking that you consider what is best for the general public to make our lives in this beautiful city more equitable and successful. I only want my rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, which are my God given rights as a citizen of this great country and county. When our forefathers founded this great country, they did so with wisdom and foresight, establishing a Declaration of Independence and Constitution to protect the future and its people. We have forgotten their principals of freedom and personal responsibility and are headed down a very dangerous and destructive path. We need to turn this trend around while there is still time, and it starts in our cities and counties!

Thank you for your time,

Richard Lambert



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Supervisor Desmond and County Supervisors,

Please do help Valley Center obtain Butterfield Ranch as a park. Please also help Valley Center pay for some of the costs regarding events at both this park and Star Valley.

Please find a way to make the installation of the events affordable so that the residents can enjoy them.

Laura