

# Board of Supervisors

Meeting Time: 03-11-25 09:00

## eComments Report

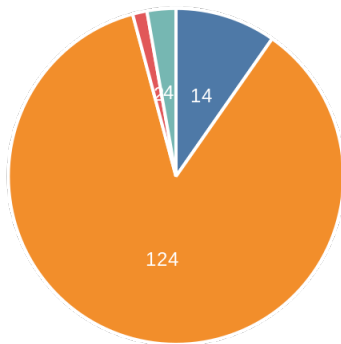
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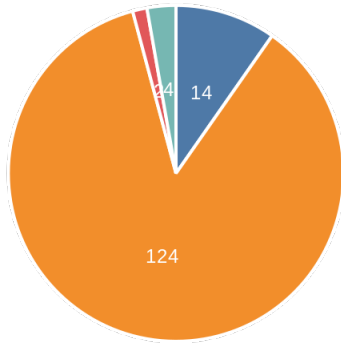
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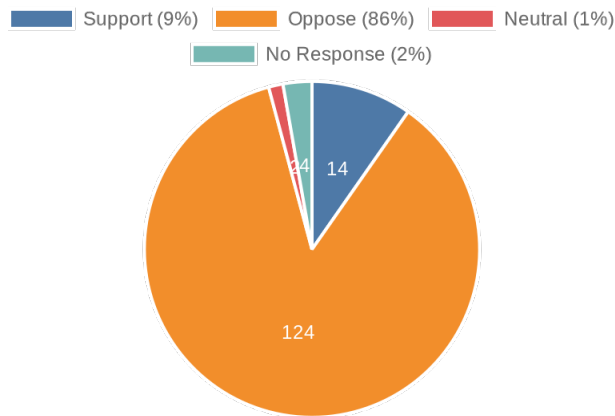
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Overall Sentiment



**Sasha Lippman**

Location:  
Submitted At: 6:12am 03-12-25

I oppose the proposed Unsafe Camping Ordinance. Punishing unsheltered individuals for wildfires is like moving a matchbox to another room in the same house, hoping it prevents children from setting it ablaze. It does not address the root cause.

Instead, I urge the County to adopt a comprehensive, long-term strategy to solve homelessness. Consider best practices from industrialized nations and Western Europe, where homelessness was effectively resolved by requiring developers to contribute 1% of new living spaces (or one apartment per building) to public housing. This creates a dispersed, sustainable stock of affordable housing, avoiding concentrated poverty.

Please act intelligently and implement solutions that address the crisis, not just its symptoms.

**Katherine Hoffman**

Location: 92103, San Diego  
Submitted At: 5:46pm 03-11-25

Oppose any criminalization of poverty and homelessness

**Steven Thrush**

Location: 92105, San Diego  
Submitted At: 3:58pm 03-11-25

The options presented to the board are unacceptable. I urge you instead to repeal the county's existing camping ban. Camping bans won't solve our homelessness crisis. Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis — not a public safety threat. Criminal laws are not fire prevention strategies. Criminalizing and displacing people only makes homelessness harder to escape.

You should repeal the camping ban and take a step in the right direction by adopting proactive solutions such as "Housing First."

**Zach Schlagel**

Location: 92101, San Diego  
Submitted At: 3:02pm 03-11-25

Anti-camping ordinances often create more problems than they solve, making life even more challenging for unsheltered individuals. We strongly urge any policy to take the following into consideration. It is more effective to lead with services instead of enforcement, as unhoused individuals are more likely to accept offers of support from service providers first. We need clear communication and coordination with unsheltered individuals and providers on where cleanup and enforcement efforts will be focused. 24-hour notice periods are mentioned in some of the policies under consideration. We believe this timeframe is not realistic, and we recommend giving individuals at least 72 hours to allow them the proper time to relocate if needed. Lastly, there are simply not enough resources for individuals, so any enforcement efforts should keep in mind that people have very few options to come indoors.

**Mustafa Azami**

Location: 92020, El Cajon  
Submitted At: 2:46pm 03-11-25

Let's work towards abolishing the current camping ban and address the issue of homelessness more effectively. Criminalizing homelessness is not a viable fire prevention strategy, and it's crucial to recognize that homelessness is a humanitarian crisis rather than just a public safety concern. Instead of maintaining the status quo, we should explore constructive solutions that truly address the needs of those experiencing homelessness. Initiatives such as "Housing First" can offer a much-needed path forward for our community.

**Mahamud Umar**

Location: 92105, San Diego  
Submitted At: 2:44pm 03-11-25

Abolish the current camping ban! Criminalizing homelessness is not an effective fire prevention strategy, and homelessness itself is a humanitarian crisis, not a public safety issue. Implementing a ban will not solve this crisis; it will only maintain the status quo. The county should focus on genuine solutions such as "Housing First" initiatives.

**Maxwell Hoffman**

Location: 92129, San Diego  
Submitted At: 1:46pm 03-11-25

Fire safety is important, but this is yet another veiled attack on homeless San Diegans. I want to see my local government fight find them housing- combatting this current crisis facing our people, before we worry about hypothetical problems in the future.

**Kathleen Amaya**

Location: 92122, San Diego  
Submitted At: 1:41pm 03-11-25

People living outside should be required to go to a shelter bed or a treatment facility to keep our neighborhoods safe. People who choose to live permanently camping are consuming an undue portion of the public good.

**DeForrest Hancock**

Location: 92105, San Diego  
Submitted At: 1:03pm 03-11-25

My position is neutral due to understanding the need to be mindful of the danger of possible fires in the areas of encampments. But being a 71 year old native senior of San Diego with 7 years of lived experience of homelessness, I recommend that the action taken to address this issue should be one with care and compassion for our residents facing homelessness. Our position for this agenda item should be as if it addresses our personal family members living in the encampments.

During my 7 years of homelessness, no one ever asked how I became or why I was homeless. I was a home owner who lost my home of 8 years as a single mom; along with an investment property following termination of employment. My son and I moved into my family home with my 84 year old mother who passed away 6 months later. My homelessness ended when I turned 62 and applied and received my early social security. I have lived for over 8 years in a studio apartment at Potiker City Heights. All have a story to know...

**Erin X**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:28am 03-11-25

Repeal the existing camping ban! Criminal laws are not fire prevention strategies, and homelessness is a humanitarian crisis — not a public safety threat. A ban won't solve this crisis – it will perpetuate it. The county must invest in real solutions like “Housing First” policies.

**Vincent Loughney**

Location: 92056, Oceanside

Submitted At: 11:08am 03-11-25

Supervisor's Desmond's proposal will provide better preparedness and response to wildfires due to homeless encampments but it does not address the issue of homelessness. However, his new policy is just another example of “kicking the can down the road”. We must address this issue while providing the homeless with respect and dignity. Does he think the majority of the homeless wants to camp in riverbeds? I hope not. All across this county, state and country governments are clearing these encampments without providing a safe alternative. What is needed are campgrounds with proper sanitation facilities that is designed for cars, trailers and tents, provide safety, have cell phone connectivity and is cleared of rubbish daily. Fire and Law enforcement should respond to emergency calls from these camp sites. After stabilizing the homeless we can then address the issues that cause homelessness. Vincent Loughney, District 5,

**Romelyn Bangalan**

Location: 91913, Chula Vista

Submitted At: 11:07am 03-11-25

The unsheltered community needs help. Not more reasons to further set them back.

**Anna Talamantes**

Location: 91977, Spring Valley

Submitted At: 10:30am 03-11-25

I oppose item 9 as its purpose is not to prevent wildfires. Instead, it is yet another attempt by county officials to push out our houseless community instead of providing support for safe, affordable housing. It is framing homelessness, a humanitarian crisis, as a public threat. Houseless communities are not a threat to San Diego residents, they are humans who are victims of a system that prioritizes money over the wellbeing of San Diego residents. What San Diego must do instead is repeal the camping ban. Criminalizing and displacing its own residents only makes it harder for San Deigns to escape homelessness.

**Ari Linn**

Location: 92020, El Cajon

Submitted At: 10:16am 03-11-25

I oppose the existing parking ban and the options presented in agenda item 13. San Diego has been ranked as one of the most expensive cities to afford to live in the entire nation, and until an actionable plan to shelter people is presented to address affordable housing, people without sedentary houses will continue to exist. Parking bans criminalize houselessness and the struggling poor. While people in San Diego are working 2-3 full time jobs and unable to find affordable housing, while on average 1:10 student attending our local colleges are houseless, while last season's torrential rains displaced more than 1,000 people because of the City and County's negligence... camping bans are cruel and unusual, and further criminalizing the attempt to solely exists is inhumane.

**MK Smith**

Location: 91942, La mesa

Submitted At: 10:04am 03-11-25

I oppose this ordinance. Criminalization of homelessness is not the answer.

**Margaret Baker**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:00am 03-11-25

South Bay People Power urges your "No" vote on this proposal. Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis, not a public safety threat. Criminal laws are not fire prevention strategies. Criminalizing and displacing people only

makes homelessness harder to escape. You should repeal the camping ban and adopt solutions that actually help people, such as “Housing First.”

**Kayla Appenzeller**

Location: 91941, La Mesa  
Submitted At: 9:52am 03-11-25

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**Lee Laydon**

Location: 92120, San Diego  
Submitted At: 9:43am 03-11-25

Please stop continuing to harm marginalized populations, and please focus on housing issues.

**Maddie Palzewicz**

Location: 92104, San Diego  
Submitted At: 9:41am 03-11-25

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The board should repeal the camping ban and take a step in the right direction by adopting proactive solutions such as “Housing First.”

**Stephanie Matthews**

Location: 92102, San Diego  
Submitted At: 9:35am 03-11-25

I oppose pushing already marginalized people further from the public’s view. This ordinance does not solve any problems, and will only create more safety hazards when people are forced to find places to camp in wilder areas where they are not as visible.

**MC Yturralde**

Location: 92111, San Diego  
Submitted At: 9:20am 03-11-25

Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis, not a public safety threat, and it must be addressed as such. The county should adopt proactive solutions that prevent people from entering homelessness.

**Erin TsurumotoGrassi**

Location:  
Submitted At: 9:12am 03-11-25

Item 13 will further criminalize and punish individuals who are unhoused, which does nothing to solve homelessness and only worsens the situation. County resources are better spent working to put folks in housing, and following data driven, evidence based practices.

**Samantha Mandel**

Location: 92122, San Diego  
Submitted At: 9:03am 03-11-25

Please oppose this ordinance in Item 13. It will place a target upon unhoused individuals and clearly prioritizes punitive actions and punishment over “services first.” I urge you to consider a different option as this will affect all

individuals experiencing homelessness, not just those unsheltered. Many will face more encounters with law enforcement, causing fear and distrust, and also, relocation. This will not help besides worsening their situations and exacerbating homelessness. Homelessness services need to be refined and efforts must be directed towards this, not criminalization. This will misuse tax dollars by perpetuating homelessness without providing adequate help.

People with lived experience of homelessness are ready and willing to collaborate on real solutions. Please rely on them for collaboration to find equitable and truly dignified solutions. Thank you.

**Adrienne Heinzelman**

Location: 92129, San Diego  
Submitted At: 9:02am 03-11-25

I urge you to oppose this camping ban, which would further exacerbate homelessness, an already epidemic problem in our county.

**Olivia M**

Location: 92014, Del Mar  
Submitted At: 8:55am 03-11-25

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**Kaitlin Dyer**

Location: 92124  
Submitted At: 8:54am 03-11-25

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**Laura Payne**

Location: 92117, San Diego  
Submitted At: 8:45am 03-11-25

Oppose the encampment ban, it will not help San Diego and it will only hurt our homeless population. Housing solutions, not bans and criminalization

**Noah YeeYick**

Location: 92014, Del Mar  
Submitted At: 8:34am 03-11-25

The options presented to the Board are unacceptable. I urge you to repeal the county's encampment ban. Camping bans won't solve our homelessness crisis. Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis, not a public safety threat, and criminalizing it only deepens the problem. Punitive laws won't solve homelessness, housing will. Repealing the ban and adopting proactive solutions like 'Housing First' is the right path forward.

**Alison Ross**

Location: 92037, La Jolla  
Submitted At: 8:34am 03-11-25

The camping ban options presented to the board are unacceptable. I urge you to oppose these options and instead to repeal the county's existing camping ban. Camping bans won't solve our homelessness crisis. Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis — not a public safety threat. And criminal laws are not fire prevention strategies.

A recent CalMatters report found that the City of San Diego's camping ban has made it more difficult for people to access necessary resources, including health care provided by homeless advocate organizations. Criminalizing people and limiting access to resources only makes homeless harder to escape. A BAN WILL ONLY

PERPETUATE HOMELESSNES WHICH WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL TAXPAYER DOLLARS TO ADDRESS.

County resources should be used to solve the crisis - not make it exponentially worse. Investing in proactive solutions like Housing First policies is a step in the right direction.

Thank you.

**robert werner**

Location: 91950, National City  
Submitted At: 8:29am 03-11-25

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**Karen Hamilton**

Location: 92142, San Diego  
Submitted At: 8:23am 03-11-25

Repeal the existing camping ban! The lack of affordable housing is a humanitarian crisis. We should be investing in real solutions not punishing our unhoused neighbors.

**Aahlin Brock**

Location: 92131, San Diego  
Submitted At: 8:21am 03-11-25

Criminalizing homelessness further harms people that are already struggling. Jail is not a home!

**Pat Hartley**

Location: 92054, oceanside  
Submitted At: 8:14am 03-11-25

How is criminalizing people who are only trying to survive an already difficult economic system making anyone safe? I urge you to reject these options and instead repeal the county's existing camping ban. Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis, not a public safety threat – and it must be addressed as such. Camping bans reduce access to vital resources and lead to citations, arrests and even incarceration making homelessness even more difficult to escape. Camping bans prioritize the discomfort of the housed over the well-being of those in need. It is this board's job to protect the well-being of all residents, regardless of housing status. People experiencing homelessness are just like you and me and deserving of dignity and compassion. Criminal laws are not fire prevention strategies. If the county truly wants to protect people from fire risk, implement fire mitigation strategies and provide fire safety training and tools to residents who are experiencing homelessness. housing 1st!

**Michael Baessler**

Location: 92065, Ramona  
Submitted At: 7:45am 03-11-25

I support Supervisor Anderson's ESTABLISHING AN UNSAFE CAMPING ORDINANCE IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY TO PREVENT WILDFIRE HAZARDS AND ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITIES. These encampments have caused multible fires. Just last year alone we had 70 Boarder fires. If it wasn't for the rapid response of Cal Fire Air attack and other agencies, it could of been a diaster for us like LA. For example, this year under the same red flag warnings as LA, we had Boarder fire #2 which almost was out of control. took many days to get this fire out. Could of been a 2007 San Diego county



diaster. Most of these boarder fires have been caused by encampments. These need to be clean up. Mr. Andersons proposel is a good start. Please implememnt and approve this ordinance. Thank You

### **Kristina Driskill**

Location: 92084, Vista  
Submitted At: 7:45am 03-11-25

Hi, I live in District 5. I'm urging Supervisor Desmond to vote no on this agenda item opposing both camping ban options in and instead repeal the county's existing camping ban. Thank you!

### **Misty O'Healy**

Location: 92011, Carlsbad  
Submitted At: 7:38am 03-11-25

Oppose both camping ban options in item #13 and instead repeal the county's existing camping ban.

### **Thomas Fontes**

Location: 92116, San Diego  
Submitted At: 7:37am 03-11-25

The majority of fires are not started by homeless people, this is a fact. However the homeless are demonized regardless. We need to provide resources to the homeless not load them with the additional burden of fines that they clearly cannot pay.

### **Jennifer Kingston**

Location: 92109, San Diego  
Submitted At: 7:16am 03-11-25

I am asking my D3 Supervisor Terra Lawson Remed to please oppose Agenda Item 13. We need to repeal the existing camping ban. Criminal laws are not fire prevention strategies, and homelessness is a humanitarian crisis — not a public safety threat. A camping ban will not solve this crisis – it will perpetuate it. The county must invest in real solutions like “Housing First” policies.

### **Stephanie Cauchon**

Location: 91942, La Mesa  
Submitted At: 7:03am 03-11-25

Housing first, rent control, robust affordable housing requirements for new developments including ADU's, living wages, public housing, Mental health Services, porta-potties, tax the ultra rich and corporations: pro-active steps to address homelessness.

Housing bans that criminalize and disrupt folks attempts to shelter themselves don't solve the problems.

### **Christina Hambleton**

Location: 92047, La Jolla  
Submitted At: 6:51am 03-11-25

Whatever the new courts say, camping bans remain cruel and unusual punishment against people who have been forced into the streets by this community's inability to use its resources to care for its residents. All the options in the agenda are ridiculous. Repeal the county's existing camping ban. Camping bans don't solve homelessness, they just cause death and suffering. Criminalization has never helped my relatives who became homeless and needed stability in their life outdoors to get themselves together. You should repeal the camping ban and take a step in the right direction by adopting proactive solutions such as “Housing First.”

### **Christina Hambleton**

Location: 92037, La Jolla  
Submitted At: 6:27am 03-11-25

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**Georgia Pertsch**

Location: 92102, San Diego  
Submitted At: 6:20am 03-11-25

Establishing an 'unsafe camping ordinance' is yet another way the San Diego County government is attacking the unhoused community, WHO WILL RECIEVE NO CARE OR SUPPORT IN FINDING SOMEWHERE SAFE TO LIVE IF THIS IS PASSED. I am ashamed of the Board of Supervisors as a San Diego resident. It is a disgrace to pass this ordinance and blame the unhoused community for the fires in our county. If the Board really cared, we would shift stewardship of our lands back to the Kumeyaay who sustainably tended to it since time immemorial. Traditional and controlled burns are critical to mitigating fire disaster, but this ordinance further dehumanizes our unhoused neighbors and makes them a scapegoat once again! ENOUGH! Clearly the people do not want this ordinance to pass, LISTEN TO US!

**Gabriel Ruiz**

Location: 92115, San Diego  
Submitted At: 4:56am 03-11-25

"Unsafe camping" is barely concealed language for a measure aimed at targeting our most vulnerable. Disgraceful to further criminalize homeless people rather than offer them dignified solutions to their plight. Oppose.

**Carly Pinkham**

Location: 92115, San Diego  
Submitted At: 4:31am 03-11-25

Yet another attempt to avoid actually aiding unhoused people and addressing our underlying economic problems. Let's stop dragging our feet and work on some real solutions finally. Vote to oppose.

**Kim Timberlake**

Location: 92101, San Diego  
Submitted At: 3:40am 03-11-25

I am a resident in District 3, and I see the effects of homelessness up close and personal on a daily basis. These neighbors are human beings who need help, not more obstacles to overcome in the form of criminal penalties. We need to support those among us who are most vulnerable instead of punishing them for circumstances they can't fix in their own. Please vote to both oppose new camping ban ordinances and repeal existing bans already in place. These will not solve this humanitarian crisis.

**Mikha Koldziej**

Location:  
Submitted At: 2:42am 03-11-25

While reducing fire hazards and keeping public spaces safe is necessary, this ordinance prioritizes enforcement over real solutions. Cutting the notice period from 72 to 24 hours does not address homelessness it just pushes people from one place to another without real help. San Diego County must focus on housing, mental health care, and rehabilitation services, not punishment. Expanding shelter space, transitional housing, and outreach programs creates long-term solutions. Forcing people to relocate without alternatives does not improve public safety or reduce homelessness. Other cities have succeeded with housing-first strategies, mobile crisis teams, and expanded shelter access instead of criminalization. The County should invest in solutions that provide a path out of homelessness rather than increasing hardship. I urge the Board of Supervisors to revise this ordinance to focus on services, not punishment. Fire risk matters, but solutions must prioritize dignity and long-term impac

**Blair Whitcomb**

Location:  
Submitted At: 2:33am 03-11-25

Unsafe campers? Further criminalizing the homeless, breaking humans' spirits, adding more barriers. Poverty's a complex issue, But we have to start at the skyrocketing wealth, and the refusal to really do anything about affordable housing. People who have fallen into having less need assistance in a variety of areas- medical, including mental health care, assistance in learning skills for new employment. One needs counseling, another, new decent clothes, not criminal records, and so much more. Assistance that actually has resources, not trickle downs. We don't need to feed the so few wealthy at the expense of all humanity. And we surely don't need cut off

the funds. We're creating, in practices and attitude, a caste of untouchables, whom many ignore, and at worst abhor. at they sully one's fantasies of empowerment, image, beauty built on thin air. Buddhism's 3 poisons: greed, hate, ignorance (delusion). Try nourishment, not cruelty.

**Eric Bullock**

Location: 92026, Escondido  
Submitted At: 1:15am 03-11-25

I oppose this ordinance and urge you to do the same. I am genuinely embarrassed this ordinance is even being considered.

**Jonathan Markovitz**

Location: 92103, San Diego  
Submitted At: 1:08am 03-11-25

The Grants Pass decision made it possible for jurisdictions that are incapable of recognizing the humanity of unhoused people to criminalize them just because they are human beings who cannot afford adequate housing. But the fact that the County CAN exacerbate human misery doesn't mean that it SHOULD. Camping bans and other laws that make it easier for jurisdictions to criminalize poverty just drive people into deeper desperation as they are forced to deal with fines and other criminal penalties just for the fact of trying to survive. Camping bans won't end or alleviate homelessness or improve public safety, they will just make the problems even more intractable. The County should repeal its existing camping ban and redouble its efforts to create safe and affordable housing for all. We are entering a dark new period as a nation. San Diego County should be a beacon of light in this brave new world, not another place that privileges cruelty over compassion.

**tony alfino**

Location: 92159, San Diego  
Submitted At: 12:48am 03-11-25

I oppose the proposed Unsafe Camping Ordinance. While wildfire prevention and public safety are important, this ordinance unfairly targets vulnerable unhoused populations without providing sufficient housing solutions or support services.

**Janet McDaniel**

Location: 92101, San Diego  
Submitted At: 12:36am 03-11-25

I urge you to oppose the camping ban.

**William Jobes**

Location: 92101, San diego  
Submitted At: 12:35am 03-11-25

I support this ordinance. I'm tired of watching people openly doing drugs and pooping in front of my children. I support law and order and forced care for addicts and the mentally ill. It's not humane to allow people sleep in tents on sidewalks and ruin communities that are supported by tax dollars.

**KUNI STEARNS**

Location: 92105  
Submitted At: 12:22am 03-11-25

Vehemently oppose this UCO. First, please do not conflate our neighbors surviving in the open air with fire risks. People discarding cigarettes onto the ground is pervasively prevalent, Why is this accepted to the degree that it is currently. Let us enforce the existing littering statutes, perhaps even enhance those penalties due to our region's year-round fire danger situation.

Many of our unsheltered neighbors are where they are because of its proximity to resources such as outreach services.

Research shows time & again that encampment bans do not solve homelessness.

There are currently not enough shelter beds, there are waitlists. Instead, this displaces people once again, increasing stress, loss of personal belongings & eroding trust in authority figures.

If County UCO passes, we would need to migrate our unsheltered neighbors 12 miles west of Pacific Beach?

Let us not pre-blame a cadre of our community challenged by circumstances just because many of these voices

are yet to be heard.

**Brandon Rigg**

Location: 92104, San Diego  
Submitted At: 12:15am 03-11-25

Criminalizing homelessness has been academically proven to be ineffective at reducing or preventing people from being unhoused. Frankly, it's also cruel and morally reprehensible. I'm embarrassed the county is even considering passing this resolution and urge all the supervisors to reject this disgusting ordinance.

**Jason Reimnitz**

Location: 92131, San Diego  
Submitted At: 12:03am 03-11-25

I oppose the proposed Unsafe Camping Ordinance. While wildfire prevention and public safety are important, this ordinance unfairly targets vulnerable unhoused populations without providing sufficient housing solutions or support services. Sustainable, compassionate approaches that address root causes of homelessness are necessary to truly ensure community safety and well-being.

**Lori Johnson**

Location: 92101, San Diego  
Submitted At: 11:20pm 03-10-25

All Humans deserve to be treated with dignity. Please leave the "Unsafe Camping Ordinance" as is or better yet, ask the Chief Administration Office go back to the drawing board without the racist pencils. Time should be spent determining how to safely house our most vulnerable people in San Diego.

Will you fill the jails with the unhoused people? Who will pay for that?

San Diego has to include offering shelter not arresting the unhoused.

Finally, adding fire risk provisions to the discussion is just a way to make people more afraid of the unhoused.

The San Diego Tribune reported yesterday that since 2020, the 100 fires that caused the most property damage, and in some cases caused injuries or deaths were not tied to homelessness.

Thank you,

District 3 resident

**Valerie Traina**

Location: 92102, San Diego  
Submitted At: 10:40pm 03-10-25

I strongly OPPOSE the unsafe camping ban because it once again persecutes homeless individuals who have no where else to live. Our society has favored greedy landlords who are partially responsible for tenants losing their apartments and thus living on the streets. We've favored developers who have built housing ONLY for people who can afford high-priced homes and who are able to secure large mortgages. My husband and I are only able to live in San Diego because ours is a mobile home. If our rent gets much higher we'll be out in the streets ourselves. Public servants should be working hard to make San Diego County affordable. Stop blaming the victims. It's incumbent on YOU to provide housing for ALL!

**Ashley Natad**

Location: 92131, San Diego  
Submitted At: 10:27pm 03-10-25

I urge you to oppose this policy which scapegoats our unhoused for causing wildfires. Let's find real solutions to homelessness. Banning encampments does not solve the problem of unhoused people. We need more affordable housing options in the County and creative solutions not policing those who are already struggling.

**Delfina Alvarez**

Location: 92115, San Diego  
Submitted At: 10:23pm 03-10-25

Vivo en el distrito 4 Sra Monica Montgomery me opongo a esta ordenanza ya que la mayoría de las personas si hogar están en la calle a la falta de vivienda asequible y a falta de servicios medicos de salud mental, en ves de perder tiempo y energía en esta votación absurda deberíamos de buscar soluciones efectivas que ayuden a los seres humanos mas vulnerables a vivir dignamente con amor y seguridad nadie debería de pasar hambre y frio en un país catalogado como potencia Mundial.

**Lauren Rodriguez**

Location: 92106-1156, San Diego  
Submitted At: 10:08pm 03-10-25

I oppose the proposed Unsafe Camping Ordinance. While wildfire hazards and public safety are critical, criminalizing homelessness will not address these issues effectively. Studies, such as one published in The American Journal of Public Health, show that punitive measures worsen homelessness, leading to increased displacement, mental health struggles, and higher emergency service costs. Without adequate shelter and support services, this ordinance will simply displace individuals without providing solutions.

Additionally, the connection between criminalizing camping and wildfire prevention is weak. A 2020 California State Auditor report indicates that addressing wildfire risk requires comprehensive land management, not punitive measures. I urge the Board to focus on long-term solutions, such as affordable housing and fire mitigation, that address the root causes of both homelessness and wildfire hazards.

**Molly Keimach**

Location: 92108, San Diego  
Submitted At: 9:56pm 03-10-25

The options presented to the board are unacceptable. I urge you instead to repeal the county's existing camping ban. Camping bans won't solve our homelessness crisis. Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis — not a public safety threat. Criminal laws are not fire prevention strategies. Criminalizing and displacing people only makes homelessness harder to escape. You should repeal the camping ban and take a step in the right direction by adopting proactive solutions such as "Housing First."

**Sarah Brady**

Location: 92064, Poway  
Submitted At: 9:29pm 03-10-25

The housing crisis is crazy right now. This ordinance will only increase the amount of police violence against a vulnerable population. Most people are only a few bad months away from homelessness. It could be you and me. We can stop fires through other means that don't involve sending the police after people at their lowest.

**Carolyn Scofield**

Location: 91910  
Submitted At: 9:10pm 03-10-25

As a resident of D1, I'm writing to oppose Agenda Item #13. I urge Supervisors to institute appropriate and proactive plans to respect, protect and defend all residents in our County, including those who have no places to live. I urge you to take action to meet the housing needs of all, especially displaced individuals, which will keep all our communities safe. Thank you.

**Patty Corona**

Location: 92139, San Diego  
Submitted At: 9:09pm 03-10-25

Hola: vivo en el Distrito 4. Llamo para instar al Supervisor Monica Montgomery (Steppe): a votar en contra de dos puntos de la agenda de mañana: puntos n.º 9 y n.º 13. Le insto a:

- Oponerse a ambas opciones de prohibición de acampar en el punto n.º 13 y, en su lugar, derogar la prohibición de acampar existente en el condado; Y
- Oponerse al punto n.º 9, que busca derogar la política de santuario de nuestro condado y hacer retroceder el progreso que logramos con tanto esfuerzo.

Por su atencion ¡Gracias!

Patty Corona

**Janine Rivera**

Location: 91901, Alpine  
Submitted At: 9:06pm 03-10-25

Instead of spending money on putting fences around freeway under passes and policing homeless camps put that money towards beds and resources for the homeless. Criminalizing homelessness is like jailing a starving child for taking an apple from a tree. Utterly ridiculous! Why are so many people homeless? Let's discuss that instead and find solutions.

**Tashay Tatum**

Location: 92114  
Submitted At: 8:57pm 03-10-25

Sam Diego is for everybody. Stop looking for ways to make homelessness illegal WITHOUT providing real tangible help. We've seen the headlines and caught the spin, encampments are NOT the largest or even the 2nd largest cause of fires in the county/state. Too much money and effort to keep people down. Use this money and effort to build!

**Oscar Soto**

Location: 92082, Valley Center  
Submitted At: 8:55pm 03-10-25

Criminalizing homeless families will not solve the problem! You're only expanding the global police state and the prison industrial complex! Care for families not incarceration.

**Dhalia Balmir**

Location:  
Submitted At: 8:55pm 03-10-25

The options presented to the board are unacceptable. I urge you instead to repeal the county's existing camping ban. Camping bans won't solve our homelessness crisis. Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis — not a public safety threat. Criminal laws are not fire prevention strategies. Criminalizing and displacing people only makes homelessness harder to escape. You should repeal the camping ban and take a step in the right direction by adopting proactive solutions such as "Housing First." I am a resident of District 3

**Marisa Hirsch**

Location: 91977, Spring Valley  
Submitted At: 8:52pm 03-10-25

Criminalizing homelessness only makes the problem worse. Do better, be more creative. This is just hateful to our neighbors down on their luck.

**Cassie Swindle**

Location: 92102, San Diego  
Submitted At: 8:43pm 03-10-25

I am a resident of District 4, and I oppose this measure. Criminalizing homelessness doesn't solve the homelessness crisis, and there are larger fire risks to our county than our unhoused community members. Camping bans don't make those in tents or houses safer, and our county's funds would be better spent getting houseless people into housing.

**Spencer Sams**

Location: 92116, San Diego  
Submitted At: 8:42pm 03-10-25

Unless you're ready to provide a housing first solution please leave these people alone. Can you put yourself in their position for even a single night and imagine how difficult it would be? Pushing all of your belongings around in a shopping cart? And you want to make it harder? Why? Where is your compassion for humanity?

**Lisa Rigg**

Location: 92104, San Diego  
Submitted At: 8:30pm 03-10-25

I oppose! Camping bans won't solve our homelessness crisis.

**Vickie White**

Location: 92103, San Diego  
Submitted At: 8:27pm 03-10-25

I am a District 4 resident and I oppose all versions of option 1 (A, B, and C) proposed today. What is the purpose of these proposed ordinances? What would enforcement look like, if someone camping because they have no other option, is found to possess an "ignition source" like a disposable lighter? Without a clear plan of action for assisting people trying to survive by camping and clear articulation of how these ordinances will be used, it just appears punitive to adopt any of these laws.

**Cailin L**

Location:  
Submitted At: 8:24pm 03-10-25

Look I get it, but banning camping doesnt actually solve anything. Where are these people supposed to go? Spend your time building shelters and providing services so people don't have to camp. Being homeless isn't a crime

**Tamara Tuttle**

Location: 92111, San Diego  
Submitted At: 8:02pm 03-10-25

I support the establishment of an unsafe camping ordinance. Living on Tecolote Canyon, we have already experienced two fires. Unhoused persons are regularly escorted out of the canyon, leaving litter and human waste behind. It is only a matter of time before a more serious fire like the one on Montezuma Road causes property damage or hurts someone. Unhoused persons deserve a safe place to camp / live other than our beaches, bays and parks: Simply put, those spaces are meant for public recreation -- not housing.

**Daisy Rosas**

Location: 91910, CHULA VISTA  
Submitted At: 7:57pm 03-10-25

Camping bans won't solve our homelessness crisis. Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis — not a public safety threat. As government aid is removed more people will be at risk of being criminalized and displaced. It is in the best interest of all to work on a proactive solution and provide the means for a self sustaining alternative.

**Danielle DiDomenico**

Location: 92083, Vista  
Submitted At: 7:57pm 03-10-25

I am strongly opposed to this ordinance and urge the board to repeal the existing camping ban. Criminalizing homelessness does not make our communities safer. These types of policies only make escaping homelessness even more difficult. The county should invest in real solutions that prioritize affordable housing.

**Jose Rosas**

Location: 91910, Chula Vista  
Submitted At: 7:54pm 03-10-25

The options presented to the board are unacceptable. I urge you instead to repeal the county's existing camping ban. Camping bans won't solve our homelessness crisis.

**Jenifer Broadbent**

Location: 92116, San Diego  
Submitted At: 7:45pm 03-10-25

I oppose this ordinance. Criminalizing the least advantaged of our neighbors who are simply trying to survive, is at best an act of desperation and at worst, sheer neglect of your citizens. Please look into other alternatives beyond this ineffective ordinance.

**Gianna Giacalone**

Location: 92130, San Diego

Submitted At: 7:44pm 03-10-25

The options presented to the board are unacceptable. I urge you instead to repeal the county's existing camping ban. Camping bans won't solve our homelessness crisis. Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis — not a public safety threat. Criminal laws are not fire prevention strategies. Criminalizing and displacing people only makes homelessness harder to escape. You should repeal the camping ban and take a step in the right direction by adopting proactive solutions such as "Housing First."

**Emily DeJoode**

Location: 92117, San Diego  
Submitted At: 7:36pm 03-10-25

Criminalizing and punishing homelessness solves nothing and costs everyone more. Private prison corporations love to get paid by the cities/states though, and then skimp on what they are being paid to do to make more profit ("no one wants to put in an honest day's work anymore!").

**Sam Sonnich**

Location: 92024, Encinitas  
Submitted At: 7:26pm 03-10-25

Please oppose this action and repeal the existing camping ban. Camping bans don't make our communities safer. What makes communities safer is housing first policies, connections to existing resources, rent control, investing in people and community. The measure of society is not how much with give to those who already have plenty, but by how we treat and provide for those who have too little.

**reina Remy**

Location: 92116, San Diego  
Submitted At: 7:24pm 03-10-25

The options presented to the board are unacceptable. I urge you instead to repeal the county's existing camping ban. Camping bans won't solve our homelessness crisis. Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis — not a public safety threat. Criminal laws are not fire prevention strategies. Criminalizing and displacing people only makes homelessness harder to escape. You should repeal the camping ban and take a step in the right direction by adopting proactive solutions such as "Housing First."

**Jarett Montera**

Location: 92216, San Diego  
Submitted At: 7:23pm 03-10-25

Criminalizing poor people offers no real solution. Housing is a better option than prison.

**Kurt Watson**

Location:  
Submitted At: 7:14pm 03-10-25

Criminalizing poor people is really expensive. If we are going to throw poor people in jail because they can't afford a home... it would be a lot cheaper to just build housing and throw them in that. State prison in California costs \$133,000 per year per person, I assume SD county is about the same.

That is a lot of rent. We should be able to find or build housing for less than prison costs.

4 out of 5 wildfires aren't even related to homeless people, so I really don't see prioritizing this. It's just more performative cruelty to please the people who hate the homeless.

**Megan Wesling**

Location: 92104, San Diego  
Submitted At: 7:07pm 03-10-25

Provide real solutions to the problems of homelessness. I am a resident of North Park and I want real solutions to this problem, not further criminalization of our neighbors and community members. I urge the Board to reject these amendments to the camping ban and to repeal the County's harmful existing ban.



**J L**

Location: 92105, San Diego  
Submitted At: 7:06pm 03-10-25

Homeless encampments present a variety of problems, the streets near them smell of piss and human feces. This no way for people to live and treat our streets that we all use as a community. Fires are also a dangerous issues that comes with this. It is the ethical thing to get these individuals off our streets and into rehabilitation.

**Rayna Vergara**

Location: 92102, San Diego  
Submitted At: 6:42pm 03-10-25

Leave homeless people alone. They have it hard enough as it is.

**Nancy Yamagata**

Location: 91910, Chula vista  
Submitted At: 6:32pm 03-10-25

Stop harassing human beings that contribute to the prosperity of San Diego County.

**Robert Nowlan**

Location: 92103, San Diego  
Submitted At: 6:29pm 03-10-25

Camping bans won't solve our homelessness crisis. Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis. Criminal laws are not fire prevention strategies.

Criminalizing and displacing people only makes homelessness harder to escape. You should repeal the camping ban and take a step in the right direction by adopting proactive solutions such as "Housing First." Finding means to support people who are struggling to make ends meet, helping tide them over and find their feet, before they are forced into homelessness would be so much more humane and so much more cost-effective. Homelessness will continue to be a major problem in this county until we address the roots of the problem: lack of affordable housing, and lack of sufficient resources and support services for people struggling with living costs and with other life difficulties. Think about all the positive value these people could contribute to San Diego if we supported them, not demonized them. Homeless people are your constituents too.

**Kat Davis**

Location: 92105, San diego  
Submitted At: 6:21pm 03-10-25

Repeal the existing camping ban! Criminal laws are not fire prevention strategies, and homelessness is a humanitarian crisis — not a public safety threat. A ban won't solve this crisis – it will perpetuate it. The county must invest in real solutions like "Housing First" policies. San Diego has been leading the fight for helping the homelessness now is not the time to just kick people into other areas. Thank you, District Resident

**Shain Mayer**

Location: 92101, San Diego  
Submitted At: 6:09pm 03-10-25

Ive personally have witnessed fires started at homeless encampments on Caltrans property less than 1 block from Washington elementary. A triple negative that must be taken seriously. Since most making camp are also doing drugs which Ive witnessed from across the street as well.

**Hannah Maroe**

Location: 92101, San Diego  
Submitted At: 6:08pm 03-10-25

The options presented to the board are unacceptable. I urge you instead to repeal the county's existing camping ban. Camping bans won't solve our homelessness crisis. Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis — not a public safety threat. Criminal laws are not fire prevention strategies. Criminalizing and displacing people only makes homelessness harder to escape. You should repeal the camping ban and take a step in the right direction by adopting proactive solutions such as "Housing First."

**Kimberly Grady**

Location: 92108, San Diego  
Submitted At: 5:56pm 03-10-25

On behalf of Think Dignity, I urge the Board to reject these amendments to the camping ban and to repeal the County's harmful existing ban.

Think Dignity is a community-based nonprofit in San Diego County. Our mission is to inspire, empower and organize our community to advance basic dignity for people living on the street. We also provide direct services to help unhoused community members access vital documents, legal services and property storage. We seek to shift the approach to homelessness from punishment to support, recognizing that homelessness is a social issue requiring compassionate solutions — not criminal penalties.

Camping bans harm unhoused community members by reducing access to vital resources and leading to citations, arrests and incarceration. Also, with thousands of homeless students in San Diego, these bans disproportionately harm children and families, pushing them further from stability, education and services. Please reject criminal approaches to homelessness.

**Karen Pohl**

Location: 92119, San Diego  
Submitted At: 5:42pm 03-10-25

I live in District 2 and am represented by Supervisor Joel Anderson. I STRONGLY oppose Item 13. Repeal the existing camping ban! Criminal laws are not fire prevention strategies, and homelessness is a humanitarian crisis — not a public safety threat. A ban won't solve this crisis – it will perpetuate it. The county must invest in real solutions like "Housing First" policies. Thank you.

**Keegan Behm**

Location: 92115, San Diego  
Submitted At: 5:30pm 03-10-25

I am a district 4 constituent and this does nothing to address the root cause of the problem. People experiencing homelessness don't camp because there's no law banning it, this will serve to further feed the prison system and create more opportunities for abuse of the most vulnerable people in our city.

**Kath Rogers**

Location: 92103, San Diego  
Submitted At: 5:17pm 03-10-25

I urge the board to reject these proposed amendments and repeal the county's harmful anti-camping ordinance. Criminalizing unhoused people will not solve our region's housing crisis, and criminal laws are not fire prevention strategies.

Criminalizing and displacing unhoused people only makes it harder for people to obtain housing. We already know what works: "Housing First" strategies and policies that promote affordable housing -- NOT criminalization.

Please reject these amendments and repeal the camping ban. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

**Nancy Behm**

Location: 92115, San Diego  
Submitted At: 5:16pm 03-10-25

My name is Nancy from District 4. I work in homeless services countywide helping implement our CalAIM program. I am concerned about this encampment ban. Large sweeps waste taxpayer dollars by using a tons of police, sheriff, and public works time, by pushing folks into the brush (which this is trying to mitigate) and into the justice system, making homeless service workers repeat efforts trying to locate people, help them get document ready, and get them into housing, and this increases utilization of hospitals through worsening health conditions. Providing adequate shelter to accommodate the influx of seniors and families who are newly homeless and having regular, controlled burns following Indigenous practices would be far more helpful at mitigating wildfire risk.

We do not have enough shelters, especially in District 2 & 5, let alone shelter space that can accommodate people with ADL needs and family shelters in the county - this is who you're penalizing with this ban. Vote no.

**Jess Herrera**

Location: 92010

Submitted At: 5:14pm 03-10-25

A ban won't solve our homelessness crisis; it will worsen it by displacing and criminalizing people-making homelessness harder to escape. Homelessness is a humanitarian crises, not a public safety threat, and it must address as such. The county should adopt proactive solutions that prevent people from entering homelessness.

**Deidre McLeod**

Location: 92128, San Diego

Submitted At: 5:11pm 03-10-25

As a resident of District 2, I urge my supervisor, Joel Anderson - and all the supervisors - to vote against this camping ban dressed up in public safety language. Criminalizing our homeless San Diego County neighbors does not stop wildfires. Investing in affordable housing and housing first policies is the only real solution to our ongoing humanitarian crisis. Stop with performative bans that make homelessness even harder to escape and do nothing but fill our already dangerous and deadly jails. Vote NO on this item.

**Yvonne Elkin**

Location: 92126, San Diego

Submitted At: 4:57pm 03-10-25

The camping ban options presented to the board are unacceptable. I urge you to reject these options and instead repeal the county's existing camping ban. Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis – not a public safety threat – and it must be addressed as such. Camping bans reduce access to vital resources and lead to citations, arrests and even incarceration. It is this board's job to protect the well-being of all residents, regardless of housing status. People experiencing homelessness are as much a part of our community as you and me, and as deserving of dignity and compassion. Instead of criminalizing people's existence with cruel, regressive and wasteful policies, our county should take a "Housing First" approach that prioritizes affordable housing. Criminal laws are not fire prevention strategies. If the county truly wants to protect people from fire risk, implement fire mitigation strategies and provide fire safety training and tools to residents who are experiencing homelessness.

**Kate Kaya**

Location: 92111, San Diego

Submitted At: 4:47pm 03-10-25

People don't want to live outside in tents. Let's create real shelter for people to prevent wildfires rather than turning those forced to live outside into criminals.

**Sebastian Martinez**

Location: 91910, Chula Vista

Submitted At: 4:46pm 03-10-25

Using every opportunity to make life more difficult for the most vulnerable, including fires, is deeply insidious. Punishing the poor does not make us safer.

**Trevor Cappa**

Location: 92116, San Diego

Submitted At: 4:40pm 03-10-25

I oppose the ban. It would provide nothing but an excuse for more state violence against the poorest and most vulnerable of our neighbors. It will provide no housing, support, or safety, but would allow for their possessions to be destroyed.

“The law, in its majestic equality, forbids rich and poor alike to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets, and to steal their bread.”

**Jacob VanDehy**

Location: 92102, San Diego

Submitted At: 4:37pm 03-10-25

I am asking you to oppose this ordinance. You are criminalizing people who cannot afford housing. Build enough housing to put them in and this problem solves itself.

**Erin Hunt**

Location: 92104, San Diego

Submitted At: 4:37pm 03-10-25

I strongly oppose this camping ordinance. Housing is a right, and more must be done to ensure everyone in our community has access to housing.

There is no public safety threat here. The threat is that our unhoused neighbors are suffering and in need. Let's work together to address that humanitarian need through proactive policies that ensure housing for all.

Wildlife prevention is critical, but we will be better served funding our firefighters, addressing the impacts of climate change, improving the safety of our infrastructure and subsidizing fire prevention measures that will keep our communities safe instead of placing false blame on our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness. Let's focus on dignity, humanity, and safety for all, including and especially those who do not currently have access to housing.

**Pamela Albergo**

Location: 92027, ESCONDIDO

Submitted At: 4:29pm 03-10-25

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**Erin Hayward**

Location: 91942, La Mesa

Submitted At: 4:21pm 03-10-25

It is impossible to criminalize homelessness out of existence and you all know it. Please do something to actually address the root cause and the immediate concerns instead of creating endless cruel, dehumanizing proposals. Your 'services first' approach doesn't work when we don't have enough services or enough beds to connect this population to. Confiscating the limited belongings of unhoused people and booting them out of the spaces they've found to offer relative safety and shelter is inhumane. This will do nothing at all to prevent fires, but will continue separating an already vulnerable population from any modicum of stability, security, and ability to change their lives.

It would do us all well to remember that the majority of us are one disaster from being in this position ourselves. Most of us don't make \$200k a year like the Board of Supervisors do. Maybe we could reroute some money to this serious problem...

**Jeremiah Jackson**

Location: 92119, San Diego

Submitted At: 4:17pm 03-10-25

This doesn't resolve the underlying issues: Homelessness, and unreasonable housing costs.

What are you just going to throw them all in jail? That just makes the tax payers have to pay even more. We should be working to get these people housed, and the help they need. It's far less expensive in the long run than locking them up, or having to pay cops to keep rounding them up.

It's not going to stop the fires anyway.

**Norman Busch**

Location: 91935, Jamul, California, United States  
Submitted At: 4:12pm 03-10-25

What does this do to help my insurance from being cancelled again? Stop this performative nonsense. My insurance is cancelled and LESS THAN 20% OF OUR FIRES ARE STARTED BY HOMELESSS.

If you can't find something better to do with your time send me an email and I will help find you something to do as I now represent the unallected office of

San Diego Office Management and Executive Command and Unified Management or SOMECEM.

Here at SOMECEM we hope to emulate the same professionalism that has hit the offices of the federal government that the unallected heroes of DOGE has brought us.

If you can't find something to better to do with your time I am afraid you may get SOMECEM in your affairs.

### **Diana Aguirre**

Location: 92011, Carlsbad  
Submitted At: 4:07pm 03-10-25

I strongly OPPOSE THIS ban - we need to guarantee there are enough beds to house our unhoused community. I urge you to repeal the county's existing camping ban. Camping bans won't solve our homelessness crisis. Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis — not a public safety threat. Criminal laws are not fire prevention strategies. Criminalizing and displacing people only makes homelessness harder to escape. You should repeal the camping ban and take a step in the right direction by adopting proactive solutions such as "Housing First".

### **Tansy Woods**

Location: 92101, San Diego  
Submitted At: 3:57pm 03-10-25

Repeal the existing camping ban! Criminal laws are not fire prevention strategies, and homelessness is a humanitarian crisis — not a public safety threat. A ban won't solve this crisis – it will perpetuate it. The county must invest in real solutions like "Housing First" policies. Increasing outreach and housing access is a much better solution!

### **Courtney Cuellar**

Location: 91977, Spring Valley  
Submitted At: 3:31pm 03-10-25

Please protect the community from the illegal encampment that are destroying our city.

### **Hailee Wong**

Location: 92116, San Diego  
Submitted At: 3:22pm 03-10-25

The options presented to the Board of Supervisors are unacceptable. I urge you instead to repeal the county's existing camping ban. Camping bans won't solve our homelessness crisis. Homelessness is a humanitarian issue - not a public safety threat. Criminal laws are not fire-prevention strategies. Criminalizing and displacing people only makes homelessness harder to escape. You should repeal the camping ban and take a step in the right direction by adopting proactive solutions; such as "Housing First"

### **Julie Cowell**

Location: 92019, El Cajon  
Submitted At: 3:19pm 03-10-25

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"Housing First".

### **Emily Antoku**

Location: 92083, Vista  
Submitted At: 3:10pm 03-10-25

The options presented criminalize homelessness and poverty, targeting an already marginalized and at-need group of people. Enact ordinances to help get these people off the street and into communities instead of "kicking them while they're down."

### **Edward Pogue**

Location: 92116, San Diego  
Submitted At: 2:57pm 03-10-25

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Criminal laws are not fire prevention strategies.

Criminalizing and displacing people only makes homelessness harder to escape. You should repeal the camping ban and take a step in the right direction by adopting proactive solutions such as 'Housing First.'

### **Lisa T**

Location:  
Submitted At: 12:43pm 03-10-25

Ban illegal encampments to prevent wildfires and protect San Diego communities

### **Kaitlin McQuaid**

Location: 91977, Spring Valley  
Submitted At: 12:00pm 03-10-25

The impact of passing such an ordinance can be considered criminalizing poverty. This is unethical, because the people who are camping are presumably experiencing homelessness. I oppose enforcing any such a ban without providing campers with an equitable alternative such as housing. Displacing individuals in our community subjects them to challenges in their employment, school, and personal lives. I suggest that efforts to criminalize poverty be redirected towards solutions for affordable housing.

### **Vryce Hough**

Location: 92103  
Submitted At: 11:28am 03-10-25

If you do not offer shelter before enforcing a camping ban, including assistance in getting people to that shelter, your actions are inhumane, regardless of any Supreme Court decision. The agenda item's language about how the Board has taken actions to provide housing that have either failed or have not yet occurred is meaningless unless the Board also delays implementing this ban until those projects are completed. Do the economical thing and invest in housing first, rather than puritanically focusing on endlessly punishing people for being poor.

As to public safety for those not camping, I predict you're only going to force people into more and more remote locations where the fires take longer to spot and are harder to treat.

### **Allison Bray**

Location: 92026, Escondido  
Submitted At: 11:24am 03-10-25

I oppose this ordinance until the County and cities are able to do more to actually house these people and oppose the County's existing camping ban as well. Banning camping in the name of public safety further criminalizes homelessness without offering actual solutions. Where are people supposed to go? If there were enough shelter beds for our unhoused population, or even better if there were permanent housing solutions for the majority of unhoused people in the County, then I could support bans on camping. But camping bans only serve to make people more desperate - even potentially moving to areas that could be a bigger fire risk to avoid detection.

**Kathleen Rooney**

Location: 92014, Del Mar  
Submitted At: 2:08pm 03-09-25

I oppose this ordinance. Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis, not a public safety threat, and it must be addressed as such. The county should adopt proactive solutions that prevent people from entering homelessness.

**Debby H**

Location:  
Submitted At: 9:29am 03-09-25

PLEASE help prevent wildfires from starting and support this measure!

**Ella R**

Location:  
Submitted At: 7:04am 03-09-25

Ban illegal encampments to prevent wildfires and protect San Diego communities  
click submit comment

**Dan P**

Location:  
Submitted At: 10:42pm 03-08-25

Ban illegal encampments to prevent wildfires and protect San Diego communities

**Stephanie Baker**

Location: 92054, Oceanside  
Submitted At: 4:30pm 03-08-25

I oppose this measure as it weaponizes public safety and fire safety to target the unhoused population. We continue to criminalize homelessness and it only harms our communities. We need to invest in programs that help people find safe, affordable and sustainable housing. This will only make things worse.

**Niki Smith**

Location:  
Submitted At: 3:48pm 03-08-25

Stop harassing unhoused people, please.

**Justin Gans**

Location: 92078, San Marcos  
Submitted At: 2:56pm 03-08-25

Stop blaming unhoused people for the structural issues that create poverty. We have far more in common with our homeless community than the billionaires and corporations that exploit and divide us. This is a cruel policy that violates people's fundamental human rights. Housing is a human right. Don't criminalize poverty, criminalize greed.

**Shannon Cherko**

Location: 91945, Lemon Grove  
Submitted At: 10:46am 03-08-25

Further criminalizing a group in our community barely surviving is not the way to prevent wildfires. Study after study shows it costs our community tax dollars more to criminalize unhoused people than to put them in affordable housing, they need care, not criminalization! Maybe the board should focus on ways to create affordable housing, the true crisis in this situation.

**Caelie Ericksen-Stark**

Location:  
Submitted At: 9:18am 03-08-25

You cannot pass this until there is a better support plan for our unhoused neighbors. If/when we house them first, then we can talk about safe camping conditions.

**Beverly Marston**

Location: 92008, Carlsbad  
Submitted At: 8:58am 03-08-25

I strongly oppose establishing an unsafe camping ordinance in San Diego County. The unhoused need housing and services, not to be moved into unsafe areas. This ban criminalizes vulnerable people, rather than working on solutions to help them establish stable and safe permanent living solutions.

**Elyse O'Neill**

Location: 92008, Carlsbad  
Submitted At: 6:56am 03-08-25

I oppose this measure.

Camping bans do not solve homelessness, it criminalized the most vulnerable people in our society and forces them into unsafe and unstable situations, such as camping by the freeway.

The county should fully repeal its camping bill and double down on its efforts to get people into permanent housing so the issue can actually be solved.

**Nicole Oga**

Location: 92116  
Submitted At: 11:27pm 03-07-25

I oppose Agenda Item #13. This ordinance clearly targets unhoused individuals rather than addressing the real causes of fire risk—climate change, utility failures, and inadequate land management. Criminalizing houselessness does not address the root causes of it and only forces vulnerable people into more hazardous conditions. I urge you to reject this ordinance and pursue evidence-based fire prevention strategies.

**G Von**

Location: 92115, San Diego  
Submitted At: 10:40pm 03-07-25

Yet another item that betrays the feelings of the authors. You don't actually care for anyone but yourselves and your retirement funds. You're the people who will contort their faces in consternation and disgust as they walk by someone struggling on the street. Or, you usually just ignore their existence. They call out to you and you turn to your friend and pretend you didn't hear a thing. "That's not me. I'm better than them." Your humanity rots to the core the more you continue to keep choosing the investors and real estate entities that write your checks. You feel utterly alone but you smile and laugh regardless with your friends at dinner, hoping no one notices. You catch your breath, realizing you can't even utter your fears to those seemingly closest to you. One day, you're the one on the street. Todd Gloria walks by and laughs in your face. Police raid your tent, and no one else on the street likes you, so now you're actually and devastatingly alone. Good luck!

**Rayyon Robinson**

Location: 92123, San Diego  
Submitted At: 9:03pm 03-07-25

I do not support this agenda item!

**RaeMatthew Epstein**

Location: 92115, SAN DIEGO  
Submitted At: 8:53pm 03-07-25

As a homeless person said in a local newspaper recently: "There's nowhere left to go."

I understand the concerns the Supervisors board has given the number of fires that happened a few weeks ago from homeless encampments. A "services first" approach would be fine if the county had enough services for the over 10000 homeless people that are within San Diego the city alone. But there aren't. How is adding more of these ordinances useful when they have failed to help homeless individuals before? It seems all they serve to do



is throw out their important documents and sentimental items (such as in one case a woman's container of her husband's ashes) before forcing them to move, heaping cruelty on top of cruelty.

### **Corey Ruhl**

Location: 92104, San Diego  
Submitted At: 6:51pm 03-07-25

Again, this proposal will only harm the most vulnerable of our neighbors! There are so many other ways to prevent wildfires. Further criminalizing our homeless neighbors is not the solution. How about using the money this would cost to enforce on programs that would assist these folks in securing housing! Seriously, the numbers have all been crunched on this before; IT COSTS LESS TO CARE FOR PEOPLE THAN TO CRIMINALIZE THEM.

### **Ezekiel Bhasker**

Location: 92021, El Cajon  
Submitted At: 5:06pm 03-07-25

This just feels like taking things more in the wrong direction: away from trying to house people and helping them be part of society again, instead criminalizing and blaming them when they don't have the energy or resources to improve their situation due to constantly being displaced or harassed. So first, folks without homes are forced into unsafe situations just because we don't want to see them or face our original problem (or listen to what social and aid workers say will actually help -- they are the ones interacting with folks firsthand). And then we blame them for being in those unsafe places, sighting possible disasters that would ultimately not be their fault, but the fault of ourselves, manufacturers, utility companies, etc. Our shortsighted planning, safety practices, oversight, and land management/stewardship. Let's place the responsibility at the feet of the right folks and ask them to clean up their practices to make our neighborhoods a little safer.

### **Krystle Johnson**

Location: 91945  
Submitted At: 4:09pm 03-07-25

This is just another attempt to criminalize the unhoused. This does not keep anyone safe and all it does is force unhoused folks into even more unsafe situations. House the unhoused folks if you really want to prevent fires.

### **Maya L**

Location: 92115  
Submitted At: 4:04pm 03-07-25

I strongly opposed this ordinance. It is just a pretext for criminalizing unhoused people in one of the most expensive counties in the country. Any one of us is far closer to being homeless than we realize. The unsafe camping ordinance in the city of San Diego is largely to blame for unhoused people moving into dry canyons to evade being hunted down by SDPD. Criminalization doesn't make homeless people disappear, it just makes them hide in places that compromise their safety.

### **DD Powers**

Location:  
Submitted At: 12:28pm 03-07-25

The county and the city of san diego have lost control of the homeless crises - either intentional by some elected officials or ineptness, or most likely no real solutions or ideas on what to do. Elected officials campaign on real solutions for homelessness but nothing of substance or effectiveness is ever revealed or implemented and the situation is allowed to worsen. And as always law abiding taxpaying citizens bear the brunt of this crisis, or any serious problem elected officials can't or prefer to not resolve. Do something!

### **Mia Thompson**

Location: 92131, San Diego  
Submitted At: 7:24pm 03-06-25

I strongly oppose Agenda Item #13. While framed as wildfire prevention, the language of this ordinance clearly targets unhoused individuals rather than addressing the real causes of fire risk—climate change, utility failures, and inadequate land management. Criminalizing homelessness does not reduce wildfire danger; it only forces vulnerable people into more hazardous conditions. I urge you to reject this ordinance and pursue evidence-based

fire prevention strategies

**Paul Henkin**

Location: 91902, Bonita

Submitted At: 2:22pm 03-06-25

Safety first, especially with all the known fire enhancers around like Battery Energy Storage (BESS) and EV's. We need to be alot more careful in how we handle fire, especially in extreme danger zones (most of East County) and places with poor or compromised evacuation routes.

I think that this is a good ordinance but could be a bit better. Option 1 Enhancement A: Add provisions related to fire risk is covered in the Penal Code. Enhancement B: Add protections in specific areas such as open spaces and public works infrastructure is not needed. Enhancement C: Codify existing procedures for unsheltered encampments notification period for movement of personal property to storage and adopt a notification period of 24-hours is good.

**Rebecca Neary**

Location: 91935, Jamul

Submitted At: 3:37pm 03-05-25

There is extreme fire danger in Jamul and twisty turny roads to get out. There are many unhoused in nearby nature reserves and they do need some kind of shelter but not to endanger their lives, residents lives and other species lives and obviously the more homes that burn the fewer places to live.