

Board of Supervisors

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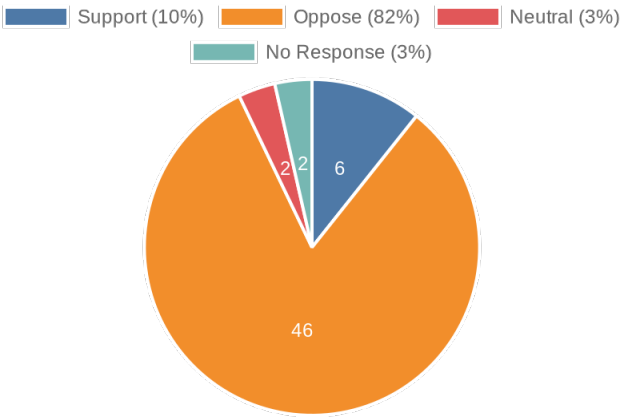
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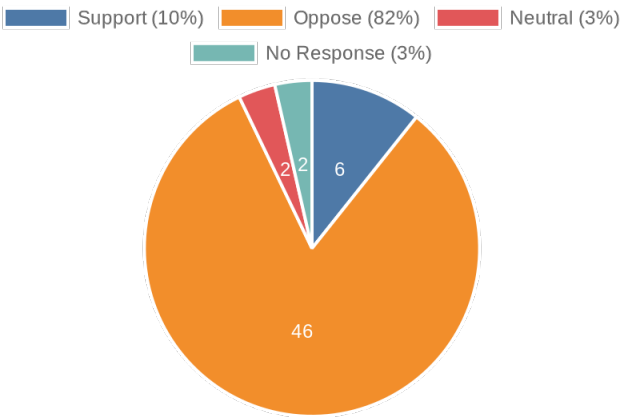


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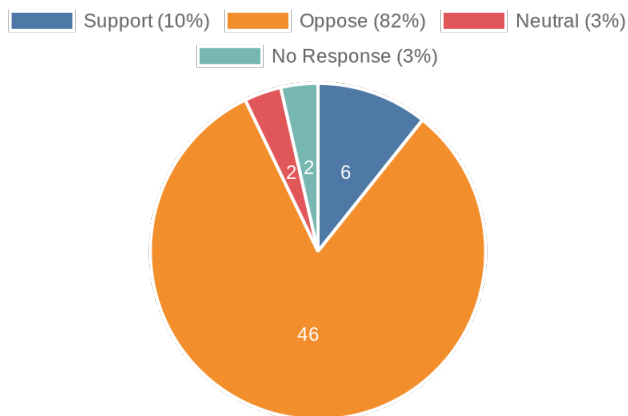
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Overall Sentiment



Kristin MacLeod

Location: 92075, Solana Beach
Submitted At: 1:39pm 05-20-26

I hope the academy will continue to serve our area's foster teens. The process seems rushed as is and puts the country in danger of losing a valuable resource for area foster youth. Please pause any closure related conversation for 90 days and expand stakeholder outreach and public engagement, including former foster youth, alumni, and grandparents of former foster youth in those discussion and future planning sessions. It's important that the process of deciding be transparent, not be rushed and include all the stakeholders. I am counting on our Supervisors to act for the best for our at-risk county youth. The dollars spent now to save the academy will be repaid by the contributions its students make to the community as adults.

carol Szytel

Location: 92082, Valley Center
Submitted At: 11:42am 05-20-26

I urgently request that you do not cut support for and to San Pasquall Academy. As a decades long Rotarian, I am quite familiar with the facility and the work and support for these teens that are normally unrecognized or supported. Please I urge you all to continue to support SPA. These kids need all the help they can get. I trust you will do the right thing here!

Pamela Brown

Location: San Diego
Submitted At: 10:58am 05-20-26

I respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to approve a temporary pause and not move forward with any closure or transition plans involving San Pasqual Academy.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our community.

Gary Szytel

Location: 92082, Valley Center
Submitted At: 10:47am 05-20-26

Please conduct a proper investigation before considering any budget cuts for San Pasqual Academy. The Academy provides foster youth with opportunities they would not get elsewhere and is a needed service in north county.

john Graywoulf

Location: 92082, Valley Center
Submitted At: 10:14am 05-20-26

I am opposed, not in support.

Please correct my original stance

john graywoulfe at May 16, 2026 at 12:22pm PDT

Madison Rapp

Location:
Submitted At: 8:51am 05-20-26

I urge the Board not to move forward with the planned wind down of San Pasqual Academy. For more than 20 years, the Academy has provided foster youth with a unique combination of housing, education, stability, and trauma-informed support in one place. More than 1,000 young people have benefited from this specialized model. While child welfare policy has rightly shifted toward family-based care and prevention, some youth still need structured, campus-based support that fragmented placements cannot provide. The County Office of Education has made clear that San Pasqual Academy remains valuable and should be modernized and strengthened — not dismantled.

If this campus is closed, the expertise, relationships, and integrated support systems built over decades cannot easily be recreated. We need to preserve options for vulnerable youth whose needs are not met in traditional systems. Please pause closure plans and work collaboratively to strengthen San Pasqual Academy for the future.

JUDITH STRANG

Location: 92130, SAN DIEGO
Submitted At: 8:31am 05-20-26

My family has supported SPA for many years, and we think County does not have all the information in needs to make such unwise abrupt change. Additionally the listening sessions seem to be a bait and switch situation with no follow-up and no indication that the comments were heard, considered or recorded.

Franci Free

Location:
Submitted At: 8:27am 05-20-26

It's a shame that a unique successful model on bettering foster students lives is being again threatened. Shame on the politicians that are threatening to take away this special county jewel

Jill Campbell

Location: 92027, ESCONDIDO
Submitted At: 11:54pm 05-19-26

I am a member of the Escondido Rotary Club. Our Rotary Club has given holiday gifts to students, helped with gardening, and provided school and personal needs for the students for a number of years. I ask that you start a 90 day investigation period to determine the best course of action for the county and for the students. Thank you for considering not taking action immediately but doing an investigation period.

Keith Richenbacher

Location: 92025, Escondido
Submitted At: 6:58pm 05-19-26

Delay the vote. There is no time to debate the benefits of San Pasqual Academy, of which there are many. Literally hundreds of lives have been saved from homelessness, or worse. They work miracles out in the valley. Similarly we will not debate why Child Welfare Services stopped referring students there. Due diligence on these and a myriad of other factors should be carefully considered before making a decision that impacts so many fragile young lives. Top of this list is the pride you as our community Supervisors should feel in having this gem in

your county that should be a model for the state and country. You are not prepared for this test. Delay the vote for 90 days, do your homework (with our assistance if it is invited), and make a rational decision. In our Rotary Club we have what is called the "4 Way Test" which is 4 questions to answer before making a decision. One of those points is: "Is it fair to all concerned?" Please meet the 4 way test.

Marilyn Lynch

Location: 92027, Escondido

Submitted At: 5:45pm 05-19-26

I have been involved in SPA for many years, as a member of the Rotary Club of Escondido. The students that I have met impressed me with their positive outlook on life and education. Many of these students have gone on to college, or trade schools for further education. I'm firmly convinced that being placed at SPA has given these teens the confidence and education that all teens need. I feel it would be a disservice to act so hastily. Everyone needs a hand up, not a handout. Please reconsider your stance on this matter.

Ronald Parker

Location: 92027, Escondido

Submitted At: 4:16pm 05-19-26

I have been involved in the support of San Pasqual Academy for between 10 and 20 years through the Rotary Club of Escondido. I have visited and met many of the students over this time frame and have seen the positive results that this institution has influenced on the youth that have graduated from San Pasqual Academy. This facility is well managed and offers all facets of family life which you don't see in most orphan type of schools. For some reason they only have a small number of students at the present? I would want to know why, as a county, we don't take advantage of this perfect school/campus and give more children that have less than ideal support the chance to find a home and the opportunity for a real education. Please do not make a decision without first hearing from your public and finding out what contribution this school has already given to countless individuals. Individuals that now call this their home. Thanks Ron Parker

Anthony Gardiner

Location: 92029, Escondido

Submitted At: 3:09pm 05-19-26

SPA has served the County well for a much needed service and it MUST be allowed to remain operating!! As I understand it it is currently very low on occupants and that needs attention to find out why and recruit more participants. Supporting an operation of its current size with limited occupants clearly is not viable so either it needs to be fully researched to see how to get more qualified occupants and hence reduce the per capita cost or reduce operation costs to suit. It is a very large complex and it would seem that an option could be to dispose of some surplus asset (land) in order to help fund this vital organization. I would like to know how many supervisors have spent time at this facility and know how it works and what it does for the community. If any of you have not visited then you cannot be qualified to vote on this subject regardless of which way you vote. As a minimum allow time for a complete study of the facility before making any decisions.

Karan Kolb

Location:

Submitted At: 12:27pm 05-19-26

Please take time with these decisions so the children there already can slowly transition and avoid more trauma and disappointment of not having a home and being turned away. Some of the youth I know still consider the SPA their home. This facility could be used for so much more and still be a home for the small percent of youth who truly have no other place to go.

Therefore, I oppose the closing of the SPA and support prevention services and a well thought out plan for the future of this facility.

I humbly submit this to you and support the idea of:

- Reunification Homes
- Prevention Homes
- Training Facilities for RFA applicants and ongoing training
- High School foster youth homes

Karan Kolb, Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians
Former Social Services Director
Social Services Consultant for Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians
National Trainer on ICWA

Larissa Bacon

Location: 91910, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 9:38am 05-19-26

On behalf of SBCS (formerly South Bay Community Services), a provider of services for systems' involved youth, we are in support of the transition of San Pasqual Academy. With licensing, and state and federal policies shifting toward more preventative care and in-home placement, the need for the Academy has declined significantly. We are strongly in favor of community-based services to ensure a smooth transition, and continued care for youth; while continuing community engagement efforts to determine the best use of the Academy property in the future.

Jessica Heldman

Location: 92131, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:28am 05-19-26

Throughout history, child welfare systems have repeatedly shifted policy priorities in response to evolving research, funding structures, litigation, workforce capacity, and the complexity of youth needs. Once public infrastructure is lost, however, rebuilding it is extraordinarily costly and politically difficult. For that reason, future planning for San Pasqual should prioritize adaptability rather than irreversible elimination of youth-serving capacity.

Joan Boccio

Location: 92128, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:16am 05-19-26

Keep SAN PASQUAL Academy open ...maybe find a way to continue support for foster kids and others in need...as a model for others through the state and country ...as so many are positively effect by the efforts of those at SPA...
thank you

Henry Freet

Location: 92025, Escondido
Submitted At: 9:07am 05-19-26

I oppose Agenda Item #35, and support s 90 day period to study the issue. San Pasqual Academy has enjoyed a fabulous graduation rate (over 90%), and provided a home for so many kids. I can not understand why the enrollment has fallen to such a small number. This issue needs to be explained.

Theresa Matthews

Location: 92067, Rancho Santa Fe
Submitted At: 9:00am 05-19-26

Please oppose taking action to that will result in the closure or suspension of San Pasqual Academy. They have the cpapcity to handle more Foster Teens that are currently in the system. To leave them without a Facility for this successful model for education and lfie skills is shameful. Once again they are facing elimination in favor of ____ (Fill in the blank----- but it seems that \$ is speaking louder than life learned mottoes of "Do no harm" or "Do unto others what you would have them do unto you". These teens are someones children and grandchildren. Are You doing your BEST for each and every one of them?

heidi hollen

Location: 92014, del mar
Submitted At: 8:34am 05-19-26

I cannot believe that this is once again on the docket....which means someone did not do their homework. This is a very successful home/school for foster youth and should be a model for other facilities...oh yeah, there are none. I would like to know what you are planning to do with the land once you've closed this facility that would even come close to the success of San Pasqual. Maybe it is costly for the kids that are living there but maybe it's

because you've declined to send kids out there to the full capacity since 2021. Shame on you!

A Reynolds

Location: 92130, San Diego

Submitted At: 8:21am 05-19-26

As a longtime foster youth volunteer and advocate, I strongly urge you not to close San Pasqual Academy. Foster Teens are a uniquely vulnerable population and at high risk for homelessness. SPA was originally founded because the traditional foster family model failed to meet the needs the teens required. As a result, the teens bounced from home to home with very poor results. This remains a relevant problem to this day. Many teens don't do well in traditional foster or kinship care. They need an alternative. SPA fills this critical need. Closing it will have dire consequences for this population and our community as a whole.

Please find a way to better utilize this valuable, forward thinking community resource.

Ron Smith

Location: 92025, Escondido

Submitted At: 7:36am 05-19-26

For the last few years, County policy decisions seem to have kept San Pasqual Academy under-enrolled. Now it is using under-enrollment as justification for looking at closure? Before this happens, the students must be considered. Where did the students go, if not at San Pasqual, and what does the data say about their welfare? There needs to be a comparative study to see how San Pasqual Academy students have done, versus those similar students who received other placements. We know how very successful the Academy has been. Do we know how others have done? I urge the Board to delay a decision until there is more data about students and which programs actually have produced best results.

Barbara Stolz

Location: 92067, Rancho Santa Fe

Submitted At: 7:30am 05-19-26

San Pasqual Academy is a lifeline to at risk youth. This school is a model of success for foster children. Please reconsider and take the time to listen to the people who successfully graduated from this stellar school. Because it's far more than just a school! Remember San Pasqual is an entire community of support attending to kids who have no family or home to count on. This school is saving their foster kids and deserves to continue.

Grace Veltman

Location: 92009, Carlsbad

Submitted At: 11:07pm 05-18-26

The Academy has a proven to be a valuable resource for foster children. They have a safe and nurturing environment in which to thrive and it would be a disservice to them to close the facility where they feel welcome and safe. Please reconsider and allow more time for comments. Review statements from former students and find out what benefits they received from being students and residents of San Pasqual Academy. You will find that many of them are on a better life path than they would have been without this assistance. Please reconsider the value of the Academy!

Carol Bess

Location:

Submitted At: 10:39pm 05-18-26

At a reported annual operating cost is: \$19,000,000÷43_441,860

County is spending approximately \$441,860 per student per year to keep the campus operational.

This cost raises important policy questions:

Couldn't funds better support family preservation and prevention services

Expansion of kinship care and community-based supports

Investing into neighborhoods most impacted by child welfare involvement

Provide wraparound behavioral health, housing, education, and family stabilization services

Support children's remaining connected to their families, culture, schools, and communities when safely possible

A strong talking point is:

“When fewer than 50 youth require placement at a cost exceeding \$440,000 per child annually, we must ask whether the current model reflects the best use of public resources — especially when prevention, kinship support, and community-based care consistently produce stronger long-term outcomes for children and families.”

Vanessa Davis

Location: 92127, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:03pm 05-18-26

Please do not close San Pasqual Academy. It is one of the few truly positive and stabilizing opportunities available for foster youth in our area. We have seen firsthand the impact this academy has on the lives of these children.

San Pasqual Academy provides far more than education. It gives foster youth stability, support, mentorship, structure, and a sense of belonging. For children who have often faced trauma and uncertainty, having a safe and supportive environment can be life changing.

Programs like this are not easily replaced. The relationships and opportunities created through the academy help foster youth succeed academically, emotionally, and socially. Rather than shutting down a program that is clearly making a positive difference, we should be finding ways to strengthen and support it.

Rachael Henry

Location: 92127, San Diego
Submitted At: 7:20pm 05-18-26

My family has been involved in serving this Academy for the last 6 years. It is an invaluable resource to these at risk youth and give them a stable family community to give them the best chance to succeed in life. To be able to change the trajectory of a youth's life and help them to further their education beyond high school so they have employable skills will save the tax payers way more money than the savings from closing the Academy.

Alma Plancarte

Location: 92026, Escondido
Submitted At: 7:01pm 05-18-26

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Rosie R

Location:
Submitted At: 6:49pm 05-18-26

When will kids be important to the 3 women on this board?

Further research and review to make the best decision for these kids. Sadly they must depend on this government board.

Allen Owens

Location: 92026, Escondido
Submitted At: 6:45pm 05-18-26

These foster kids need a safe place to call home. Please do not bounce them around again.

Nanci B

Location: Escondido
Submitted At: 6:07pm 05-18-26

Oppose

Ed Gallo

Location: 92026, Escondido

Submitted At: 3:54pm 05-18-26

As an Escondido Council member I attended the opening of SPA.. I applauded the County Supervisors for addressing a serious issue. The kids who got pushed around by government bureaucracy finally had a place to call home and receive much needed guidance to prepare for either work or higher education. This is absolutely one program that should NOT be cut. Thank you

Royce Moore

Location: 92025, Escondido,
Submitted At: 3:40pm 05-18-26

Do not close the San Pasqual Academy. It has successfully served underserved children for many years. Closing it would be a tragedy.

Doug Clark

Location: 92027, ESCONDIDO
Submitted At: 2:47pm 05-18-26

PLEASE do not take action on this item at this time. Do a 90 day review of SPA and the impact they have had on the forgotten teenage orphans in the past, and who are currently there. This facility has been a game changer for the lives of so many of these teens. Without SPA they would have been in foster care, which can be extremely challenging for the teen & the foster family. There is not a good support system of teens in foster care, and next to no support once they turn 18. SPA has a proven track record of success. Rotary Clubs throughout the County, including the 5 Escondido Rotary Clubs, have long supported the efforts of the school. Shutting this down would be tragic for current and future foster teens.

Ronald Guiles

Location: 92029, Escondido
Submitted At: 2:32pm 05-18-26

I am opposing the closure of San Pasqual Academy. I would suggest that the Board of Supervisors receive more public input on this very important issue. Please also seek out more input from community leaders at least for a 90 day period.

BRIAN CASTER

Location: San Diego
Submitted At: 11:04am 05-18-26

I am opposing the closure of San Pasqual Academy. Instead, urging the Board of Supervisors to:

- Expand opportunities for public input
- Establish a more inclusive process involving former foster youth, alumni, community leaders, and stakeholders
- Return to the Board in 90 days with proposed recommendations

Melisse Mossy

Location: 92067, Rancho Santa Fe
Submitted At: 8:44am 05-18-26

Many stakeholders are deeply concerned that the County is now moving too quickly toward irreversible action without sufficient public process, transparency, and stakeholder inclusion.

Many of us believe the County should not be taking action this week.

Instead, we are urging the Board of Supervisors to:

Expand opportunities for public input
Establish a more inclusive process involving former foster youth, alumni, community leaders, and stakeholders
Return to the Board in 90 days with proposed recommendations that have been shaped collaboratively and transparently

Jennifer Dunn

Location: 92067, Rancho Santa Fe
Submitted At: 8:43am 05-18-26

I vehemently oppose Agenda Item #35, San Pasqual Academy is a vital institution that serves our foster youth here in San Diego.

Nancy Eastman

Location: 92129, San Diego
Submitted At: 8:24am 05-18-26

The Academy has provided a stable and loving home for hundreds of kids, who otherwise would not have had one. it has been a model for other cities. What would have happened to these children?! Statistically, their odds of becoming contributing members of society would go way down, and subsequent remediation would be very costly. This is a disastrous decision; I say NO. Allow San Pasqual Academy to continue serving our kids, and our county.

Donald Isaak

Location: 92054, Oceanside
Submitted At: 5:15am 05-18-26

I 100% support the continued good work done at San Pasqual and the whole community needs more time to work out what is best going forward.

In this busy world - notice and opportunity is required to contribute to planning for the future. Too many good things come from this valuable resource to hastily make rash, irreversible decisions - no matter how 'common-sense' they may appear on their face. Supporting foster youth is more complex and nuanced than almost any issue. Thanks for your consideration.

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Ron Roberts

Location: 92103, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:49pm 05-17-26

The language of the agenda item causes me great concern. San Pasqual has been shown to be the best program for foster kids in the country. All Supervisors should visit the campus prior to any discussion and schedule a future meeting that would permit Academy supporters to address any specific actions that the Board is considering. A program with a strong record of success for such a diverse group of youth with strong community support deserves nothing less.

Deborah Syverson

Location: 92178, Coronado
Submitted At: 5:12pm 05-17-26

Vote no on Item 35 or postpone a vote to a future time. Now is the time to leverage the resources already available at the Academy to support foster teens. Expanding the population on campus, reducing the number of placements of foster teenagers and including a middle school to encourage placement of siblings. It is possible for a foster youth to have only 1 placement over their last six years of school at the Academy. There's available transitional housing, mental health care, job training, intergenerational support, and room for foster families. There has been so much effort in the reimagining process and what I see is an underutilization of the existing campus. Put placement efforts toward expanding enrollment and foster families. Work with the current Provider to leverage their expertise in working with traumatized youth and lower County costs. There are ways to reduce the financial impact on the County and result in a win-win for the County and the foster youth. .

Lois Jones

Location: 92067, RANCHO SANTA FE

Submitted At: 10:01am 05-17-26

This is a travesty that needs to stop! Putting this on the agenda does not allow appropriate review and comments to this outrageous proposal to be submitted by those who are most involved and knowledgeable of San Pasqual Academy. The benefits of this school to foster teens is undeniable, and a quick, thoughtless uninformed decision would not only devastate these young people who currently live there leaving them without the safety and security they need, it also prevents other foster teens the opportunity to grow and learn in a well-proven highly successful environment that allows these teenagers to develop into productive, responsible adults. Please do not make the obvious wrong decision by allowing the proposal to go forward. The best decision is to step back, take a breath, and allow the truth and actual facts to honestly come forward by delaying this proposal until it is appropriately vetted.

Robert Syverson

Location: 92178, Coronado

Submitted At: 9:31am 05-17-26

Please vote no on Item 35, preferable don't vote on it at all--there are clear solutions already identified. The County already has spent months on 'reimaging' and the result is San Pasqual Academy has all the potential to address multiple foster youth needs. Education, Transitional Housing, mental health care, job training, space for foster family homes and more. With the County experiencing a "Quiet Crisis" (web's words) in placing foster youth teenager, with an average placement of 4.1 per 1000 days (translates to 5 moves on average for a high school foster teen grade 9-12). The fact that it is costly to have multiple placements isn't nearly as important as the fact that 4-5 placements during this critical age of development contributes to the homeless potential that foster youth already face in higher numbers than non-foster youth. Please don't vote on Item 35.

Audrey Ledesma

Location: 92115, San Diego

Submitted At: 5:16am 05-17-26

I ask the Board to please slow down and consider all options before shutting down this facility. Where are the foster children that are living there going to go?

Vicki Minter

Location: 92067-5568, Rancho Santa Fe

Submitted At: 5:04am 05-17-26

I strongly oppose any decision today which affects the future of San Pasqual Academy! A hasty decision based on extremely limited community input does not serve the interests of our foster kids, and ignores the track record of 25 years of success the Academy has had, supported by data in a UC Davis Study and a 92% graduation rate. Please pause any action today; instead, listen to those who have been involved since the beginning, listen to the grateful graduates, listen to the volunteers and supporters, and it will become obvious that to transition this school to some other use would be unconscionable, if you care about our most vulnerable kids in the foster system. Common sense tells us that if you have a solution to a problem that shows great success, you should expand access to as many foster kids as possible, so even MORE may benefit from what SPA has to offer: guidance, consistent support, and the hope of a better future.

Joan Scott

Location: 92067, Rancho Santa Fe

Submitted At: 6:58pm 05-16-26

Why is this situation happening again, when in 2021, it was overwhelmingly found that San Pasqual Academy is greatly needed to care and support many foster teens and foster alumni. Friends of San Pasqual Academy has been caring for foster teens for over 25 years. We have provided a safe, stable, nurturing environment and our foster students have been able to recover from trauma and abuse and thrive. Many of our alumni went on to universities, other colleges or trade schools. Some of them went on to earn their Master's Degree. They were able to attend the same high school, participate in sports, music programs, attend Proms, Holiday parties, Homecoming activities and have "normal high school experiences". This is not the case in the foster care system, since many foster kids move frequently. Shame on the people who are trying to close this school/home! It is needed. Let's continue to care for our vulnerable youth. They deserve to be safe and protected and have a better future!

susan hoehn

Location: 92067, Rancho Santa Fe

Submitted At: 2:43pm 05-16-26

We have been supporters of San Pasqual Academy and Friends of San Pasqual ever since we first learned of it ~ many years ago. It is VITALLY important that these teens have a special school/home where they can thrive and flourish . It is MUCH HEALTHIER for them than being placed in individual homes where they may not receive encouragement and care and safety. Make this academy a permanent fixture for our care of foster youth!

Kathy Lathrum

Location:

Submitted At: 2:40pm 05-16-26

Dear County Board of Supervisors:

Please keep this very successful residential high school and community open. I have volunteered at San Pasqual Academy for the last 24 Years and have seen how SPA provides a stable, caring, loving, nurturing environment with lots of support for traumatized teens to catch up on academics, heal, bond with fellow students and thrive. Many graduates attend college or trade school and become successful independent adults.

Foster teens and their siblings need SPA as an option. There is a lack of foster families that are able to address the needs of traumatized teens and their siblings.

25 Years of positive audits, evaluations and favorable Grand Jury Report and UC Davis Study along with a 92% graduation rate illustrate a valuable asset for the County. Students thrive in this safe and supportive environment. Taxpayers save money.

I urge you to tour the campus before discussing the closure of this unique place. It should be replicated, not terminated!

Victoria Jones

Location: 92026, Escondido

Submitted At: 12:52pm 05-16-26

Public Comment on Agenda Item #35 – San Pasqual Academy

Dear Members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Victoria M. Jones. I am a Certified Public Accountant and a longtime resident of Escondido. I strongly oppose the plan to begin winding down San Pasqual Academy.

This academy has given many foster youth a stable home, mentors, and real hope for the future. It has changed lives, including that of Public Advocate Shane Harris.

The County's public outreach was too limited. The survey only received 184 responses. Many alumni, former foster youth, and community members were not properly included.

I urge the Board to:

- * Receive the full report from the listening sessions
- * Expand outreach and gather more public input
- * Pause any closure actions this week
- * Return in 90 days with better recommendations

San Pasqual Academy is too important to rush. Our foster youth deserve a fair process.

Thank you for protecting our children.

john graywoulfe

Location: 92082, Valley Center

Submitted At: 12:22pm 05-16-26

Delay this action, find a sustainable option. I was a youth at SPA. We are a family, and we support our brethren, no matter what year they graduate in, or what time span they attended. SPA is a necessary potential, for any and

all future foster youth. It is especially necessary for the pro-life movement, if they truly support people choosing to give births intended for the foster system. We need places like SPA. It takes a community to raise a child. I believe that myself, and all former/present foster youth are examples of this.

Kelly Witt

Location: 92168, SAN DIEGO

Submitted At: 12:10pm 05-16-26

I am a San Diego County resident and a firefighter who was formerly stationed at the San Pasqual Fire Department station 93, located on the same property as San Pasqual Academy. I am disappointed to hear that the County is moving to close the Academy. In my time at SPFD, I encountered many Academy youth who greatly benefited from the education, programming, and residential services. I was especially glad when much needed on-site transitional housing was developed for the older youth who are aging out of the program. While I understand the need to continually assess our county services, I feel discouraged that I am only just now hearing about agenda item #35. Members of the general public such as myself did not receive a full opportunity to participate in a public commenting period. Please delay action on item #35 so that all voices of the community have a chance to be heard. Thank you.

Paul Henkin

Location: 91902, Bonita

Submitted At: 6:33pm 05-13-26

It would be good to re-integrate foster youth into society, but there still needs to be housing for some of our foster youth. Maybe you can transfer some kids from the Polinsky Center to the empty space there. There are sure to be less tunnels, hiding spots, and pedos there. Also, a good refuge for abused animals, if you have the space, like the ones on Artesian Road or the others I hear about.

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Do not close this amazing program for foster youth. What county did was wrong, the report did not even recommend closure, it recommended adding additional programs and services all of which the current provider ROP has verbally told the county they are willing to do.