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From: <u>Sergio</u>

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Subject: [External] No to Troy Street Tiny Homes

Date: Sunday, September 21, 2025 7:32:42 PM

Lemon Grove and Spring Valley are on the edge of a disaster. The County of San Diego, with the Lemon Grove Mayor cheering them on, plan to construct a low-barrier "tin shed" compound right in the middle of neighborhoods, near new homes, parks, liquor stores, and a \$30M preschool recently constructed. Caltrans owns the land in question.

Here's the ugly truth:

This is an \$11 million project — for about 70 tin sheds. Do the math on how much, of our tax money, was allocated to something that harms our neighborhoods and communities.

The County of San Diego wants to waste millions for a project with no sobriety verification, no behavior standards, no priority for Lemon Grove's unhoused.

Lemon Grove, the smallest, least-funded city in San Diego County will carry the burden for the region. More law-enforcement calls, more EMS runs, and with a city budget that's already gasping for air.

Lemon Grove already looks rough:

Blight everywhere — boarded-up storefronts, crumbling streets, trash, graffiti, and neglected spaces. "Ghetto birds" circling overhead almost daily because crime and calls for service are out of control.

And now, insult on top of injury: home owners pay the highest property tax rate in all of San Diego County. More than Coronado, La Mesa, Del Mar — cities that actually deliver results. How is this fair? We pay the most and get the least, while our so-called leadership invites in projects that will bury us deeper in crime, blight, and debt.

This is not compassion or "helping" for unhoused. This is negligence. It's the destruction of our communities under the disguise of progress.

NO to tin sheds in Lemon Grove or Spring Valley. Both are communities — and we will NOT accept the dumping of blight, for the county's failed policies.

A Neighbor Who Refuses to stand down,

Sergio Gonzalez Spring Valley, CA 91977 From: Keke Jones

To: <u>FGG, Public Comment</u>

Subject: [External] Lemon Grove Tiny homes

Date: Sunday, September 21, 2025 9:55:12 AM

Hello

I'm at a resident of Lemon Grove and I oppose the installation of the tiny homes in our city. Our city is on the edge of disaster.

Here's the ugly truth:

- This is an \$11 million project for about 70 tin sheds. Do the math on how much of our tax money that is.
- These are not transitional homes. They are bare tin sheds with no running water, no plumbing, no real path forward.
- I could buy something similar at a home improvement store for under \$2,000 yet the County wants us to swallow millions for them.
- No sobriety requirement. No behavior standards. No priority for Lemon Grove's own 400+ unhoused.
- The smallest, least-funded city in San Diego County will carry the burden for the region.
- More police calls, more EMS runs, and a city budget that's already gasping for air.

Not to mention the location is on a busy road across from a liquor store and a few blocks to our brand new \$30mil preschool.

Meanwhile, Lemon Grove already looks rough:

- Blight everywhere boarded-up storefronts, crumbling streets, and neglected spaces.
- "Ghetto birds" circling overhead almost daily because crime and calls for service are out of control.
- Closed rec center, closed senior center, crumbling roads
- And now, insult on top of injury: we pay the highest property tax rate in all of San Diego County. More than Coronado, La Mesa, Del Mar cities that actually deliver results.

How is this fair? We pay the most and get the least, while our so-called leadership invites in projects that will bury us deeper in crime, blight, and debt.

This is not compassion. This is not "helping." This is negligence. It's the slow destruction of our city under the disguise of progress.

If you care about the people you represent, stand up. Speak out. This is our home — and we don't have to accept being the dumping ground for the county's failed policies.

Please help us work to bring Lemon Grove back to a thriving community and vote no on the Troy street tiny home project.

Thank you for your consideration

Keke Jones

