

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Agenda Management Support](#)
Subject: #17 comment_Lass, K
Date: Monday, March 10, 2025 4:59:38 PM

From: Kathy Lass <kathy_lass@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 4:53 PM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Cc: Second District <Second.District@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: [Board of Supervisors Meeting March 11 Item #17} Request to review Ranch Camp Ordinance

******CAUTION:**This is an EXTERNAL email. Exercise caution. DO NOT open attachments or click links from unknown senders or unexpected email.****

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am requesting that you pull Item #17, which asks you to adopt the ordinance that establishes Redwoods Coastal Academy, from the March 11th consent agenda and I ask you to not adopt the ordinance at this time.

I attended (and gave comment) at the February 25th Board of Supervisors meeting. I am writing today to ask you to hold the Probation Department to account for their lack of engagement and their misleading presentation in their effort to try to get part of the Juvenile Hall designated as a "ranch camp".

There are two topics that weren't discussed adequately at the February 25th meeting:

- the failure of the Probation Department to actually engage with the community
- the notion that the assignment of a youth to a ranch camp is out of anyone's control.

These two topics are directly linked: the 40 members of the community who spoke out last month didn't address the second point BECAUSE the Probation department failed to engage with the community. The one town hall that the Probation department held was, by all accounts, hastily convened with poor organization. One could imagine that all they had to do was ask the community: "What should we do if The Court assigns a youth to ranch camp?". Then the community would have provided answers.

The Board's sole request at the October 6th meeting was to ask the Probation department to engage with the community, and Probation DID NOT. That alone should cause a pause on this action.

When one talks about "The Court", do the Supervisors realize that there is only one judge involved in adjudicating juvenile cases? This is not some faceless entity over which we in the community have no ability to engage.

The Probation Department presented a misleading case; I ask you to give the community more time before you go down the path of cementing a "ranch camp" at our juvenile hall.

Thank you and regards,
Kathy Lass
Aptos, CA

