

- ☐ III. The Board of Supervisors has received the following items of correspondence which require no official action by the Board at this time:

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE CULTURAL ARTS AND DIVERSITY RESOURCE CENTER
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ (UCSC) FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS
TO UCSC, THE ARTS, AND THE BROADER COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Cultural Arts and Diversity Resource Center (CADrc) at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC), is a pioneering theater program dedicated to the success and well-being of students, fostering an inclusive and vibrant campus community that promotes intercultural learning, innovation in programming, and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Arts and Diversity Resource Center serves as a cultural bridge by bringing national theater productions to UCSC, including grassroots community theater as well as Broadway performances, enabling students, faculty, and the local community to experience award-winning performances and national trends in the performing arts; and

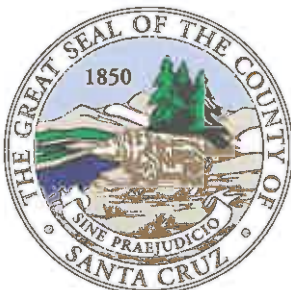
WHEREAS, through collaborations with high schools, community colleges, and local community leaders, CADrc plays an essential role in introducing theater to young people and encouraging them to pursue higher education, nurturing the next generation of scholars and artists; and

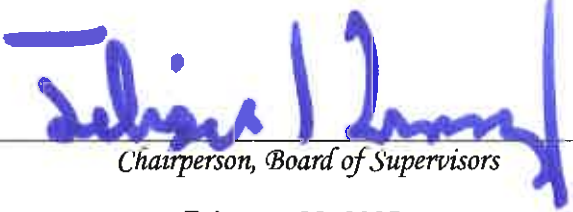
WHEREAS, the Cultural Arts and Diversity Resource Center provides invaluable professional experience to students by offering leadership opportunities, fostering teamwork, and encouraging strategic planning, decision-making, and attendance at professional conferences, preparing them for a future in various fields; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Arts and Diversity Resource Center promotes empathy and understanding by producing works that highlight the diverse histories and experiences of everyday people, creating a platform for the exploration of different perspectives and fostering a deeper appreciation for cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Arts and Diversity Resource Center includes Rainbow Theater and the African American Theater Arts Troupe (AATAT), two organizations that were founded over 30 years ago by students to represent stories often overlooked in mainstream media and classrooms, and which have grown to become pillars of UCSC's cultural and artistic landscape.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby recognize and commend the Cultural Arts and Diversity Resource Center for its outstanding contributions to UCSC, the arts, and the broader community.




Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

February 20, 2025

Date

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Please pass a ban on gas-powered leaf blowers
Date: Thursday, February 20, 2025 8:48:36 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Chris Moran [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 6:50 PM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Cc: contact@chasesantacruz.org
Subject: Please pass a ban on gas-powered leaf blowers

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The City of Santa Cruz and other Sane cities have passed a Ban on Leaf Blowers. Let's get this done for the County of Santa Cruz!!!

Sincerely,

Chris Moran
[REDACTED]
Ben Lomond, CA 95005

[REDACTED]

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Problem finding agenda items in packet
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 12:20:04 PM

From: Jamilah Vittor [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2025 9:00 PM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Problem finding agenda items in packet

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Hello. I am not sure who to mention this to, but you used to be able to open the agenda packet and the agenda item number would be indicated on each page of the hundreds-of-pages-long packet. No agenda item numbers appear on the packet pages any longer. You just have to scroll and scroll and read bits of each page until you finally come to the one you are looking for! Why did the usability decline when the service went to a new system? Thanks for looking into this!

Jamilah Vittor

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: County must quit using platform "X"!
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:27:10 PM

From: Liz Pollock [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 11:23 AM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: County must quit using platform "X"!

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Dear Board of Supervisors,
I urge the Board of Supervisors and **all** of the county agencies to stop using the social media platform "X". There are other ways of communication.
Back in 2022 (!), UCSC made this decision, posted below.
Thank you for your consideration,
Liz Pollock

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

... • Dec 16, 2022 •...

"The official UC Santa Cruz Twitter handle will be dark for the foreseeable future. We are concerned about recent changes that are allowing for the increased spread of misinformation and hate speech, in opposition to our campus values and Principles of Community."

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Formal Complaint Against Santa Cruz County Social Services Director Randy Morris
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 3:23:46 PM
Attachments: [Complaint Morris Board of Supervisors.pdf](#)

From: melissa schilling [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 8:08 AM
To: fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov; CSOB@dss.ca.gov; ombudsman@advocacy-inc.org; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>; COB Staff <COBStaff@santacruzcountyca.gov>
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March 04, 2025

Melissa Schilling
[REDACTED]

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Santa Cruz County Social Services has consistently failed to address the urgent and complex needs of my son, RPS, a foster youth with a well-documented history of early childhood trauma, cognitive impairments, and severe mental health challenges. Despite extensive documentation, including

neuropsychological assessments confirming his vulnerabilities, Santa Cruz County Social Services has not implemented appropriate interventions.

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15. Failure to Ensure Proper Medical Treatment

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- psychotropic medications without in-person evaluation, consultation with prescribing doctors, or a follow-up care plan.
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- This reckless decision has contributed to my son's worsening condition and increased
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Together in Education

 | She/Her, Melissa Schilling, M.S., AET

[Cabrillo College](#) | Climate Resilience

[Education Therapist](#) | [Special Education](#)

melissa@melissaschilling.com | What are you reading? I'm reading:

Tending the Wild by *Kat Anderson*



Land Acknowledgement:

"The land on which we gather is the unceded territory of the Awaswas-speaking Uypi Tribe. Today there are no known survivors of the Awaswas Nation. The Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, comprised of the descendants of indigenous people taken to missions Santa Cruz and San Juan Bautista during Spanish colonization of the Central Coast, is today working hard to restore traditional stewardship practices on these lands to honor the Awaswas and heal from historical trauma."

Amah Mutsun (Aaa-Ma) (Moot-sun)

Uypi (You-P)

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From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Please let me know why the Sheriff refuses to file a report after Richard Negherbon has brandished a gun on 2 people last 11/2024?
Date: Friday, February 28, 2025 6:12:38 PM

From: Michelle Wahl [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 6:13 PM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov>
Subject: Please let me know why the Sheriff refuses to file a report after Richard Negherbon has brandished a gun on 2 people last 11/2024?

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To research the discrepancies against people of color you require a controlled study for the other end of the research group. I would appreciate you getting all of the Sheriff logs, calls, on [REDACTED] Logan Creek Road, reporting to the Sheriff that a felon is shooting a gun at night, shooting a gun and he is the only one that live up there except possibly his blind father, He handed a gun to be brandished on 3 people 6-6-2020 and they refused to file a report and did not investigate 2 other victims for 3.8 years. N

Now, Richard Negherbon, convicted felon, has brandished a gun on Zil Ver Property manager at the Buddhist temple.

I have hired Dr. John Lott, as an expert witness he is nationally renowned and has worked with the DOJ and said every time he had a gun, brandished a gun, shot a gun, and at night, and while I was down at the creek that is a felony. Do the Sheriff's need some help with White Supremacist-felons-drugs-guns? The Sheriff department refused to even subpoena the Richard Negherbon, then the Sheriff on the road said: "Let me see if Richard will accept this subpoena" what is the connection with Colter White + Jeneen Baldwin + contraband. He was Richard Negherbons para legal.

ADL has a "leaked" list of Sheriff's that are members of the Oath Keepers and Proud Boys. Which one of you has looked into that?

Monica Martinez told me over a half a year ago that she need only be in the office, and she will then take care of it. Well, I have emailed her, telephoned her for the last 2 months and I have not heard about her plan to research: White Supremacist + Sheriffs + Drugs + intimate

relationships with Aryan brothers.

Really simple: 1) Richard Negherbon is a felon, 2) Richard Negherbon has committed at least 9 more felons and the Sheriff will not file a report. 3) There is already an order ordering Richard Negherbon to "VACATE the [REDACTED] property NOW" [REDACTED] That seems like pretty low laying fruit. Comparison study would be great for CARESJ seems like what I have been observing is you use your labor to talk about issues and don't resolve anything. You know for a fact that if Richard Negherbon was Brianna Taylor, EMT/Nursing student he would have already been shot dead 15 years ago. Instead, the Sheriff contacted me: "I don't have to protect you." well can I have my \$7,500.00 in property taxes back? "Do you have a deed" Really you now know property law? The assisted Richard Negherbon in stealing my water tank 10 years ago for an illegal grow- another felony. There is a newspaper article that reads the property is part of a 3,000 illegal cannabis plants- what are you doing? I have film that I could give Sheriffs- drug sales- they don't want it. I had to call the FBI 4 months ago and say: "Watch this, my driver and I drove past a meth lab, the fumes were so strong she got a headache, and the Sheriffs are not going to do anything." The Sheriff called and yelled at me- I said go use your nose at your friend's house, Mike Mathis, [REDACTED] Then 1-12-2025 my telephone was stolen off my front porch and pinged at [REDACTED]. I called the Sheriff and said tell your friend, Mike Mathis, to return my cellphone. Then an hour later it pinged in front of my water tank that Richard Negherbon contaminates.

The Sheriffs, DAs, City Counsel, and planning need help contact Dr. Lott to teach them that Richard Negherbon has committed to 5 new felonies since his first 3- but he is a White Supremacist that has spray painted SS on our power poles and White supremacy signs on my property that as a German/Jew/Irish/Catholic I find offensive.

This is easy start fighting the white supremacist in the Sheriff's Office. The leaked list of Oath Keepers also has government officials on the list as well.

SEE: **FELONY #1**

On 11/1/1999 Richard Eugene Negherbon aka/alias JESSE FLOYD BAZARNICK

Was arrested at [REDACTED] for possession of cocaine near junction park in Boulder Creek, California where children are present. **He plead guilty to a felony.** HS11350(A)/ Case Number: [REDACTED].

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Noted as **FELONY #2 AND FELONY #3**

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Defendant plead guilty to the 2nd count of a felony in exchange for a misdemeanor for the 1st and 3rd count. HE WAS NOT ELIGIBLE for a 17 (b) Section 1170 Wobbler not only because of his first felony of possession of cocaine but because he violated his probation twice with 2 DUIs in 2006 and 2008. Fire arm restriction for convicted felons or persons with narcotic addiction and persons with 2 or more convictions for certain misdemeanor offenses. Should trigger Red Flag law protection NOW.

Section 1203.4 was not available as law until 2018. Certificate of rehabilitation and pardon Does not expunge or pardon or seal your record. Does not rid Felony #2 after the **plea deal was plead to one count of felony** and the second felony and suspended license will be a misdemeanor. It does not read plead guilty to a felony and everything goes away.

FACTS

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6/8/04 Dealing with three Counts in this arrest case# [REDACTED]:

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This count remains the Felony that he plead guilty to- he is not supposed to have guns. Please order safety under Red Flag Law.

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Ordered to destroy gun, and strike "not on person" IF He plead guilty to count 2 -felony, for the deal that counts 1 & 3 (suspended license) both count as a Misdemeanor.

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[REDACTED]

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From: [Michelle Wahl](#)
To: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
Subject: Racism, drugs and connection to Sheriff's department
Date: Friday, February 21, 2025 10:15:58 AM

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Hello Board Members,

Richard Eugene Negherbon DOB [REDACTED] is given a pass by the Sheriff's department to live in an illegal dwelling with an already court order 19CV [REDACTED] "Vacate property now" He is a felon that the Sheriff's refuse to file felony reports on, refuse to serve a subpoena. Richard Negherbon's paralegal was a Colter White. I read a Jeneen Baldwin had sexual relationship with an inmate and was passing contraband. What is the connection of White Supremacist + Sheriffs + drugs. The ADL has a list that has been leaked of Sheriff's belonging to the Proud Boys and Oath keepers. What have you done to protect us from this as I am doused with chemicals in my water, soil and air from the meth lab located at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Logan Creek Road and probably [REDACTED] Logan Creek Road and the connection to the Sheriff's department?

History:

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Defendant Richard Negherbon was in court and plead guilty to these felonies.

How does defendant not remember being arrested, booked, in jail, arraigned, on probation, violating probation twice with 2 DUIs, having to pay fines, plea deals, orders from the judge?

What is this cross complaint about? It demonstrates someone that has not rehabilitated and refuses to be accountable for his violence and crimes. I don't "have a campaign against him" he is doing a good job of that himself see below:

Further, on his booking documents he states he has been unemployed since 1999 and to this date has asked for a fee waiver. How is he driving a new jeep, owns a truck, a golf cart, motorcycles and does not have employment?

Number 10. Page 4-line 9, Defendant writes: "The statements were false and accused Cross-Complaint of crimes and other derogatory actions." See documented truth below:

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Along with a Sheriff call log from ALL neighbors and the Sheriff's refuse to do anything, alter the reports they do file and I believe are under investigation at this time.

- a. On June 6, 2020 Richard Negherbon handed William Hausknecht a gun to hold on me, Michael Peck and Doug Briggs. Should have been Felony #4 for supplying the gun that was brandished on me and my friends. The Sheriff's refused to file report, did not interview other victims for 3.8 years.

Richard Negherbon fired at least 30 rounds toward George, my neighbor Patty Toner's guest, as Richard Negherbon was stealing wood. Should have been Felony #5.

Richard Negherbon drove his motorcycle and pointed a gun toward a Buddhist Monk asking him: "What are you doing here" Monk answered: "I live here and that is my wood you are stealing." Should have been Felony #6. Sheriffs refused to file report even when they went to the Sheriff's station.

11/4/2024 He brandished a gun on Buddhist property manager's visitor, on 3/22/2024 I was down by the creek and working on my water tank when Richard Negherbon started firing his gun off too close to my house and the creek. My neighbor Bob Lewis called it in and said it was: "Suppressive fire to intimidate me" Incident #24 [REDACTED] - reported by neighbor Bob Lewis. This only encouraged Richard Negherbon to blast his radio on my driveway on 3/23/2024 and speed on my driveway because he knows the Sheriffs will do nothing and the naissance, threats, intimidation continues to this date.

- b. I am informed and believe that Richard Negherbon has sold methamphetamine to neighbor's grandchildren. I am was told personally by Tammy Elkins herself that:

"She and Richard Negherbon used to be into cutting wood, but he started cooking methamphetamine. That she is now addicted has lost her child for allowing child to suffer."

My friend, Michael Peck, and I were coming North on Kings Creek and we saw Richard Negherbon what is commonly known as the drug sales place and we stopped and I asked: "Hey Richard, what do you have for sale?" He said:

"Anything you want." I have numerous videos of Richard Negherbon and his girlfriend, Tammy Elkins, (rap sheet 3 times longer than Richard's) at the location that is know for drug sales.

- c. Fish and Game along with Nathan Salazar deemed it necessary to request for a warrant to search the property and they found and there are pictures of an illegal grow. I believe it continues to this date and I request for a current search of the red tagged condemned home located at:

████ Logan Creek Road APN# █████ and █████ to investigate all of the above allegations that the defendant has stated is untrue. See Amended Complaint with Permanent Injunction Case # █████ ordering Richard Negherbon to: vacate premises now and Jeanne C.H. Whipple to tear the property down now. It cannot be grandfathered in and there is over \$129,000.00 lien against property for being in contempt of the order.

I have a right to discovery, and I believe that right is for a current investigation for Methamphetamine, Illegal Cannabis grow and unpermitted structures with illegal wiring on APN# █████ and █████. As I am now accused in a Cross Complaint of Richard Negherbon that does not remember spending a total of 195 days in jail. Not only did Fish and Game request for investigation but so did Marcus Mendez from the Planning Department find:

1. Neglected property (multiple unregistered vehicles, trash)
 2. Outhouse in close proximity to Logan Creek,
 3. Unpermitted structures.
- d. Stole my dog. I will be presenting evidence at the hearing from the Veterinarian.
- e. On all 3 of Richard Negherbon's booking he is documented he has a tattoo. I have a recent conversation on my cell phone that will be introduced as evidence where his defacto brother-in-law stated: "The Nazi's were there before you.", referring to Richard and Mark Negherbon that claims to have been in a biker gang. "I have information that: "the White Supremacist in Boulder Creek are going to come to our woods for a burning." * See one of the many arrests where he was burning outside of a pit.

The three other felonies that the Santa Cruz Sheriff's department have refused to file a report on have only stood to encourage Richard Negherbon's

continued behavior as documented by ALL of the cases mentioned above. He behaves without a hint of rehabilitation. But instead to outwardly blame and continue ongoing with his court documented criminal behavior. This should trigger the court to order under the **red flag law NOW** to search for and order for the removal of his guns.

Caitlin Smith

From: Juliette Rezzato
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 2:05 PM
To: Caitlin Smith
Subject: FW: Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Agenda
Attachments: Consent Decree.docx; 19CV03232.pdf

Hi Caitlin,

This came in as a response to the agenda distribution, I believe to be seen by the members of the Board, but not in response to any of the items I can identify. Forwarding to you for distribution to the members.

Sincerely,

Juliette Rezzato

Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Office Phone: 831-454-2323



From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Re: Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Agenda

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Just have the Sheriff's follow the order! Recent 11/4/2024 Zil Ver Buddhist property manager's friend had a gun brandished on her by Richard Negherbon. Sheriff's did nothing. Buddhist Tin, had gun brandished on him as Richard Negherbon was pirating the Buddhist wood- Sheriff's did nothing. Richard Negherbon gave a gun to decedent, William Hausknecht to brandish on me, my friend's Michael Peck and Doug Briggs- the Sheriff's did nothing. William Hausknecht shot bullets at my neighbor Patti toner's guest, George- 30 rounds, the Sheriff's did nothing. Richard is a convicted felon that plead guilty to 2 felonies to have his 3rd one down to a misdemeanor. He was in possession of cocaine and when you add a felony and certain

misdeemeanors plus 2 more DUIs while you are on probation you are never allowed to have a gun. Sheriff Chris Clark was the arresting officer he knows Richard Negherbon is a felon and not supposed to have guns. Pull up the Sheriff log sheet and you will see all of the calls into the Sheriff's office complaining about a felon that brandishes guns on people firing them to close to my home, to close to me when I am at the creek, and at night- all those are not supposed to be happening and the Sheriff does nothing.

It is time to research if the Sheriff's are connected to the Aryan brothers, Proud boys and Oath Keepers.

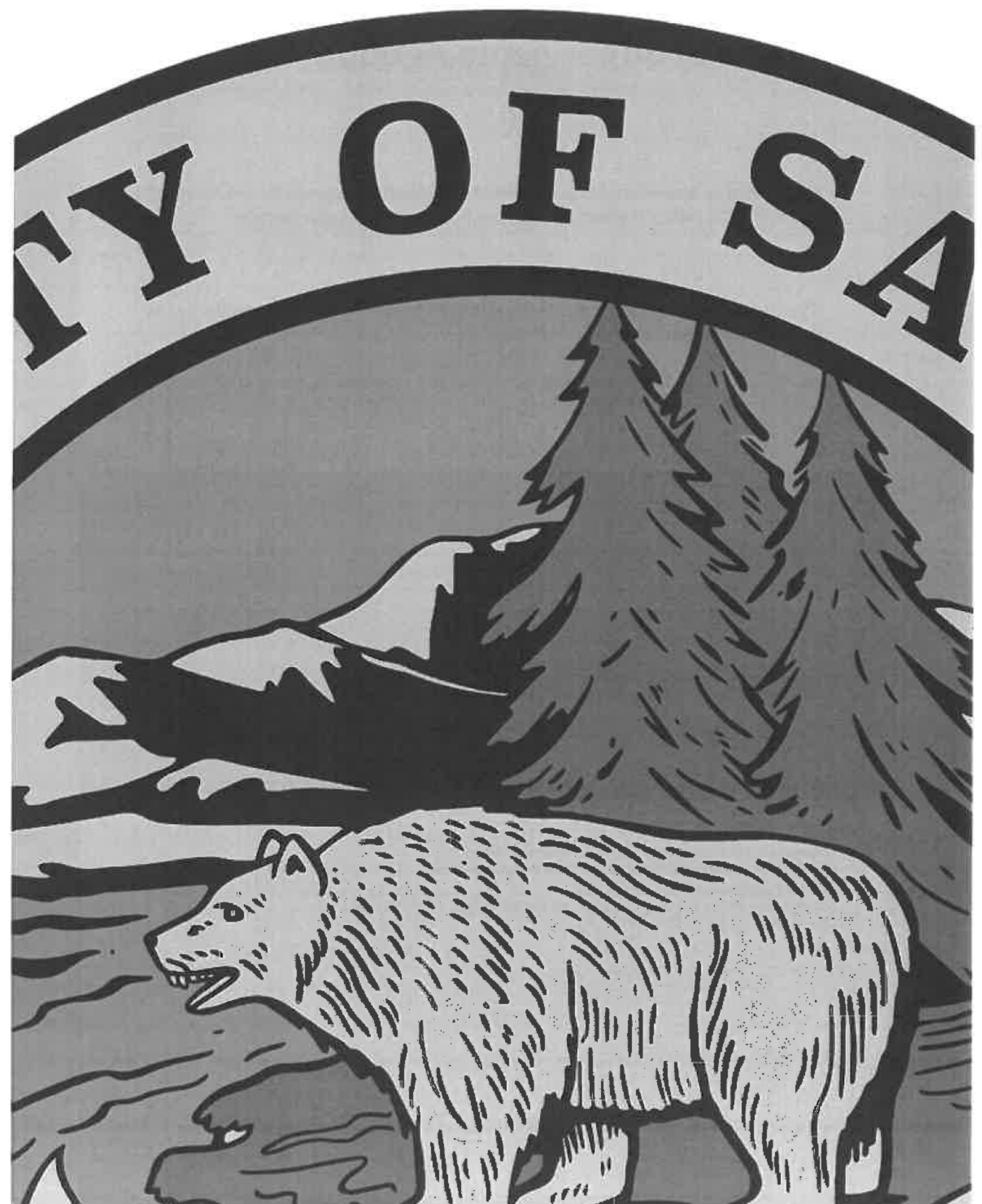
The ADL has a list that was leaked.

The DA can't prosecute if the Sheriff's are linked to a White Supremacist that has spray painted a white supremacy sign- Nordic chaos on my property that has spray painted SS on our power poles that continues to terrorize the neighborhood.

Michelle T. Wahl

[REDACTED]

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**REQUEST FOR CONSENT DECREE OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DELIBERATE
DISREGARD TO ENFORCE JUDGE'S ORDERS ON CONVICTED
FELON**

The community members named below are the true owners of properties located on Logan Creek Road in Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz County, California. We have been severely impacted from the long-standing, discriminatory behavioral patterns of abuse from the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's department. We request an investigation into the deliberate and continued misconduct, dangerous lack of standards and failure to protect the true property owners from a known violent convicted felon, Richard Eugene Negherbon, D.O.B.: [REDACTED].

The Sheriff's misconduct permits abuse to continue while protecting Richard Negherbon known to neighbors as the: "Skinhead Nazi" that flies the confederate flag on his drug house.

18U.S.C. § 242 Police Brutality. I have a C.D. of Officer Medina recorded laughing as a semitruck is being used as a weapon against me.

In place already is a permanent injunction order stating for Richard and Mark Negherbon are to: "Vacate the premises now" from [REDACTED] Logan Creek Road in Boulder Creek, California.

(Fictitiously numbered 900). Address is stolen from Patricia Toner's [REDACTED] Logan Creek Road Boulder Creek, California 95006. I have emailed Santa Cruz Sheriff Jim Hart and 8 of the other Sheriff's that provide impunity to Richard Negherbon a personal copy of the order.

Yet the threat to life, health and ongoing continued Nuisance generated by Richard Negherbon, a twice convicted felon along with a 30 paged rap sheet is permitted.

SEE: Superior Court of California County of Santa Cruz Case Numbers: M [REDACTED] and F [REDACTED].

Ordering Richard Eugene Negherbon DOB [REDACTED] NOT to possess or be around any fire arms. Patti Toner's guest reported 30 rounds fired at him by Richard Negherbon. Richard Negherbon brandished a gun at Buddhists Monk, Siddih Porn, as Richard was stealing the Monk's timber, and Richard Negherbon stole timber from my property as well. Richard Negherbon gave William Hausknecht a gun to brandish on me and my 2 friends, Michael Peck and Doug Briggs the Sheriff's never interviewed them for 3.8 years. Richard Negherbon continues to fire his gun as recently as last night, February 23, 2024 and after several complaints from the neighbors the Sheriff department continues to do nothing. Mark Negherbon, Richard's father, fired a gun at my landscaper, David Stevenson. On another occasion Mark Negherbon dropped his pants down in front of me deliberately. Richard Negherbon keeps us awake with his drug runs at all time of the day and night. His dog barking. Denies us of our riparian rights- ignoring the order by Honorable Timothy Volkman to: "Return the **TRUE** Logan Creek Road to its original state and **"VACATE THE PROPERTY NOW"**. Richard Negherbon instead put a lock and chain on our road. Richard Negherbon had stolen my 8-year-old dog that could not and would not run away with having suffered hip dysplasia and I heard him being lifted up in a car yelping in pain as they stole him. He had macheted Kenny Lewis' dog, Poppy's leg requiring stitches, he kicked Bob Lewis' dog, Rosebud, so hard that she was bleeding from her perinium requiring another trip to veterinarian's office. Bob Lewis' dog, Boogey, was found dead in his Bob Lewis' drinking water, my daughter's dog, Sophia, was shot at on the side of my house when my electrical panel was being vandalized. Sophia on another time came home with a muddied boot print on her side. At a brazen time, Richard Negherbon came down MY driveway, onto MY yard with MY dog Shiloh and stated: "We are going to have trouble with this". You are

going to have trouble with My dog on MY driveway as you make your drug runs on MY driveway? You are court ordered to vacate the red tagged property NOW! His girlfriend, Tammy Elkins, grabbed me by the neck and threatened to drag me in her house and shot me. Richard Negherbon threatened to sic his dog on me and was going to spit on me as I was walking on my road.

SEE: Superior Court of California County of Santa Cruz Case Number: 19CV [REDACTED] - ordering him to "Vacate Now!"

He is a fire hazard in this wooded area with an illegal methamphetamine lab, illegal cannabis grows, illegal wiring, illegal propane tank. Health risk to our soil, water and air for current health hazards to future illnesses from his sewage/outhouse in the creek SEE: Superior Court of California County of Santa Cruz Case Number: 18CV [REDACTED].

In 2006 in front of my home he was resisting arrest the same date in an article he was referenced to have had Swastikas in his unregistered vehicle, along with unregistered weapons while driving under the influence. SEE: Superior Court of California County of Santa Cruz Case Numbers: S9-[REDACTED], M [REDACTED], M [REDACTED], M [REDACTED], M [REDACTED], VC [REDACTED] (A), (B), VC [REDACTED] M, VC [REDACTED] (B), PC [REDACTED] (A), VC [REDACTED] (A). A violent convicted felon that still has guns, uses guns and continues with criminal behavior. The Sheriffs falsify reports, don't file reports, state: "handled at the scene" even though there was no investigation. We are dealing with someone with 2 felony convictions, living in a red tagged condemned home with orders to vacate the premises now, do not posses any firearms. Essentially a skinhead nazi with out any real estate rights dictating via the assistance of the Santa Cruz Sheriff's department to threaten, harm legal property owner's peace and enjoyment of their homes. This substandard bizarre bias practiced by the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's department needs to be investigated. There exists a lack of an effective

accountability mechanism in place as the Sheriff's evaluate each other during internal investigations. 42 U.S.C. §14141 and §3789d(c)(3) "Pattern of Practice."

Richard and Mark Negherbon have no legal right to live here. We want Mark and Richard Negherbon to **vacate** [REDACTED] **and** [REDACTED] (addressed falsely as [REDACTED]) Logan Creek Road NOW! Along with an investigation into why the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's department allows this abuse and abhorrent pattern of practice to continue.

Michelle T. Wahl [REDACTED] Logan Creek Road Boulder Creek, CA 95006 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Bob Lewis [REDACTED] Logan Creek Road Boulder Creek, CA 95006 [REDACTED]

Donna Magnusen [REDACTED] Logan Creek Road Boulder Creek, CA [REDACTED]

Clyde and Julie Christensen [REDACTED] Logan Creek Road [REDACTED]

Jim and Katherine Young [REDACTED] Logan Creek Road [REDACTED],

Patricia Toner [REDACTED] Logan Creek Road [REDACTED]

Tracy Nui [REDACTED] Logan Creek Road Boulder Creek, CA 95006,

Erica Neisler-Taggart [REDACTED] Logan Creek Road [REDACTED]

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ,
a political subdivision
of the State of California,

Plaintiff,

v.

WILLIAM C. HAUSKNECHT, and Does 1
through 20 inclusive,

Defendants.

No. 19CV [REDACTED]

[PROPOSED] AMENDED DEFAULT
JUDGMENT

This case came on for hearing on _____, before the Honorable Timothy Volkmann presiding in Department 5 of the above-entitled court, Ryan Thompson appearing on behalf of Plaintiff County of Santa Cruz ("County"). Based on the evidence submitted, the case file, and the testimony presented, THE COURT HEREBY FINDS:

1. William C. Hausknecht ("Hausknecht") has been the owner of the real properties which are located at [REDACTED] Logan Creek Rd., Boulder Creek, California, 95006 (Assessor Parcel No. [REDACTED] (hereinafter "[REDACTED] Property") and [REDACTED] Logan Creek Rd., Boulder Creek, California, 95006 (Assessor Parcel No. [REDACTED], (hereinafter "[REDACTED] Property"), collectively referred to as "subject properties" since 1981.

1 2. On October 22, 2018, the County posted a Notice of Santa Cruz County Code
2 Violation ("NOV") on the [REDACTED] Property for Hausknecht's violation of Santa Cruz County Code
3 ("County Code") sections 12.10.430(I) (electrical generator used to power a dwelling without
4 permits), 12.10.430(M) (maintaining a structure in violation of code provisions), 13.10.279(B)
5 (structure declared unlawful and public nuisance) and 13.10.556 (neglected property – storage of
6 rubbish and materials).

7 3. Also on October 22, 2018, the County posted a NOV on the [REDACTED] Property for
8 Hausknecht's violation of County Code sections 12.10.430(I) (electrical connections and generator
9 use without permits), 12.10.430(M) (maintaining structure(s) in violation of code provisions,
10 13.10.140(A) (non-compliance with zoning regulations), 13.10.279(A) (allowing continuation of
11 violation of zoning ordinance), 13.10.279(B) (structure(s) declared unlawful and public nuisance),
12 and 13.10.556 (neglected property – outdoor storage of property).

13 4. On April 25, 2019, an administrative hearing took place regarding the violations at
14 the [REDACTED] Property, as set forth in the October 22, 2019 NOV. On April 29, 2019, Administrative
15 Hearing Officer Gary Redenbacher issued a Decision and Order ("Decision and Order"), which
16 found Hausknecht to be in violation of County Code sections 12.10.430 (I) (construction of multiple
17 dwellings without permits), 12.10.430(M) (utility (electrical) connections without permits),
18 13.10.140(A) (non-compliance with zoning regulations), 13.10.279(A) (allowing continuation of
19 violation of zoning ordinance), 13.10.279(B) (structure(s) declared unlawful and a public nuisance),
20 and 13.10.556 (neglected property – outdoor storage of property and materials). The Decision and
21 Order required Hausknecht to remedy the aforementioned code violations on the [REDACTED] Property by
22 June 30, 2019, pay \$480.00 in code enforcement costs by April 30, 2019, and pay a \$10,000 civil
23 penalty if Hausknecht did not comply with the June 30, 2019 compliance deadline.

24 5. Hausknecht did not timely appeal the April 29, 2019 Decision and Order.

25 6. On October 25, 2019, the County initiated this civil action to enforce the terms and
26 conditions set forth in the April 29, 2019 administrative Decision and Order, and to enforce the
27 October 22, 2018 NOV posted at the 855 Property.

1 6. Pursuant to the Court's February 6, 2020 Order granting the County's ex parte
2 application for an order to serve Hausknecht by publication of summons, on February 11, 2020,
3 February 18, 2020, February 25, 2020, and March 3, 2020, the County properly served Mr.
4 Hausknecht with publication of summons published in the Santa Cruz Sentinel.

5 7. Hausknecht failed to answer or respond to the complaint within the time allowed by
6 law.

7 8. On May 14, 2020, entry of default was entered against Hausknecht upon the County's
8 request for entry of default and the County served Hausknecht at his last known addresses with the
9 May 14, 2014 entry of default.

10 9. To date, Hausknecht has failed to comply with any of the terms set forth in the April
11 29, 2019 Decision and Order and failed to remedy the outstanding code violations referenced in the
12 October 22, 2018 NOV's at the subject properties.

13 10. The Court considered the written declarations the County submitted in support of its
14 application for default judgment, pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure 585(d).

15 WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED THAT:

16 1. The April 29, 2019 Decision and Order is affirmed, and its terms are hereby incorporated
17 into this judgment;

18 2. Hausknecht and the Doe Defendants, and each of them, and their agents, servants,
19 employees, representatives, and all persons acting under, in concert with, or for them, are
20 permanently enjoined and restrained from engaging in, committing, or performing, directly or
21 indirectly, any and all of the following activities on the subject properties, located at [REDACTED] Logan
22 Creek Rd., Boulder Creek, California, 95006 (Assessor Parcel No. [REDACTED]) (hereinafter "[REDACTED]
23 Property") and [REDACTED] Logan Creek Rd., Boulder Creek, California, 95006 (Assessor Parcel No. [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED]), (hereinafter "[REDACTED] Property"), collectively referred to as "subject properties": all forms of
25 occupancy, including but not limited to camping, on any portion of the subject properties; modifying
26 existing structures in any way without required building permits; causing or creating a disturbance or
27 nuisance of any kind that may be subject to enforcement from all County of Santa Cruz agencies,
28 including but not limited to the Sheriff's Office, Planning, Building, and/or Environmental Health;

1 maintaining or permitting the accumulation of outdoor-stored property, including but not limited to
2 inoperable and/or unregistered vehicles, construction materials, bottles, cans, items constituting
3 rubbish, and all other items as described in Santa Cruz County Code ("County Code") section
4 13.10.556; use of any and all generators and other forms of power not permitted or approved by the
5 County electrical code; and from violating Titles 12, 13, and any other provision of the County
6 Code;

7 3. Within 90 days from the date of the Court's entry of default judgment, Hausknecht shall
8 have remedied the code violations referenced in the April 29, 2019 Decision and Order and the
9 October 22, 2018 NOV as to the [REDACTED] property by: clearing the subject properties of all remaining
10 items constituting a neglected property under County Code section 13.10.556; disconnecting and
11 removing all non-permitted electrical connections; removing all trailers, campers, and/or recreational
12 vehicles; removing all forms of hazardous waste stored on the subject properties; submitting all
13 required applications and fees to County Planning for permits to legalize all non-permitted
14 structures, modifications to, and additions to the subject properties; that if all required permit
15 applications and fees cannot be submitted to County Planning within 90 days from the date of the
16 Court's entry of default judgment, or if permits cannot be obtained to legalize all non-permitted
17 structures on the subject properties, Defendant(s) shall submit all required applications and fees to
18 County Planning, within 180 days from the date of the Court's entry of default judgment, for permits
19 to demolish all non-permitted structures on the subject properties; and to permit County personnel to
20 inspect all areas of the subject properties at will in order to assess compliance with the County Code;

21 4. Civil penalties in the amount of \$10,000.00 (previously awarded in Administrative
22 Hearing Officer Redenbacher's April 29, 2019 Administrative Decision and Order in Case No. 19-
23 [REDACTED] regarding the [REDACTED] Property) are hereby awarded to the County of Santa Cruz as a money
24 judgment against Hausknecht. All such civil penalties are to be a personal obligation against
25 Hausknecht or a lien against the subject properties (Assessor Parcel No. [REDACTED] and Assessor
26 Parcel No. [REDACTED]);

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1 5. Civil penalties in the amount of \$100,000.00 are hereby awarded to the County of Santa
2 Cruz as a money judgment against Hausknecht. All such civil penalties are to be a personal
3 obligation against Hausknecht or a lien against the subject properties (Assessor Parcel No. [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] and Assessor Parcel No. [REDACTED]);

5 6. The County's outstanding code enforcement costs in the amount of \$1,640.00, and
6 attorneys' fees in the amount of \$7,187.50, are hereby awarded to the County of Santa Cruz as a
7 \$8,827.50 money judgment against Hausknecht. All such costs and fees are ordered to be a personal
8 obligation against Hausknecht, or a special assessment lien against the subject properties (Assessor
9 Parcel No. [REDACTED] and Assessor Parcel No. [REDACTED]) and ordered collected on the secured
10 tax roll if not paid within 45 days of entry of judgment;

11 7. The County is authorized to abate the nuisances on the subject properties, if not done so
12 by Hausknecht and the Doe Defendants as set forth herein, and is authorized to assess the costs of
13 abatement against the subject properties (Assessor Parcel No. [REDACTED] and Assessor Parcel No.
14 [REDACTED]) in the same manner as taxes provided by Santa Cruz County Code section 1.12.070;
15 and,

16 8. The Court retains jurisdiction of this matter to monitor compliance per California Code of
17 Civil Procedure section 664.6.

18 9. _____

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20 10. _____

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23 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED and Judgment is so Entered.

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25 Dated: Signed: 6/24/2020 01:21 PM

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27 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
28 Timothy Volkmann

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Please fix Paulsen Rd - today's Casserly closure cost thousands of people time and safety
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 5:09:20 PM

From: Phoenix Artemisia [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 4:22 PM
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Subject: Please fix Paulsen Rd - today's Casserly closure cost thousands of people time and safety

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Good afternoon,

As we are all aware, a DUI accident closed Casserly Road at Smith Road and remains closed after all-day rerouting, 30-minute delays in getting to schools and jobs. Thousands of residents of Watsonville and unincorporated Watsonville were affected. School offices were inundated with late admissions, teachers had to deal with children walking in late all day, thousands of people were late to work, all parents were delayed in getting their children to and from school and then to work ourselves.

When is a raised and renewed Paulsen Road operationally going to become a priority for the County....PLEASE?! Over 1,000 people signed a petition, dozens wrote and also attended County BoS meetings to speak.

The County of Santa Cruz fixed Mountain Charley Road recently for a handful of residents. We are over 4,000 a day using Paulsen.

1) **Safety** - parents need access to our kids at school, for emergencies as well as daily transportation. Today there was no way to get to Watsonville Charter at Whiting Rd or Alianza at Casserly besides East lake / 152.

2) **Traffic and lack of access between sides of our town** -something like this disturbed traffic patterns for a whole day and made thousands of people and kids late to work and school. Personally I could not get my kids to their school while people were waiting for me at my business to open the door. I had to take my kids to work for an hour and then go back to deliver them when traffic was back down.

3) **Alternatives are not great** - Casserly is not well lit, has a couple of places that are unsafe when traffic suddenly comes to a standstill--- 1) at Wheelock / towards Green Valley when traffic holds up suddenly it can be almost a sudden stop due to lack of forward visibility on the winding road and --- 2) at Mount Madonna road/Casserly store there is a three way switch where a person turning left onto Mt Madonna from Casserly has to nearly stop with traffic behind them that cannot see up ahead, to turn left there you also have to look way to the right to see just in time if a car is coming towards MM road from Casserly on the east/ 152 side (I live this dream every day driving my son to Mount Madonna)

Please prioritize the raised road that Paulsen should be, to protect driving access, and the wetlands.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Linda Aron / Phoenix Artemisia

Homeowner on Paulsen Road, parent of school-aged children and business owner on East Lake Avenue

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Watsonville Yoga, Dance and Healing Arts

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [Nancy Lynn Jarvis](#)
To: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
Subject: LICA bill AB 518
Date: Sunday, March 2, 2025 10:30:52 AM
Attachments: [sample LICA letter \(1\).docx](#)

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Dear Board of Supervisor Members

Thank you for sending your letter of opposition to this bill. Please keep fighting for us and don't do this to us. We are still suffering post CZU Fire and can't get insurance already. Passage of this bill would only exacerbate our hurtful situation.

Nancy Kille

[REDACTED]

Bonny Doon

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm sympathetic to the goal of increasing the opportunities for camping, but the bill allowing so-called "Low-impact camping areas" (AB-518) is problematic.

Fire hazard—As detailed in the Rural Bonny Doon report on LICAs (<https://rbda.us/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/RBDA-report-on-Foreseeable-LICA-impacts.pdf>), recreation is the single largest cause of wildfires in California (Scientific American, 12/1/23). Campgrounds should be prohibited on properties mapped by Cal Fire as "high fire hazard" or "very high fire hazard" and in neighborhoods where private insurance companies are denying insurance coverage. Campgrounds should be required to have the same water storage for fire-fighting as local residences. **Fire safety should be the top priority for where LICAs are permitted.**

Generators—The ordinance must all prohibit generators use. Generators are a nuisance to neighbors, a fire hazard, and are counter to the objective of a natural camping experience. They should be prohibited on all LICAs.

Set-backs and noise—Campgrounds must be set back far enough from neighboring residences that neighbors can enjoy quiet without having to retreat indoors. Sound travels much farther in country settings than it does in town. The bill's specified setback of 200 ft is unacceptably close. Think of this in terms of in-town residences. A 200- foot setback would mean a campground could be within three to four houses from a residence. Setbacks should be a minimum 1000 ft from residences. Quiet times should be longer, perhaps 9:00 to 7:00 or dark until 7:00 and the bill must specify who is responsible for enforcement and funding for enforcement.

Building codes and sanitation—AB-518 fails to recognize the extreme sanitation and building code violations that are common on LICAs. Although LICAs are not yet legal, many are already advertised on Hipcamp. The RBDA report (<https://rbda.us/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/RBDA-report-on-Foreseeable-LICA-impacts.pdf>) illustrates a sampling of non-compliant facilities advertised in Santa Cruz County, including pit toilets, dangling propane heaters, stovepipes protruding from tents. AB-518 must specify how campgrounds with these unsafe facilities will be shut down immediately.

Protection of wildlife—LICAs should be excluded from habitat for protected species identified as candidate, sensitive, or species of special status by State or federal agencies. Similarly, The Nature Conservancy and Sempervirens have mapped lands that they consider priorities for conservation. Campgrounds should be prohibited in these areas.

Pilot program for farm stays—Many of the problems with the proposed ordinances could be removed if LICAs were excluded from properties in high fire hazard areas in residential neighborhoods. Why not start a pilot program for farm stays on Agricultural lands outside of hazardous fire areas and outside of residential areas?

Sincerely,
Nancy Kille


Bonny Doon

From: bonnie.thegallowaygroup.com
To: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
Subject: AB -518
Date: Saturday, March 1, 2025 4:42:27 PM

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To: Board of Supervisors

I live in the Santa Cruz mountains and am writing to you today about AB 518 which allows camping in the Santa Cruz Mountains. We live in a high-risk area where wild fires are occurring every few years. I have lived in Bonny Doon for 18 years and have had to evacuate three times due to wild fires. As you probably know most of the residents are having to pay exorbitant insurance premiums due to the high risk of wild fires. The really crazy part of AB- 518 is that residents have been prohibited from using their extra space for vacation rentals but camping would be allowed under AB - 518, knowing the risks to life and property. We live with the threat of fire destroying our homes so, please don't increase that threat by voting in favor of unsupervised, unregulated camping by people who will most likely be enjoying alcohol while they camp outdoors. Most of us are on the California Fair Plan and are paying exorbitant rates for insurance. I pay \$25,000/yr. in property insurance and pay another \$33,000/yr in property tax. Combined \$58,000 per year. One cigarette can cause an all-encompassing wild fire. I cannot see any good sense in allowing AB - 518 to pass.

Please on behalf of myself and my neighbors please VOTE NO AB-518.

Respectfully,

Bonnie Brunet
Martin Rist
Bonny Doon



From: [Sherri McQuaide](#)
To: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
Subject: ab518
Date: Sunday, March 2, 2025 3:44:38 AM

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AB-518

We do not want campers in Bonny Doon. Having survived the CZU fire in 2020, we do not need yet another risk for **absolutely no reason**. The proposed bill is insane in the first place. Pushing homeless people into rural areas is not the answer. Would you want them next to you?

LA has had numerous reports of arson fires started by the homeless.

Please vote against this bill.

Sherri & Robert McQuaide
Bonny Doon, CA

From: [Denise Lapidis](#)
To: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
Subject: AB-518
Date: Sunday, March 2, 2025 5:43:10 PM
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Sincerely,

Denise Divine Lapidès, E-RYT 500, Certified Yoga Therapist, Board Certified Ayurvedic Practitioner
Creator and Director, Divine Light Yoga Teacher Trainings

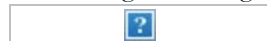


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"Be the Light and Light the Way"



From: [pam koch](#)
To: [pam koch](#)
Subject: Comments on AB-518, "low impact camping areas" bill
Date: Monday, March 3, 2025 9:42:17 PM

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Sincerely,

Pam Koch

From: [Valerie Miller](#)
To: assemblymember.haney@assembly.ca.gov; assemblymember.ioepatterson@assembly.ca.gov;
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assemblymember.wicks@assembly.ca.gov; Patty.Schapiro@asm.ca.gov;
assemblymember.wilson@assembly.ca.gov; assemblymember.ward@assembly.ca.gov; [Board Of Supervisors](#);
Assemblymember.Pellerin@assembly.ca.gov; senator.laird@senate.ca.gov
Subject: Please do not be responsible for the next mega fire
Date: Saturday, March 1, 2025 3:24:43 PM

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I'm attaching a great summary of my concerns, but in general I want to say:

Please do not make a decision that adds a "nice to have" opportunity for a small number of people but creates a high likelihood and disastrous risk of burning down the entire Santa Cruz mountains. This is not an exaggeration, so please think carefully about what you are going to be responsible for.

This is not an alarmist, and this isn't the theoretical: it's only a matter of time.

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Please reject AB-518 unless the deficiencies cited above are corrected.

Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Karla Hutton](#)
To: [senator.laird@senate.ca.gov](#); [assemblymember.haney@assembly.ca.gov](#);
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[assemblymember.wicks@assembly.ca.gov](#); [Patty.Schapiro@asm.ca.gov](#);
[assemblymember.wilson@assembly.ca.gov](#); [Board Of Supervisors](#); [Assemblymember.Pellerin@assembly.ca.gov](#)
Subject: PLEASE Reject Low-impact camping" (AB-518) proposed ordinance
Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 10:52:18 AM

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Dear Legislators,

Recently State Assemblymember Chris Ward (D, 78th District that includes San Diego) re-introduced a bill proposing so-called "Low-impact camping" (AB-518) in areas that have the potential to increase fire hazards in areas already dangerously dry. The bill is very short—roughly a single page—It is posted at: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB518. and it contains astonishingly few restrictions on privately hosted camping: it allows camping even on properties that CalFire has mapped as very high fire hazard and on properties that private insurance companies won't insure; open fires are not restricted; no water storage is required; no property manager is required to be present; no phone communication is required; generators are allowed from 6:00AM to 10:00PM. Two steps must occur before these so-called "low-impact" camping areas become legal in Santa Cruz County. First, the State legislature must approve AB-518. Second, the County Board of Supervisors (BoS) must pass a local ordinance that allows them.

You may recall that the Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors opposed the County's proposed 2024 LICA ordinance and also voted that any future ordinance would require a full review under the California Environmental Quality Act. We hope that the BoS maintains their opposition to LICAs in Santa Cruz County.

Not only is this bill a complete waste of taxpayers money, but it is an infringement on property owners' privacy and an unnecessary burden on counties already strapped financially. Without oversight, which is likely considering the budget shortfall in many counties, this proposal will be unsupervised and unregulated. From the fire hazard it presents to the violations of building codes, sanitation, and

disregard of wildlife protection and the impact on neighbors it presents, this bill is irresponsible and an unnecessary monetary burden. There are many other important issues that need to be addressed during this time and this is not one of them.

To summarize:

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Please reject AB-518 and work on problems that actually need to be solved in

our state. This is a complete waste of my money as a taxpayer.

Sincerely,
Karla Hutton
Santa Cruz resident since 1973

Karla Hutton



From: [Milliner Charlotte - Notes](#)
To: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
Subject: RE Bill AB-518
Date: Monday, March 3, 2025 10:10:24 AM

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Sincerely,
Charlotte

Charlotte B. Milliner
Bonny Doon resident, Santa Cruz County
Mobile: [REDACTED]

From: [Ruby Lipsenthal](#)
To: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
Subject: Reject AB-518 - LICA
Date: Monday, March 3, 2025 7:35:28 PM

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Sincerely,
Ruby Lipsenthal
Santa Cruz, CA

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Hazmat Conference Video - Lithium ion Batteries
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 3:15:02 PM

From: Satya Orion [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 9:56 AM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov>
Subject: Hazmat Conference Video - Lithium ion Batteries

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A very informative video that is shocking and most important given the harm caused by the Moss Landing fire and the proposed battery storage for Santa Cruz County.

Many other forms of lithium ion batteries are also discussed, which leave me greatly concerned on so many levels. This technology is not safe and has the potential to cause great harm. As has been shared by these firefighters - every fire involves lithium ion batteries from cell phones & smart meters - also electric bikes, electric cars, cell phone towers, wind and solar installations - and the worst case scenarios of these battery storage facilities.

Please watch this video and learn the risk being created for our community.

thank you,
Satya Orion
Soquel

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: HALT ALL BESS PLANS!!!!!! Or we will audit your finances!!!
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 2:28:34 PM

From: Monica Hernandez [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 10:08 AM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: HALT ALL BESS PLANS!!!!!! Or we will audit your finances!!!

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All plans to to build more battery storage facilities need to be halted and no more should be built at all in this county. People are having their blood tested for heavy metals and lithium among other metals are showing up in the blood. Could be in your blood too!

You work for us! Your decisions do not support this as "the agenda" always seems to go forward. However, corruption in government is being exposed on a daily basis and people are being aware that it is just as bad IN OUR COUNTY! If ANY battery storage plan goes forward, we will know that you have been bought out and you can expect an audit of YOUR (and your family) finances. The country is loving all this political corruption being exposed. Will you be next???

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: February 25th meeting Agenda -Moss Landing BESS Fires South County
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 11:32:57 AM

From: Amy Wong [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 4:02 PM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: February 25th meeting Agenda -Moss Landing BESS Fires South County

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to request that the Moss Landing Battery fire be added to the agenda. With the plant catching fire again on February 18th and the ongoing cleanup efforts, there is a real possibility of another fire occurring at any moment. The county needs to inform the public about the measures being taken, what information can be shared, and where residents can find resources.

The proximity of this plant to south Santa Cruz County affects the local residents significantly. Many people are anxious about future Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) projects and are eager to know what is being done to ensure their safety. The recent fires at Moss Landing have highlighted the potential dangers associated with these designs that have been implemented in recent years.

Thank you for considering this important matter.

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Moss Landing STILL on Fire. SHUT IT DOWN. NO NEW ONES!!!
Date: Thursday, February 20, 2025 8:47:40 AM

From: Bulldog Mama [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 8:02 AM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Moss Landing STILL on Fire. SHUT IT DOWN. NO NEW ONES!!!

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If it is not obvious yet, these battery storage sites are not dangerous and not clean. Our land, food and people have been POISONED for years to come! The battery storage site most likely has been burning CONTINUOUSLY for over a month but the public has been kept in the dark. The public health authorities have FAILED to do their jobs to protect the public and say everything is safe and not contaminated. The Moss Landing plant needs to be SHUT DOWN and no new ones opened in this country.

Bella

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: SANTA CRUZ COUNTY OFFICIALS ARE SILENT ABOUT THE BATTERY FIRE HEALTH CRISIS IN OUR COMMUNITY.
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 3:08:57 PM
Attachments: [SMPQ08wrKak8RKWq.png](#)

From: Keith McHenry <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 12:19 PM
To: Good Times Santa Cruz <enouncements@goodtimes.sc>
Cc: Lisa Hernandez <Lisa.Hernandez@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov>; Andrew Strader <Andrew.Strader@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov>; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov>
Subject: SANTA CRUZ COUNTY OFFICIALS ARE SILENT ABOUT THE BATTERY FIRE HEALTH CRISIS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY OFFICIALS ARE SILENT ABOUT THE BATTERY FIRE HEALTH CRISIS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

The second lithium-ion battery fire this year at Vistra's Moss Landing Battery Storage Facility blew toxic metals across Santa Cruz County on February 18th and 19th, making many people in our community ill. Santa Cruz County has not announced a health emergency or coordinated plan to respond to one of the largest health crises in our community's history.

Please call Santa Cruz Health Officer Dr Lisa Hernandez at (831) 454-4818 - Lisa.Hernandez@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov

Ask for there to be testing and treatment guidelines issued to all healthcare staff in the county. Also ask that the County initiate a county wide reporting system for those of us effected.

And please call Director of Environmental Health Andrew Strader at (831)-454-2022 - andrew.strader@santacruzcountycalifornia.us

Ask that they start county wide soil, water and air testing for cobalt, manganese, copper, nickel and lithium. Also initiate a county wide reporting system for those of us made ill by the fire.

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To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Santa Cruz County: No elevated health risk from Moss Landing battery plant fire. If so why are hundreds of us ill from the fire?!
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:37:41 PM

From: Keith McHenry [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 22, 2025 1:27 PM
To: Zoe.Hunt@hearst.com
Cc: [REDACTED]cortez@hearst.com; Brooke.Kinebrew@hearst.com; josh.copitch@hearst.com; Lisa Hernandez <Lisa.Hernandez@santacruzcountycityca.gov>; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountycityca.gov>; editorial@santacruzsentinel.com
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Date: Friday, February 28, 2025 6:10:22 PM

From: Keith McHenry [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 12:36 PM
To: Zoe.Hunt@hearst.com
Cc: fcortez@hearst.com; Brooke.Kinebrew@hearst.com; josh.copitch@hearst.com; Lisa Hernandez <Lisa.Hernandez@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov>; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov>; editorial@santacruzsentinel.com
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From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: SANTA CRUZ HEALTH EMERGENCY IGNORED
Date: Friday, February 28, 2025 6:13:05 PM

From: Alma Chacon [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2025 9:56 AM
To: Keith McHenry <keith@foodnotbombs.net>
Cc: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Andrew Strader <Andrew.Strader@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: RE: SANTA CRUZ HEALTH EMERGENCY IGNORED

Good morning Mr. McHenry,

Santa Cruz County continues to collaborate with Monterey County and state agencies to monitor environmental conditions. If you are concerned about health effects related to the Moss Landing fire please complete this regional survey:

English: www.mtyhd.org/MLFireSurvey

Help for completing this survey is available for those who cannot complete it online or need language assistance: <https://bit.ly/3XbU7U2>

Regards,

Alma Chacon

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To: Lisa Hernandez <Lisa.Hernandez@santacruzcountyca.gov>
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To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Vistra Fire in Moss Landing
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 3:13:58 PM
Attachments: [Glenn Church Update .docx](#)

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From: Ringler [REDACTED]
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To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Vistra Fire in Moss Landing

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Dear Supervisors, Don't forget south county. Since the Vistra Moss Landing thermal runaway has reignited a few days ago and may reignite again, we need our government and health officials monitoring the situation like Monterey County Supervisor Glenn Church is doing. He is a model of a responsible supervisor.

At this point it has been mostly a south county issue but you never know which way the wind blows. Sarah Ringler

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: When is our town hall meeting on the Moss Landing?
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 2:38:24 PM

From: MikeJones7176 [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 10:19 AM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: When is our town hall meeting on the Moss Landing?

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Each district needs to have a town all meeting and QUICK! Who do you think you work for? You actions and decisions will show us. We are watching.

Mike

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It is frightening and suggests that Vistra or others connected to the Moss Landing Lithium-ion Batters Storage Facility such as Carlos Palacios who is also on the board of Central Coast Community Energy maybe seeking to suppress the massive poisoning of our county. Or are the local AI companies who need a large increase in electricity to power their AI farms pressuring local officials?

California Senator John Laird US Congressperson Jimmy Panetta are not coming to the aid of the thousands in their district who are suffering. Is there a cover up protecting big money or are our leaders and media just not up to the job of responding to things like the world's largest lithium-ion battery fire.

This crisis is one of the largest health emergencies in Santa Cruz County's history yet there is no countywide emergency response. Efforts to rush through the Watsonville BESS site with

claims that the New Leaf Lithium Batteries are safer can be show that this is not the case by reviewing their safety proposal. They say that they can not have staff on site to watch the facility in case there is a fire because the normal off gassing of the batteries could cause cancer. Hundreds of people live near that proposed facility and there is no plans to move them.

There is a real possibility that a third fire could start and our officials are not even taking the first two seriously. My family is still ill. My symptoms outlined below are getting worse and now I have pains in my kidneys and I am still exhaling metal from my lungs.

Not only are thousands of us ill but we are also very worried about eating produce from our area. We know that the Elkhorn Slew as an increase of 100 to 1,000 time the heavy metals yet county officials and the local media claim all is safe. It is difficult to trust our leaders and the media and that should be a huge concern to all of us. We just don't believe that the tests that claim we should not be concerned are fixed in favor of the industry. I was told that the public health officer or her aide would be calling me. That was two weeks ago.

Please announce a coordinated response to this crisis and an ban the placement of lithium-ion battery storage facilities in the county. A town hall meeting on this issue should be announced by the board of supervisors as soon as possible.

Just image a lithium-ion battery fire at the proposed location behind the hospital.

Keith McHenry



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To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Santa Cruz Health Emergency is ongoing
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 3:37:04 PM
Attachments: [jvh9sgJg00ftqBqD.png](#)
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[zfrLiU5GchqN5orl.png](#)
[0MIbmmID0sxRRzQf.png](#)

From: Keith McHenry [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 9:00 AM
To: Lisa Hernandez <Lisa.Hernandez@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Cc: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Andrew Strader <Andrew.Strader@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Alma Chacon <Alma.Chacon@santacruzcountyca.gov>
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March 4, 2025

Our eyes are burning this morning as though someone launched tear gas into our home. We are having difficulty breathing. My tongue is on fire and I now have strange lesions in my mouth. I am still exhaling a strong metal taste. I have a weird headache. Two of the four of us are still nauseous.

It has taken me over a month to get referral to a toxicologist and ear nose and throat specialist through the Live Oak Clinic as they kept telling me not to worry. They report that they called poison control and were told there were no blood tests for heavy metals and that there was nothing they could do. (I love the staff at the clinic so this was disappointing to say the least.) I was finally referred for a chest x-ray. The staff of seven or eight people at the radiologist expressed anger that they have not received any information about the health issues surrounding the fires and urged me to sue the county. They are seeing people who are also suffering from the fires. My dentist reported he is seeing more people who say they are having symptoms from the lithium fire. Will we be ill with cancer from this?

It seems that there should be a well organized and well announced public health plan. Those of us made ill by the last two lithium battery fires are having to seek our own help and information as the county is way too silent.

Why is there not a public emergency plan in place?

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This was the first communication on 2/28/25 9:56 AM (ten days after the second fire and over a month from when I first started calling and emailing my health concerns to the health officer.

Hello Mr. McHenry,

I am reaching out on behalf of County Public Health Officer Dr. Lisa Hernandez and the team at Santa Cruz County Public Health. Thanks for summarizing your concerns. It appears that there may have been some miscommunication around our public health guidance. We want to assure you that our goal is to be fully transparent, and we are working to characterize potential health risks to the community. We released a Health Update with guidance for local healthcare providers last week, which included the following recommendation:

- *"Patients presenting with symptoms possibly related to exposure to contaminated air, water, and/or soil should be evaluated with a thorough history and physical. History should include all pertinent details of symptoms onset and evolution. Ingesting, breathing, and/or having skin or mucous membrane contact with heavy metal dusts and other particulate matter from smoke may result in symptoms such as itchy rash, watery eyes, runny nose, metallic taste in mouth, sore throat, and difficulty breathing, as well as exacerbation of underlying medical conditions like asthma and COPD.*
- ***Testing for heavy metals like cobalt, copper, manganese, and lithium is generally not clinically useful. These tests cannot predict whether a person will experience health effects or determine if current health symptoms are related to exposures. However, should a medical provider wish to order such testing, tests for nickel, cobalt, and manganese levels must be ordered individually because they are not usually included in commercial laboratories' standard "heavy metals" panel. Providers can check individual laboratories for more information."***

You can find the full Health Update, publicly available [here](#). The County Health Officer does not

oversee authorization of testing; this decision ultimately depends on the provider's judgment and individual clinic policy. However, we will reach out to local healthcare clinics again to ensure that they understand our recommendations and there is no miscommunication around authorization.

We are working to collect more information about the health effects of this fire through a community survey. We encourage you to fill out this [form](#) and share with others.

Lastly, in response to community concerns, the County of Santa Cruz conducted environmental testing to assess the potential impacts to water, soil, and agricultural resources. The results can be found [here](#).

Regards,



Alma Chacon

Administrative Aide

On behalf of

Lisa B. Hernandez, MD, MPH | Health Officer
Santa Cruz County, Health Services Agency (HSA)
(831) 454-4476
www.santacruzhealth.org

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Town Hall re: BESS
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 3:36:34 PM

From: Sharon Lucchesi [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 3, 2025 2:45 PM
To: Felipe Hernandez <Felipe.Hernandez@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Cc: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Town Hall re: BESS

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Supervisor Hernandez,

Are you planning a town hall to address constituent concerns about the proposed lithium battery using, grid-scale BESS facilities planned for Santa Cruz County, including the Seahawk BESS, already in permitting since December 17, 2024 when Sequoia Energy and New Leaf Energy submitted their application to build on 16 acres at 90 Minto Road?

When & where will the "town hall" be held?

A PUBLIC FORUM STYLE TOWN HALL where everyone participates together to ask questions and hear responses – NOT be an open house type of town hall with people having individual conversations.

Will Supervisor Hernandez host the town hall in his district?

Will the other supervisors also hold town halls in their districts?

Has the CEQA INITIAL STUDY OR EIR been started for the new zoning Ordinance that created a new overlaying Energy Storage Combining District, which will allow BESS installations on 3 sites in Santa Cruz County?

Will the Board of Supervisors hold a FINAL VOTE on this NEW ZONING DISTRICT on APRIL 25, 2025, as they had indicated they would do in their October 29, 2024 meeting?

I propose an Urgency Ordinance for a Moratorium on lithium BESS development while an impartial, technical advisory committee engages with all stakeholders, including the public about safe siting, safety regulations and most importantly alternatives to lithium

battery technology that are actually safe and green.

Respectfully,

Sharon A Lucchesi

Aptos, CA

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Formal Complaint Against Santa Cruz County Social Services Director Randy Morris
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 3:23:46 PM
Attachments: [Complaint Morris](#) [Board of Supervisors.pdf](#)

From: melissa schilling [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 8:08 AM
To: fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov; CSOB@dss.ca.gov; ombudsman@advocacy-inc.org; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>; COB Staff <COBStaff@santacruzcountyca.gov>
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March 04, 2025

Melissa Schilling
[REDACTED]

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Key failures under Mr. Morris' leadership include:

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3. **Negligent Mental Health Oversight**
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7. **Failure to Provide Crisis Intervention**
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19. **Failure to Ensure Supervision and Safety**

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- [REDACTED] has repeatedly gone AWOL from his STRTP (Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program)
- and has been involved in unlawful activities, including vehicle theft and property damage.
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- Despite clear evidence of safety risks, Santa Cruz County Social Services has taken no
- steps to ensure proper supervision or placement in a more secure environment.
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23. **Refusal to Engage in Family Reunification or Meaningful Support**

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- [REDACTED] has expressed conflicting statements about wanting to return home, yet Santa
- Cruz County Social Services has made no effort to assess his competency or provide family therapy.
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- The agency's refusal to engage in family-based support has only further alienated [REDACTED]
- and exacerbated his behavioral challenges.
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Request for Immediate Action

Due to the continued failure of Santa Cruz County Social Services under the leadership of Randy Morris, I formally request:

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3. A Full Investigation

4. into the negligence, lack of intervention, and systemic failures of Santa Cruz County Social Services in handling this case.

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8. Immediate Transfer of [REDACTED] Case

9. to a county with trauma-informed professionals, such as Santa Clara or Alameda County, where he has already received competent and compassionate engagement.

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13. Accountability for Randy Morris and his Department

14. for their failure to act in a way that ensures the safety and well-being of a vulnerable foster youth.

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18. A Court-Ordered Psychological Assessment


19. to formally determine [REDACTED] cognitive capacity, mental health needs, and appropriate placement.

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Santa Cruz County Social Services has demonstrated gross incompetence in managing this case, placing my son at further risk. Their continued negligence should not be allowed to persist without consequence. I request urgent action before further harm occurs.

Sincerely,
Melissa Schilling

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Together in Education
[REDACTED] | She/Her, Melissa Schilling, M.S., AET

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melissa@melissaschilling.com | What are you reading? I'm reading:

Tending the Wild by *Kat Anderson*



Land Acknowledgement:

"The land on which we gather is the unceded territory of the Awaswas-speaking Uypi Tribe. Today there are no known survivors of the Awaswas Nation. The Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, comprised of the descendants of indigenous people taken to missions Santa Cruz and San Juan Bautista during Spanish colonization of the Central Coast, is today working hard to restore traditional stewardship practices on these lands to honor the Awaswas and heal from historical trauma."

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- This reckless decision has contributed to my son's worsening condition and increased psychiatric hospitalizations.

5. Failure to Ensure Supervision and Safety

- [REDACTED] has repeatedly gone AWOL from his STRTP (Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program) and has been involved in unlawful activities, including vehicle theft and property damage.
- Despite clear evidence of safety risks, Santa Cruz County Social Services has taken no steps to ensure proper supervision or placement in a more secure environment.

6. Refusal to Engage in Family Reunification or Meaningful Support

- [REDACTED] has expressed conflicting statements about wanting to return home, yet Santa Cruz County Social Services has made no effort to assess his competency or provide family therapy.

- The agency's refusal to engage in family-based support has only further alienated [REDACTED] and exacerbated his behavioral challenges.

Request for Immediate Action

Due to the continued failure of Santa Cruz County Social Services under the leadership of Randy Morris, I formally request:

1. **A Full Investigation** into the negligence, lack of intervention, and systemic failures of Santa Cruz County Social Services in handling this case.
2. **Immediate Transfer of [REDACTED] Case** to a county with trauma-informed professionals, such as Santa Clara or Alameda County, where he has already received competent and compassionate engagement.
3. **Accountability for Randy Morris and his Department** for their failure to act in a way that ensures the safety and well-being of a vulnerable foster youth.
4. **A Court-Ordered Psychological Assessment** to formally determine [REDACTED] cognitive capacity, mental health needs, and appropriate placement.

Santa Cruz County Social Services has demonstrated gross incompetence in managing this case, placing my son at further risk. Their continued negligence should not be allowed to persist without consequence. I request urgent action before further harm occurs.

Sincerely,
Melissa Schilling

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