

Kevin King

From: David Ingram <David@tennantingram.com>
Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 7:20 AM
To: Kevin King
Cc: SupervisorSerna@sacounty.net; Nava. Lisa
Subject: Public Comment re Use of District Lands for Homeless Sites - 7/9/2021 Meeting

Dear Mr. King and other RD 1000 Board Members,

Please be advised that I strongly oppose the use of any RD 1000 District lands as homeless sites or centers.

As you might now, I am a long time resident of Garden Highway. Therefore, I observe the rapid decline in the health of our Sacramento River waterways daily. The human feces, trash, destruction of vegetation and illegal fires are placing our once pristine river waterways at extreme risk. It is also disturbing our delicate ecosystem and our declining wildlife habitat.

As you might also now, I am constantly attempting to fight back against this growing problem by organizing neighborhood cleanups and performing litter removal on a near daily basis.

Below are photos of a several hours long cleanup I did last week on the waterside of Garden Highway near Elverta Road. This is grueling work, but sadly only a very small dent in the overwhelming problem.







A group cleanup effort I organized last month was shared on RD 1000's Facebook page. These are not isolated cleanup efforts. We do them constantly. Sadly, despite our efforts, our community cannot keep up with the litter and environmental destruction.

I would certainly hope RD 1000 is vehemently opposed to using District lands for any type of homeless housing or other services. Our levees and waterways are already reeling from pollution, e Coli and fires associated with this segment of

our population. Not to mention the existing insurmountable task RD 1000 has to properly maintain our levees and flood protection systems.

Also, please do not be duped by City Council members who tout the successes of similar sites they have spear-headed. Go drive the WX corridor between 4th and 10th Streets and see how that city-run site is faring and what is now happening to the adjacent land and neighborhoods. It is a health and safety nightmare and the adjacent communities are under siege.

I am also curious if the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Army Corps of Engineers, the CA State Lands Commission, the CA Department of Water Resources, the CA Regional Water Quality Control Board and the CA Native American Heritage Commission have been consulted on this proposal. I imagine they will have some very strong opposition.

Thank you very much for your time. If you ever have any questions or need assistance with anything out in our neighborhood, please do not hesitate to ask.

Best regards,

David Ingram
7000 Block
Garden Highway

Kevin King

From: Martha Lennihan <lennihanm@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 7:55 AM
To: David Ingram; Kevin King
Cc: SupervisorSerna@saccounty.net; Nava. Lisa
Subject: Re: Public Comment re Use of District Lands for Homeless Sites - 7/9/2021 Meeting

Paul Thayer and Martha Lennihan concur strongly with the comments submitted by David Ingram. We are long time residents in the 6000 block.

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On Friday, July 9, 2021, 8:19 AM, David Ingram <David@tennantingram.com> wrote:

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From: Mark J <markjelectric@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 7:51 AM
To: Kevin King
Subject: supervisorserna@saccounty.net naval@saccounty.net

Dear Mr. King and others,

As a Garden Highway resident who regularly participates in homeless and vagrant trash pick up days, I can promise you we don't need any more of them. Witnessing the environmental destruction created by these people is incredibly sad and frustrating. It's also disgusting knowing you're swimming in human sewage whenever you're downriver from these awful camps set up without any regard for public safety. Please do not EVER consider allowing RD1000's land for homeless sites. Sincerely, Mark Jungkeit 7000 block of Garden Hwy

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Kevin King

From: LORRIE WHITE <familyfarm4us@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 7:59 AM
To: Kevin King
Subject: RD1000 land for homeless

I want to put in my two cents about using RD1000 land for the homeless. I currently live on Garden Hwy and deal with the homeless coming into my yard, sitting on my backyard furniture and stealing anything that is not locked down. I can't do so many things with my property without getting permit yet they dig into the levy, dump trash, use the river as a bathroom, start fires and walk up and down the river at all hours of the night setting off the yard alarms. I can't understand why we would want to increase this when it's already a problem.

L White
3000 block GH

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From: Terrie Gordon <terrieg2@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 8:20 AM
To: Kevin King
Cc: SupervisorSerna@saccounty.net; Nava. Lisa
Subject: Public Comment re Use of District Lands for Homeless Sites - 7/9/2021 Meeting

Yes, Sacramento has a homeless problem. What major city doesn't? But moving this population off the streets of Sacramento and out of sight will not solve this problem.

First, this 'relocation' removes the homeless from the resources they rely on: food banks, medical care, social work, drug and mental health clinics. Are you going to provide transportation to get them access to these life sustaining services? Second, The Sacramento River and surrounding forested areas are already being dessimated by the homeless. The river is used as a toilet, laundromat, dump and for bathing , to name a few. Many of us living along Garden Highway are afraid to swim in the river due to rising levels of E. coli and giardia. The surrounding forest areas are filled with mattresses, tents, food containers, human and pet excrement, camp fires, needles and other paraphernalia that makes these areas unsafe to traverse.

Third, the lack of services in the proposed relocation area encourages theft and destruction to the residents and their homes on Garden Highway as the homeless loot garbage cans, garages, property looking for what they require daily. . Please reconsider this misguided plan and focus on a more sustainable action that provides the services needed by the homeless population.

Thank you
Terrie Gordon
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Kevin King

From: Elise Garvey <garvey.elise@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 8:31 AM
To: Kevin King
Subject: Homeless housing

What about compensation for the residents of the neighborhood who will have to deal with this as well.

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Kevin King

From: Sue Karlton <mskarlton@me.com>
Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 8:42 AM
To: Kevin King
Cc: David Ingram; Martha Lennihan; Christine Olsen; Terrie Gordon; Paul Thayer
Subject: Today's meeting

Dear Mr. King and RD 1000 Board,

I have lived on Garden Highway since 1993 and have seen it degraded to a dumping ground over the last 5 years. The riparian area along the highway is teeming with people who fish and camp illegally and who have no hesitation dumping whatever they have with them, including food waste, garbage, furniture, appliances, unwanted animals, and even other people. We residents of Garden Highway are left with the responsibility of cleaning up the trash, rescuing the animals, and helping/redirecting the stranded people who remain.

I live in constant fear that the heritage oaks here as well as our homes will burn to the ground due to the irresponsible conduct of those who use the area without care and respect. We are exhausted by the constant sight of trash heaps left by those who use the area.

I vehemently oppose any action by the board that encourages or allows any unregulated use of these precious lands by those who abuse them.

Thank you for your time,
SUE KARLTON, resident
7000 block, Garden Highway

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Kevin King

From: Patrick Tully <ptully@bitwiseproperties.com>
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 12:47 PM
To: Kevin King
Cc: Joleen Gutierrez; Patrick Tully
Subject: FOIA request for list of properties owned.

7/12/2021.

Dear Mr. King, General Manager of RD1000,

Recently your board voted to allow the City of Sacramento access to RD1000 land for housing the homeless. The public was notified barely 12 hours before the vote via social media, so I was not able to attend given the late notice. Your board approved the matter, with only one nay, I understand. I believe this use of land is well beyond your organization's charter, and has raised serious questions as to RD1000 property and its use. I would like to remind RD1000 that your charter is for flood control only. Allowing the City to use your(public) land for homeless housing is beyond your charter. If, in fact, you have spare land that you can "let" the City use for housing, you are required to sell the land openly.

I also would like to remind RD1000 that housing near a water way must have proper sewage facilities. The Federal Clean Water Act requires this. Allowing the homeless to camp or squat on "your" land, dumping sewage into your canals, or rivers, is clearly a violation of the Federal Clean Water Act. Currently the American River tests with hi levels of fecal bacteria affecting recreational use, endangered animals/fish, and posing a extreme health risk to swimmers and boaters. It is well understood this bacterial pollution is from homeless encampments.

Given the recent questionable decision by the RD1000 board, and that you are a public agency, using public funds, I am hereby requesting information as to what lands you actually own or control. Please accept this request under the Freedom of Information Act:

Please provide a list of all real property owned or substantially controlled by RD1000. For the sake of reporting, this can be addresses, parcel numbers, or boundaries of all land and improvements. Please also provide identification of any buildings, lands, or leases recently sold, or purchased by RD1000. I request this information be provided electronically to keep costs down, but am willing to photo as needed.

I am willing to pay fees for this request up to a maximum of \$100. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this limit, please inform me first. I have searched online for this public information, and not found it available. So, I do request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in my commercial interest. Given the recent vote by the board, this is clearly in the public interest.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Feel free to contact me at this email. I prefer email as my communication method, but am more than willing to meet. I can also be contacted at (916) 952-7248.

Thank you,

Patrick Tully

Garden Hwy Resident, within RD1000 district.

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