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February 5, 2025

The Honorable Jeffrey F. Fraser
San Diego Superior Court, Department 2002
1100 Union Street, San Diego, CA 92101

RE: SVP Gary Snavelly

Judge Fraser:

As Julian's representative in the California State Senate, I strongly oppose the proposed placement of SVP Gary Snavelly in this community. Mr. Snavelly was convicted of molesting two girls, ages 8 and 9, in 1987. After his release, he failed to register as a sex offender in 1996 and was later returned to Coalinga State Hospital for violations, including abusing medication and lying to supervisory staff.

Julian, a small, unincorporated rural town, lacks the resources for the strict supervision required for SVPs. In addition, the address being considered, 3452 Wynola Road, Julian, CA 92036 is only 1.3 miles from the K-8 Spencer School, which also has a pre-school. The Wynola Road home is only 1200 feet from the property line of Calvary Chapel, which houses a homeschool co-op with 20 students, has multiple children attending services each Sunday, along with a Vacation Bible School for children in the summer. The Pastor of Calvary Chapel, and his family which includes children, live on the church property. Fort Cross Old Timey Adventures, a family farm that often attracts children during school field trips, is two miles from the placement home. Notably, Mr. Snavelly was previously cited for failing to remain clothed on his own property.

In addition to local residents, thousands of tourists regularly visit Julian, including many families with children. They can frequently be found walking throughout the community's many shops, and visiting restaurants and apple orchards. While local residents might be aware of Mr. Snavelly's presence, it's likely that thousands of temporary visitors would not.

I am respectfully referring these concerns to you. While it may be allowable under the law to place Mr. Snavelly in Julian, it is obviously not prudent. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Seyarto".

Kelly Seyarto
State Senator, 32nd District