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**From:** BOS-District IV  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2023 5:54 AM  
**To:** yogurtgalore  
**Cc:** BOS-Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Re: Harm Reduction needle exchange

Hi Anthony,

Thank you for your thoughts and support on this matter. I've copied the Clerk of the Board for submission into the public record.

***Lori Parlin***

El Dorado County District IV Supervisor

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**From:** yogurtgalore <yogurtgalore@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2023 7:53 PM  
**To:** Lori Parlin <lori.parlin@edcgov.us>  
**Subject:** Harm Reduction needle exchange

Thank you, supervisor Parlin for opposing this failed philosophy. The idea, as you know, is that there is a net reduction in harm with these programs. When specifically looking at preventing the spread of disease such as hepatitis or hiv, then yes there is a small net reduction in those specific harms. The net reduction is because other harms are being eliminated from the equation such as supporting the continuation of illicit drug use and prolonging the detrimental consequences of poor life choices, making it easier to chose drug use over abstinence, and supporting the illegal drug trade by ensuring the continued demand for product. What kind of a mixed message are we sending when we prohibit a behavior, selectively enforce, and then support that behavior? The data can be and is skewed to support a specific agenda. I don't know if anyone has been paying attention, but as more and more socially unacceptable behaviors become socially acceptable, and the "its not your fault" message is pushed, society gets worse and worse. Bad behavior is absolutely the fault of the person engaging in the behavior. It is my fault that I'm fat because I chose to eat unhealthy foods and not get enough exercise. Do I blame the inevitable future heartattack on health professionals not distributing statins so that I can continue to chose mcdonalds over a salad for lunch? The idea of reducing harmful effects of drug use by giving out needles, because the bad behavior is going to happen whether its illegal or not, is like distributing condoms to priests to keep the alter boys from contacting diseases because priests are going to molest them. Harm from hiv contraction would definitely be reduced because that alter boy didn't get hiv from the priest. Do we see how ridiculous that all is? Thank you for your dedication to this county.

Anthony Maxfield  
Garden Valley

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