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Item #29 of 9/30 BOS Calendar - Progress House

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Mon, Sep 29, 2014 at 9:59 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

I would like to add my comments to the email below concerning the Men's Progress House on Beach Court in Coloma, Item #29 of the 9/30 BOS calendar.

For years we have experienced problems particularly with the Men's Progress House culminating in increased crime in our small historic community. This adversely impacts public safety, the quality of life for residents, not to mention the adverse effects upon private property values.

Although the Sheriff has encouraged residents to call EDSO, the sad reality is such calls are viewed nuisances and consequently are "low priority" for a response by the only two deputies on duty covering over 350 square miles on the Georgetown Divide. As you know the Sheriff recently opened a substation in the region; however nobody typically is on duty to respond to calls for local assistance.

My own experience with harassment, vandalism, theft, trespassing and lack of EDSO appropriate response to calls for assistance is a matter of public record. Several of those calls pertained to women's as well as men's Progress House patients.

Perhaps the below email comments from neighbors will help reinforce the seriousness of the issues Coloma residents must deal with on a regular basis.

In closing, we ask that the BOS deal in a manner that is responsive to constituent concerns about rising crime and public safety in the Coloma-Lotus region.

Sincerely,

*Melody Lane***Founder, Compass2Truth**

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Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. ~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Sent: Monday, August 25, 2014 8:44 AM

To: Melody Lane

I am generating a little steam on this but can handle these idiots. Just by the responses the crime rate is horrible here with almost 100% of the business having been broken into the last two years! The idiots do not see it.

Sent: Monday, August 25, 2014 8:12 AM

Interesting and mostly true however its a lot more than just attacks on the bakery. And its probably like 100 to 1 good over bad however we need proactive police work and citizen awareness. If you take everything personally then nothing will get done.

As far as shoestring startups have you looked at the realty prices around here lately and whats available?

The car break-ins were thwarted last year by video cameras of parking lots and some crooks were caught...seems lately with just a few thefts IE: Hildes surf boards, damage and repeated theft at Marcos, stolen van burned from bakery, theft of antique items and recent posts about large items from park construction, just to name a few.

The break-ins mentioned at the shopping center across from Coloma Club were terrible last year and even alarms did not stop the attacks and thefts.

On Aug 24, 2014, at 9:05 AM, <> wrote:

Let's face it, we have a large transient population of youths, and even older people, from Sacramento and other places that come up here and realize its a great place to hang out and party for the summer, and afterward. They see the limited law enforcement and trusting citizens that live here. There is no shortage of free music and places to party all the time.

Also the Sacramento law enforcement agencies have increased river patrols, because of similar problems that developed down there.

They want to hang and party by the river this is the ideal place. Since many are living on a shoestring, and think nothing of stealing, they perpetrate crimes such at this and will eventually spread out to more brazen and profiting pursuits.

Maybe a few hints to the Sheriff will allow more patrols from the free Star programs we have to supplement the law enforcement here. Its for sure our crime rate has risen dramatically the last two years. They are even so brazen to steal items from the State Park right under their noses and break into cars at the various parking lots such as Cronin and Greenwood Creek in daylight.

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We live on the river and have had a great increase of trespassers this year despite road signs telling to them to stay out... they disregard property rights like they breath. Maybe many are unable to read? Unmonitored free access to the river like by the Highway 49 overcrossing bridge does not help things either since a lot of open partying goes on there and its hard to see.

From:**Sent:** Sunday, September 28, 2014 9:23 PM**To:****Subject:** [CLNews] Progress House Contract at Supervisor's Meeting Tuesday, September 30 at 10am

Dear Coloma Valley Residents,

My family has been experiencing some intimidating, harassing and inappropriate actions on the part of the Men's Progress House located on Beach Court. We have tried over the years to work with the Progress House, but recently the encounters have escalated to alarming behaviors. The executive director refused to meet with my husband and offered an employee of the Progress House to come to our home and discuss the problems. I find this answer indicative of the recent lack of accountability of the Progress House men during times when they were supposed to be supervised.

We have been informed that they are servicing "dual diagnoses" clients that are potentially early releases from incarceration. The Sheriff told me that these men are convicted felons, court ordered to attend The Progress House, and to call the Sheriff's department with any problems at all. Dual Diagnoses is a person with both a mental illness and a substance abuse addiction. In talking to some of the neighbors, many have been experiencing significant harassment, intimidation, stolen vehicles, and trespassing with malicious intent.

I'm not here to post to CLnews to debate opinions with regard to the Progress House. I can only tell you that recently it has been very difficult and that the community really doesn't know what goes on at 838 Beach Court. Please do not post to CLnews with your opinions about this issue. This is a very real issue for me and my family and we no longer feel it is safe to walk up to Marcos or the Yogurt shop.

On Tuesday, September 30, between 10:30 and 12 o'clock, the Board of Supervisors will decide whether or not to have El Dorado County use the facility for its potentially court ordered patients. I encourage you to send an email to all County Supervisors listed below. I would also like to mention that the Progress House is licensed for 20 beds and currently is housing 10.

I also would like to thank Supervisor Ron Briggs for his time and attention with regard to this matter.

Thank you community.

If you would like to send an email or letter to the Board of Supervisors or the California Department of Health Care Services Investigator of the facility who is currently reviewing the licensing of this facility, it would be appreciated.

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Time is of the essence. If you have comments, please email both parties.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Please email:

California Department of Health Care Services Investigator:

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The Board of Supervisors:

bosfour@edcgov.us; Ron Briggs

Thank you,

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