



**Fw: Proposed 91 Bed Mental Health Facility by Vizion Health , LLC.**

**Debbie Arnold** to: Ramona Hedges

12/07/2015 04:16 PM

Sent by: **Jennifer Caffee**

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Supervisor, 5th District  
San Luis Obispo County  
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Subject: Proposed 91 Bed Mental Health Facility by Vizion Health , LLC.

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Greetings planners and officials of SLO County ,

Regarding the proposed 91 bed acute care mental health facility proposed for the community of Templeton; I am in opposition to this particular project and I will do my best within three minutes to illustrate why. My understanding of this subject comes from my own experience, talking with members of the medical & mental health care community as well as attending the Family Orientation Class conducted by Transitions Mental Health Association.

When my daughter was 18, she had a situation where the mobile crisis unit had to take her from Templeton to SLO County Mental Health. Once processed at the facility located at the old General Hospital I was informed that because she was insured she would have to go to a private provider. Of course it is no secret that there are none available in SLO County: Bakersfield or Ventura were the closest choices. Imagine my anxiety level.

Consider, even if 6 to 7, private pay, ***in-county*** patients (about 400 per year) are to be transported to this proposed facility in Templeton on any given weekend. .then who will be occupying those other 84 beds per week? And remember this is a psych treatment facility doing **nothing** for drug, alcohol, medi-cal, homeless or outpatient services for members of our own community. It is my limited understanding that the majority of 5150/5250's, happening mostly on the weekends, are transient or college aged students with an underlying drug or alcohol problem. This facility will do nothing to help them. Our County Mental Health triage center will not be able to send most of their patients to this proposed facility.

Side note- SLO County has a grave shortage of psychiatrists , there are close to none in Templeton.

There is the potential for 3200 people from outside SLO county to be coming to the little town of Templeton for psychiatric treatment . School aged children (1800 of the 3200 total ) from outside the county will require Templeton School District provide the educational needs for these kids! It can't even provide bus service for its current students! How in the world will they be able to meet these requirements without placing a burden upon the students and families who already pay taxes that barely support **THEIR OWN** community?

**“We know in working with these children and their family members (that) it's very difficult for families to travel to have to go see them, or figure out how to keep their continued care with their primary care physician here,” said Jill Bolster-White, executive director of the nonprofit Transitions Mental Health Association in San Luis Obispo.**

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/local/investigations/article39097128.html> Speaking on sending children outside out county to other facilities such as Bakersfield or Ventura .

Let's look at this in reverse– It is a burden to make families have to travel long distances while dealing with these types of situations . Why would we make families travel to Templeton from Salinas , Bakersfield, Santa Barbara ,Ventura and possibly beyond? If I would have had to travel to Bakersfield or Ventura it would have been a financial & mental disaster for me & my family. I agree that it is best to keep patients near their place of origin. We need to take care of our own people in our own community!

Additionally, SLO Sheriff states this will cause the need for additional law enforcement and staffing □ .again more burden to the community of Templeton in the form of taxpayer \$\$ as well as the compromised security of their community .

SLO County representatives as well as residents , I challenge you to meet the needs of **our own community** members!

\*\*Support the efforts of Transitions Mental Health in their endeavor to open a care facility in SLO where resources abound .

\*\*Why is General Hospital not considered as a place for this type of facility ? If your answer is that it's isn't profitable □ .then let's take another look at what is being proposed in Templeton , how will that be any more profitable? It won't, but that isn't the point. The owner of this property is seemly becoming more desperate as time goes on to put anything on that property even if it compromises the residential community that surrounds it. It's better suited for an ice skating rink than a psych facility !

This proposal makes zero sense for small community of Templeton ; I urge this commission to deny the project of a Mental Health Facility operated by Vizion health LLC in Templeton, in its entirety.

3 minutes are up....but there's more!

\*Vizion Health LLC does not have the experience necessary to operate this facility . This statement in the Tribune from property owners , Harvey and Melanie Billig, is truly ridiculous. “Mark's approach is not like the biggies in the country but a very local approach,” Melanie

Billig said. "Harvey and I don't want a larger corporation — not cookie-cutter like everything else in the country but something that fits the need for SLO County. We tried to find an operator who cares about something like that." Vizion Health, first incorporated in 2011 in Louisiana, where Schneider lives, doesn't have any clients yet, Schneider confirmed."

How in the heck can they make a statement like this if Vizion Health has NO CLIENTS??? Since 2011 no less!? And just because they have "*tried* " to find a corporation that cares about our community does not mean they "*have* " found it. And finally how does this exactly "fit the needs for SLO County"?

Read more here:

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/local/article39719004.html#storylink=cpy>

\*This facility will do NOTHING to help solve the problem of the shortage of Mental Health Care Professionals in our county.

\*This type of facility is unprecedented & untested anywhere in the country.

\*Proposed to be a non-secure facility meaning patients can come and go at will? How is that possible when dealing the psychiatric patients?

\*With the imposition of Affordable Health Care Act I propose that SLO County consider making changes to the current County Mental Health Administration to be able to accept AHC insurance since all Americans are now mandated to have coverage according to the law. Would the AHC in essence force the change in the county system due to every American having health care? Let's ask that question.

And finally this does nothing to help our Military Veterans of which there are over 28,000 residing in SLO county.

Again, I ask you to consider helping the needs of our local residents before we invite over 3200 outside residents to SLO County for acute psychiatric treatment.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Roth, Templeton CA



**Fw: Contact Us (response #2966)**  
**Board of Supervisors** to: BOS\_Legislative Assistants  
Sent by: **Juliane Hendricks**  
Cc: Ramona Hedges, Holly Phipps

12/08/2015 07:47 AM

Forwarding this on to everyone as it is with regards to the 90 bed facility in Templeton

Thank you

Juliane D Hendricks

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Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):  
December 7, 2015

To SLO County Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing this letter in opposition to the proposed 91-bed psychiatric treatment facility in Templeton.

I think everyone in this county agrees to the fact that we need more psychiatric care in this county but the proposed facility in Templeton is too large and located in the wrong place and would hve too great of an impact on Templeton.

Templeton is a small rural community not equipped to oversee a facility of this magnitude. This location was chosen solely based on the applicant's ownership of property at this location. Even though a care facility is needed the sole purpose of this project is for the financial gain of the applicants and not based on the need of the county.

A facility of this size would have a major impact on Templeton and would increase traffic on an already busy thoroughfare. Residences surround the facility and the additional traffic would greatly impact the road, which is already clogged around commuting times. This will also add further demands on the County Sheriff and the Templeton School District.

This facility greatly exceeds the needs of the county and would bring in the majority of its patients from other counties. Not to mention that the majority of residents in our county live to the south of the grade. San Luis Obispo would offer a location in the center of the county. It is argued that it's a burden for county residents to have to go out of the area for treatment. We would create the same scenario for people from out of the area. Ideally we should plan for each community having the ability to take care of its own.

I am also very concerned about the choice of Vizion Health LLC to run the facility. This is a shell company. They have no patients currently and have no experience to show for themselves. For a lack of better words, "this seems very fishy!".

Also, TAAG voted 7-0 against the project. Shouldn't we listen to the local voice?

I urge you to weigh in against this project.

Sincerely,

Berit "Bimmer" Udsen

Owner, Castoro Cellars

787 Cobble Creek Way  
Templeton, CA 93465

bimmer@castorocellars.com

805-440-2247

Dear SLO County Planning Dept,

I will not rant and list all our reasons, but I want you to know my wife and I both live in Templeton and will be unable to attend the SLO County Planning Commission meeting Thursday Dec. 10 regarding the proposed Templeton Mental Health Hospital. SLO County NEEDS this facility. We both strongly urge you to vote YES IN FAVOR of this project. The NIMBY's are very vocal. We feel these Nimby's are way overreacting to possible problems. There is a stigma regarding mental illness that must be ended.

Thank You.

Respectfully,

Kevin and Linda Brehm  
615 Dolores Lane  
Templeton

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**Sue Evans** EACH SUPERVISOR  
1541 Tanager Court RECEIVED COPY  
Templeton, California 93465

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December 3, 2015

Board of Supervisors  
San Luis Obispo County

To: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisor Debbie Arnold  
Re: Proposed 91-bed mental facility in Templeton

Dear Supervisor Arnold:

Approval of the proposed 91-bed mental facility in Templeton will be coming before the Board of Supervisors in 2016. I have been against the facility, principally because it would bring more traffic to and pressure on our small community medical complex than it could handle.

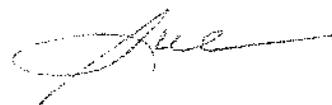
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It's laughable to think our small community law enforcement could even begin to respond to a tragedy in such a way. They are stretched too thinly as it is!

If you approve this facility you are giving a green light to hundreds of unstable people, most of whom don't even live in San Luis Obispo County, to come to our small community. It is not unreasonable to assume that some sort of violent emergency can and will happen at some point. It is unconscionable for you to approve such a facility here.

Perhaps SLO County does need some sort of mental facility. It should be built in a more populated area in South County where it will be closer to more people who need it and there are adequate emergency responders. It does NOT belong in Templeton!

Very truly yours,



Sue Evans

October 19, 2015

SLO County Planning Commission  
976 Osos St, Room 200  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Re: Templeton mental health care facility, 1155 Las Tablas Rd, Templeton

Chair Topping, Honorable Commissioners:

We are blessed to have raised three wonderful children, all now grown, happy and contributing members of society.

Fifteen years ago however we found ourselves in crisis. Our daughter was diagnosed with severe depression with psychotic overtones. Her lifelong pediatrician, her psychiatrist, her school team and her family agreed that she needed residential care for her own safety.

We made the tragically wrong assumption that we'd find help close by; that our daughter would have a chance to regain mental health near to her family; that we'd be able to maintain at a least modified work schedule; that our youngest child would have some consistency in home life. That's when we learned that no local options for care exist.

In wealthy, compassionate San Luis Obispo County we were completely lost.

Fortunately for our daughter we found the path to mental health at St. Mary's Hospital at UC San Francisco.

There we left our child in a secure facility with superb doctors and therapists....and made the 250 mile trip back to SLO to care for our youngest.

On three separate crisis-induced hospital stays over the next 2 years we'd make the twice a week trip from SLO to San Francisco to stand with our daughter and coordinate her treatment.

Fortunately we had the (stretched) resources, the understanding bosses, and the supportive SLO and SF friends that made our daughter's out-of-town treatment possible.

We hope that few families will ever know the intolerable burden of seeking local services for their loved one and finding nothing.

The proposed Templeton psychiatric facility is a critical part of our county's medical infrastructure for all of our families. Authorize it now.

Sandi Sigurdson  
Steve McGrath  
665 Buchon St.  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401



Templeton Hospital Hearing  
Patricia Everett to: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us

12/08/2015 09:28 AM

Dear Ms. Hedges,

Could you please send a copy of this email to each of the five Planning Commissioners?

Thank you,

Patricia and Bruce Everett

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Dear Commissioners,

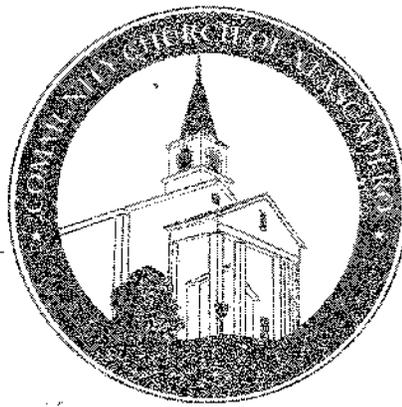
Everybody agrees that SLO county is in need of a psychiatric hospital . However, a 91 bed facility is too large for the small community of Templeton . Twin Cities Hospital has 122 beds and is a general services hospital that supports the needs of north county residents . How many north county residents would use the proposed psychiatric facility? 15? Where would 91 patients come from? All over the state? From adjoining states? It's clear the profit incentive, not the needs of the community, is driving this effort .

We ask that if this project is to be approved for the proposed site , it be scaled down to an appropriate size to serve the needs of SLO county only . If the applicant must build a 91bed facility, encourage them to seek out a more centrally located property in a much larger community, and one that supports it. As you probably are well aware, Templeton has voted against it. Please don't force this massive project on our small community .

Sincerely,

Patricia and Bruce Everett  
Templeton

Sent from my iPad



Date: 25 October 2015

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To: Ms. Debbie Arnold  
District 5 County Supervisor

Board of Supervisors  
San Luis Obispo County

Dear Ms. Arnold,

I write in support of the Templeton 90-bed behavioral health hospital. There is huge need in SLO County, as many as 138 for the current population. The Templeton facility would go a long way in meeting our current need. And the facts that the location is already zoned for medical and hospital use and centrally located for Atascadero and Paso Robles, as well as that the behavioral health hospital will have proximity to Twin Cities Hospital and other medical facilities, make this the best possible location.

I understand that there are some people who are fearful of having a mental health facility near them. But imagine how much healthier – and safer – we would be as a community if there was health care and support locally available? We assume it's about other people – outsiders, strangers, "crazies". But it is our families – our mothers and fathers, our sons and daughters, and ourselves. Having a local mental health facility makes as much sense – and is as needed – as having a hospital that can help us with other acute emergencies such as strokes and broken legs.

Please decide in favor of the behavioral health hospital as planned in Templeton: we have the need, the location is right.

Thank you.

Rev. Heather J. Branton, pastor  
Community Church of Atascadero, United Church of Christ  
5850 Rosario Ave.  
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178 Edgewater Lane  
Paso Robles, CA 93446  
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San Luis Obispo County

Debbie Arnold, Chair  
County Board of Supervisors  
Rm. D430, County Govt. Ctr.  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Dear Ms. Arnold:

I am writing in support of the proposed Templeton Behavioral Health facility. Currently there is a dire lack of available mental health care in our County, and many residents in need of this care are forced to travel for hours out of County in order to receive care. This can be difficult, if not impossible, for many, especially the most vulnerable.

I believe this is a shameful situation in a County which otherwise provides excellent healthcare options for its citizens. Please support the building of this much needed facility.

Sincerely,

Sharon Cooper

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## CITY OF MORRO BAY

POLICE DEPARTMENT  
850 Morro Bay Boulevard  
Morro Bay, CA 93442



San Luis Obispo County Planning Department  
Attn: Planning Commission  
976 Osos Street  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

December 2, 2015

Re: Need for additional Inpatient Psychiatric Resources

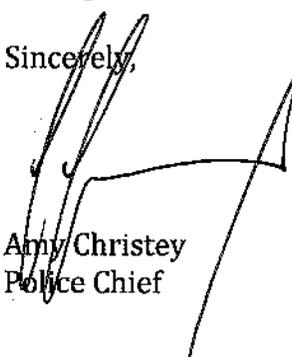
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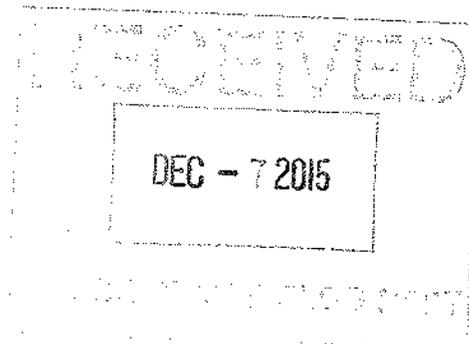
The letter is in support of additional inpatient psychiatric resources in San Luis Obispo County. As a law enforcement executive in San Luis Obispo County, it is my job and responsibility to provide public safety services for Morro Bay residents and visitors to my community. Often times, law enforcement professionals are first responders to those in our community that are suffering from mental illness. In many cases, law enforcement professionals have few resources to offer community members who suffer from mental illness and have not committed a crime, but are in a fragile state and need assistance.

Morro Bay law enforcement professionals, and our partner agencies, seek the assistance of our partners at the County Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) located in the City of San Luis Obispo. The PHF is the only resource in this County for inpatient care and is often full as it has a limited licensed capacity. Further, the PHF only serves as a short term treatment solution. It is not uncommon for my officers to return to PHF with the same individual on multiple occasions as that individual has not been afforded the long term care needed to make a difference.

I request that you consider the need in our County for additional inpatient psychiatric resources and approve proposals that will benefit those in need in Morro Bay and throughout San Luis Obispo County.

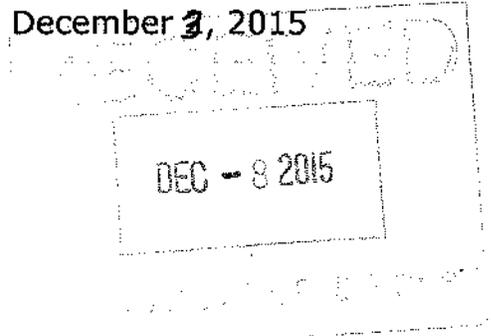
Sincerely,

  
Amy Christey  
Police Chief



**Sue Evans**  
1541 Tanager Court  
Templeton, California 93465

December 3, 2015



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Mr. Ken Topping

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County of San Luis Obispo  
Department of Planning & Building  
976 Osos Street Rm 200  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408-2040

Attention: Ms. Holly Phipps

Re. Billig application for Mental Health Hospital in Templeton

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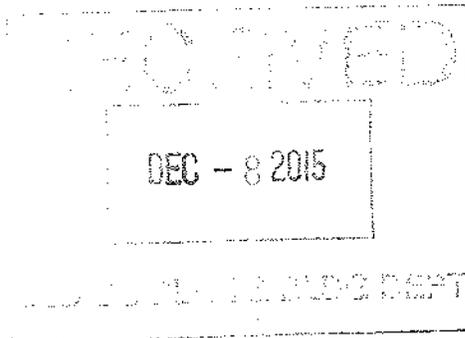
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There is no support in your staff report that supports the statement of "no impact on the neighborhood" and adjacent uses.

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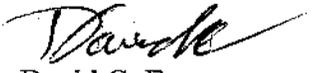
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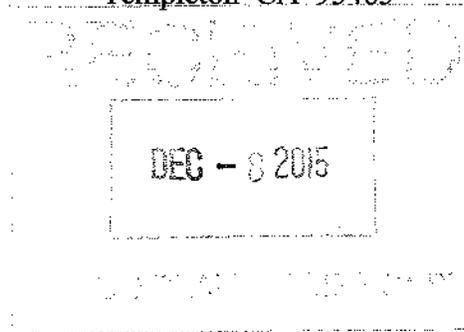
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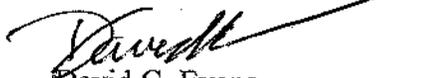
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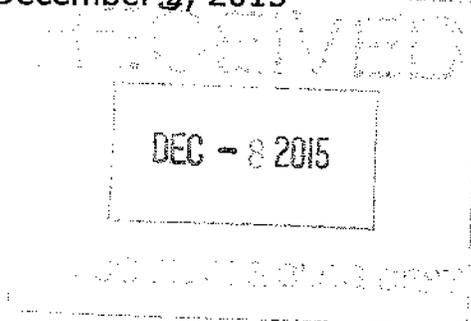


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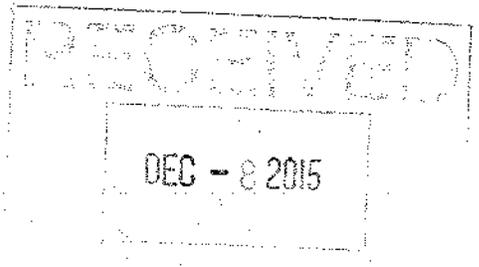
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To Whom It May Concern:

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I am not writing because I have a family member or a friend who currently needs the facility (although no one can predict the future); I'm writing because of a hospital emergency room situation a few years ago.

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I believe that if Templeton has enough services to host a Trader Joe's, there are enough services for a facility that can save lives.

Thank you for reading this.

Sincerely,

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673 Nicklaus St  
Paso Robles CA 93446

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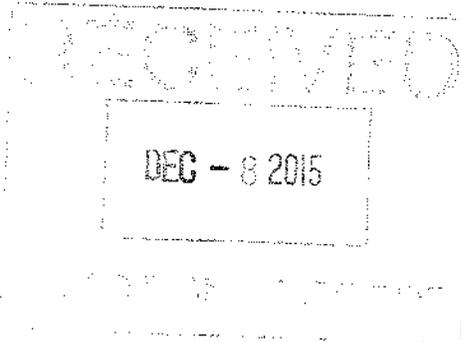
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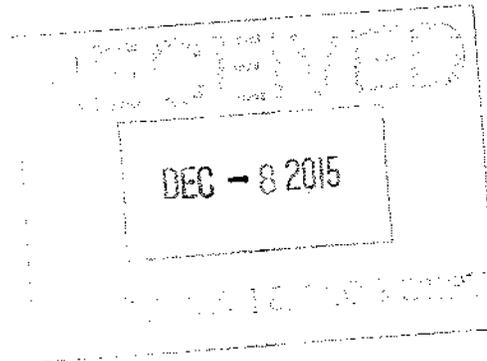
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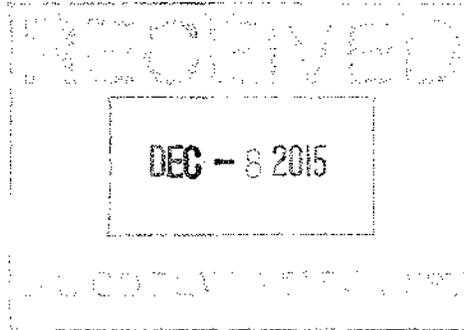


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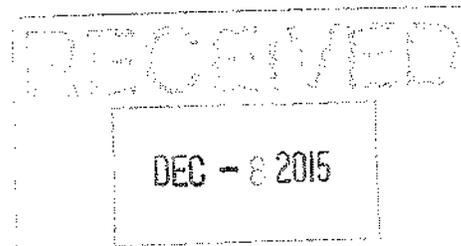
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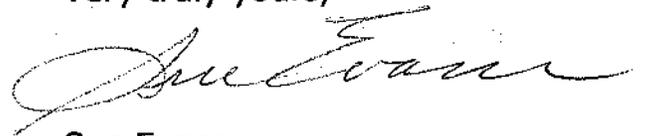
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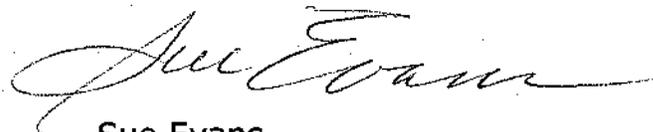
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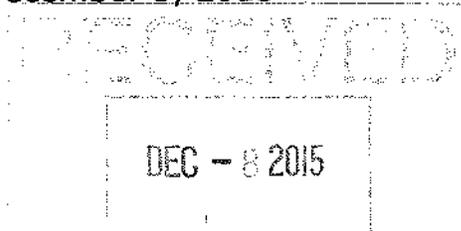
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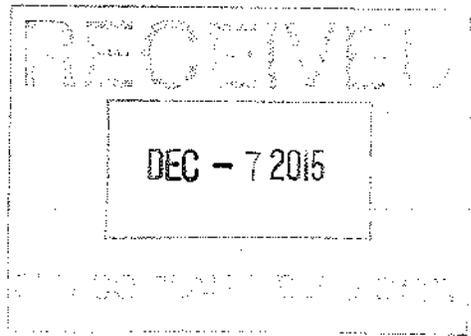
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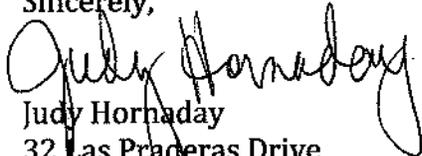
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Sincerely,

  
Judy Hornaday  
32 Las Praderas Drive  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

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The 96-bed behavioral health hospital proposed near Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton will allow children, adolescents, adults and seniors to receive the treatment they need within their own county. Wrap around mental health services will be available to them when they go home to their nearby communities.

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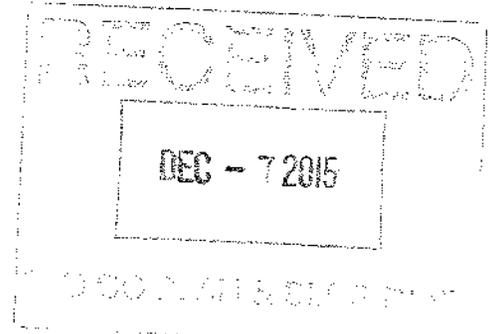
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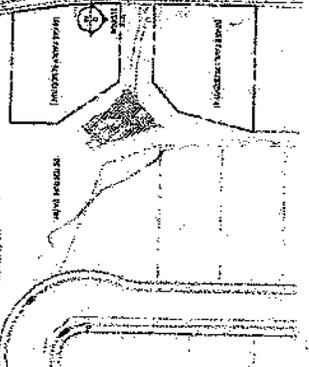
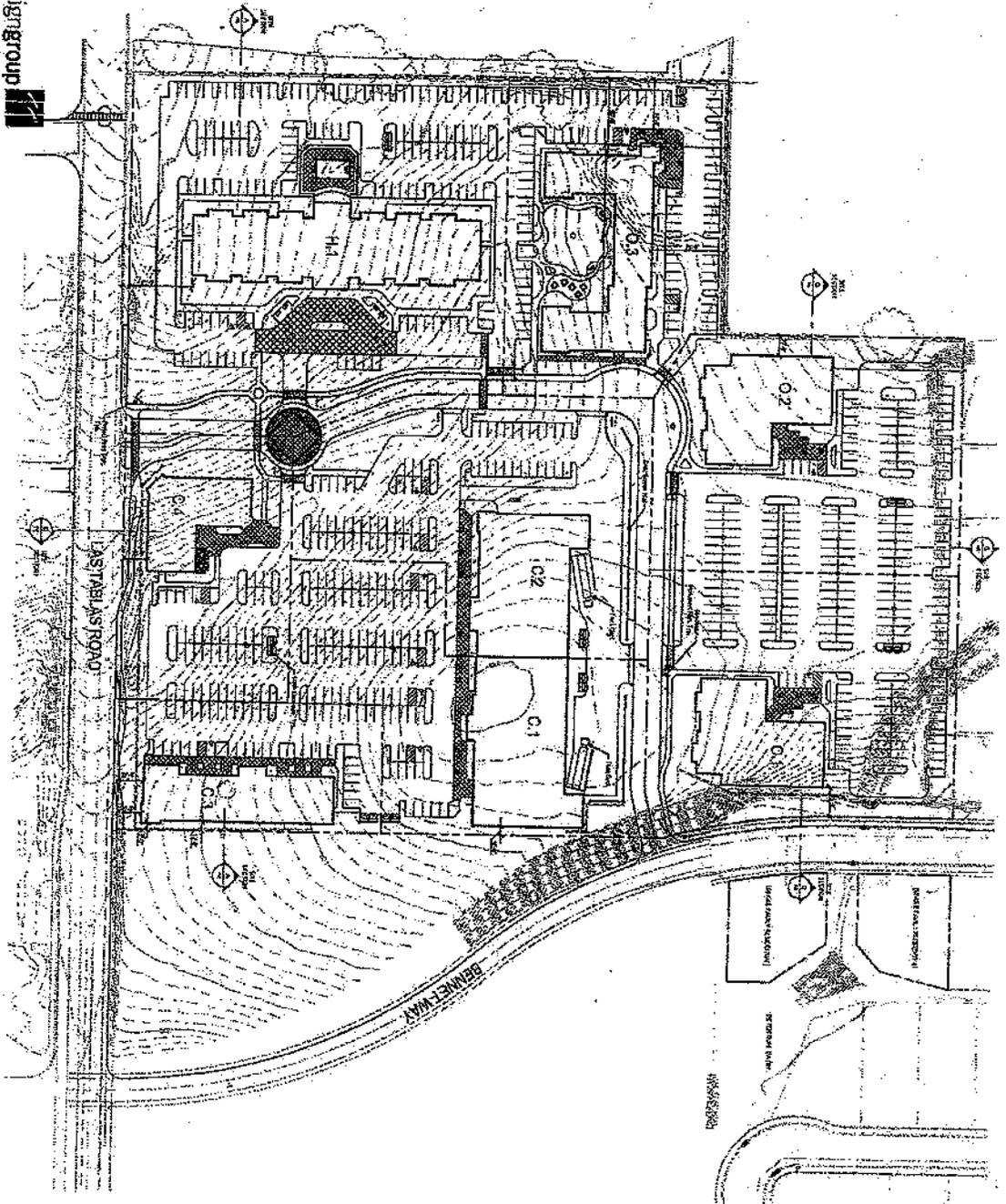
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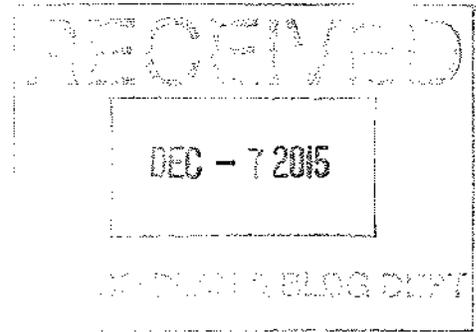
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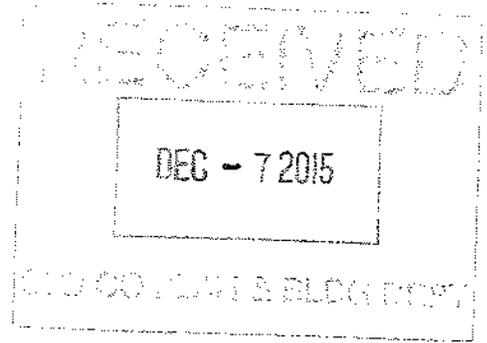
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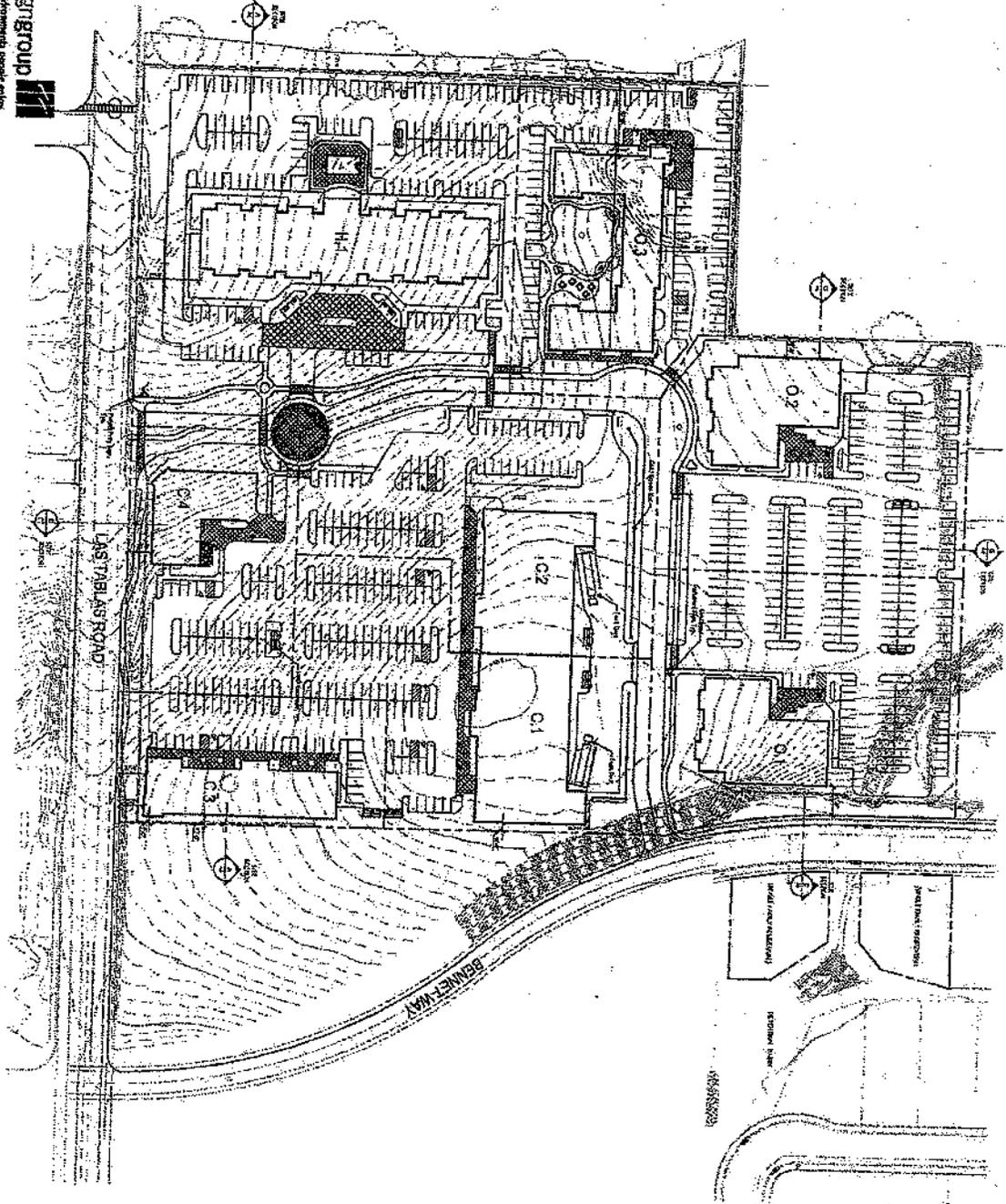
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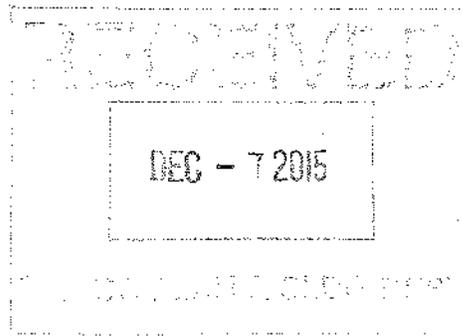
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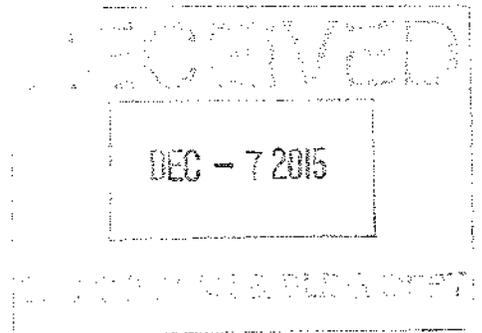
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From: Roger Bowsky  
769 Lavender Lane  
Templeton, Ca 93465



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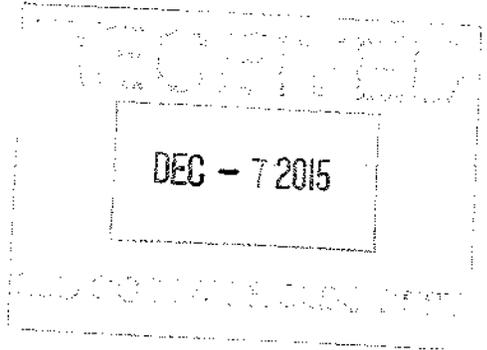
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San Luis Obispo Planning Commission  
County of San Luis Obispo  
1055 Monterey Street  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408



December 4, 2015

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in regard to your consideration of the proposed psychiatric hospital for Templeton. I am a licensed psychologist, former Director of Health and Counseling Services at Cal Poly, and am the current Chair of the San Luis Obispo County Behavioral Health Board (although I am writing this letter as an individual). Prior to coming to Cal Poly, I worked for Kern View Hospital, Inc., a private psychiatric hospital in Bakersfield, California, for fifteen years, and served as the Chief Executive of the hospital from 1989 to 1995. I wanted to comment on several relevant issues.

**Community need.** Our need for voluntary psychiatric beds is incontrovertible. The number of beds needed is dependent on a variety of issues, including the demographics of the population, insurance characteristics of the population, and the number of mental health professionals in the community.

**Quality of care.** Most acute mental health issues serious enough to warrant inpatient care can be handled through voluntary admission. Having such resources in the person's home community allows for better continuity of care, because in many instances they can be treated by their current psychiatrist or other mental health professional while in the hospital. Serious mental health issues are a family matter. Having a local hospital would make it possible for family members to be more involved in their loved one's treatment and in discharge planning. This is especially important in the treatment of children and adolescents.

**Neighborhood safety.** In the fifteen years I worked at Kern View, I am unaware of a single episode of one of our patients causing any issue in the neighborhoods near our hospital sites. At both sites, there were homes or apartments within several blocks of the facility.

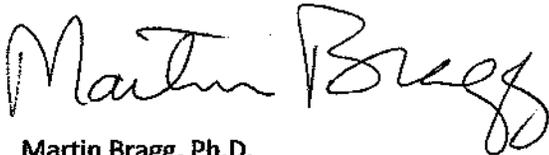
**Impact on the PHF.** Poly sent students to the PHF throughout the year. I would expect that at least half of students and their families would have opted for a voluntary admission were it locally available. I presume that this would also be true for the general population as well. Of course, a small number of involuntary holds would be expected to come out of the hospital as well.

**Impact on law enforcement.** We did on occasion need to call law enforcement to handle an acting out patient or to transport patients who needed to be involuntarily hospitalized. I am depending on my memory here, but for a 60 bed facility I believe that that happened one to two times per month. The flip side to this is that the availability of a voluntary admission could be expected to reduce the number of admissions to the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF), which can be quite time consuming for law enforcement. Likewise, having a local facility would make intensive treatment more accessible which

will reduce the number of cases that go untreated until there is a community impact or need for involuntary admission to the PHF.

I feel strongly that having such a facility locally will be a significant addition to the health and safety of our community. I hope you will give your support for this project to move forward.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin Bragg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M" and "B".

Martin Bragg, Ph.D.  
California Psychologist license PSY6407  
2310 Del Norte Street  
Los Osos, CA 93402

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Dear Commissioner Harrison,

DEC - 3 2015

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Most sincerely,

Bill Ched

9025 La Canada Ln. Atascadero



To the County Air Pollution Control Officer:

4 December 2015

The proposed hospital in Templeton is planned and designed to have a maximum capacity of 91 patients. This is 46 beds less than the minimum suggested number of beds for San Luis Obispo County. The California Hospital Association has calculated a need for 138 acute psychiatric beds for San Luis Obispo County. So has the County's own Behavioral Health Integration Project Report.

Although we will not deny admission to this facility from other areas, our operational plan is designed to serve the residents of SLO County. It is not designed or intended for patients outside of the county.

Right now, residents seeking inpatient treatment from SLO County must travel hundreds of miles in their personal vehicles to be admitted. Their family, co-workers and friends must also make that trip. I have spoken to facilities as far south as Los Angeles and as far north as Santa Rosa who regularly admit patients from SLO County now because of the lack of services in SLO County. That means upwards of six hours on the road for each patient trip taken to far away facilities.

Behavioral health hospitals do not function like acute medical-surgical hospitals such as Twin Cities or French. Behavioral health hospitals do not have emergency rooms, ob-gyn services, radiology, etc. All of these are major traffic generators.

Patient stays at behavioral health hospitals average 5-10 days with emphasis on patient assessment, stabilization, treatment and discharge planning. Visitors are not encouraged due to the intensive care and need for stabilization. Comparing these two types of health care facilities is like comparing apples and oranges in terms of vehicle trip impact.

I cannot stress enough that the impact on traffic on the roads of California and San Luis Obispo County will be a positive one.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark E. Schneider", written in a cursive style.

Mark E Schneider  
CEO and Founder  
Vizion Health

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**Kirk Kidwell**

808-434-3283 kkidwell80@gmail.com 1582 Tanager Court, Templeton, Ca. 93465

December 6, 2015

San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am writing in regard to the request submitted by Mr. Harvey Billig for a Vesting Tentative Parcel Map and Conditional Use Permit. In particular the 70,419 SF / 91 bed Hospital.

I have lived in San Luis Obispo County since 1958, growing up in Morro Bay and graduating from Morro Bay High School, getting my Business Degree from Cal Poly SLO and finally working for the San Luis Obispo County Assessor's Office for almost 35 years. The last several years were spent as the Assistant County Assessor.

While I believe there are many, many areas of concern: the size and scope of this facility, potential impacts on health and safety, fiscal impacts on the Templeton Community and Templeton School District, the negative impact on traffic and air quality, additional strain on water usage, potential loss in surrounding property values, potential cost increases to county services.

While all of the above concerns can have a major impact on the small community of Templeton. I would like to ask you to please consider two items in particular.

1. I would respectfully request the Commission to strongly consider the findings and recommendations of the Templeton Area Advisory Group (TAAG) who voted 7 - 0 to reject this proposal. After considerable review TAAG clearly felt this was not a development that was in the best interest of the community.
2. If the Commission does see fit to approve this request I would like to bring your attention to - ATTACHMENT 7 Negative Declaration & Notice of Determination, last paragraph page 3 and continuing to first paragraph on page 4. It states that this will not be a locked down facility (Also stated at the TAAG meetings as well). However, correspondence between Vizion CEO and SLO CO / Behavioral Health Dept. suggests that licensing for an LPS Designated site could be in future plans. Converting this in part or in whole escalates some the above concerns to a greater degree. Especially; Health and Safety and Loss in surrounding property values. I believe these unintended consequences should be addressed and mitigated if at all possible.

I would like to respectfully request the commission consider placing a use restriction on this proposed development, restricting it to a Voluntary Patient Facility only.

Thank You for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Kirk Kidwell



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## Survey Response

Name	Chris Weygandt Alba
Contact Information (Phone Number, Email, etc.)	enchantedoak@sbcglobal.net
	<p>To: San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission                  Re: Approval of proposed private psychiatric facility in Templeton                  From: Chris Weygandt Alba, Templeton CA: Dear Planning Commission, Don't be misled by an isolated enclave of self-serving homeowners without a shred of medical experience in brain disorders, who imagine a "ludicrous" private psychiatric facility in Templeton will discharge some psychotic "out-of-towners" lurking madly in their landscaped yards. In fact, a compassionate community in the North County wholeheartedly desires local access to private psychiatric acute care. In churches, neighborhood forums, and respectful dialogues, we have scores of knowledgeable people, experienced in psychiatric crisis, speaking out on behalf of suffering neighbors – actively SUPPORTING a private-patient psychiatric facility on Las Tablas Road. Who speaks for our community? For multitudes who don't speak or can't speak and aren't heard at all? Not those vocal few homeowners near Las</p>

Question or

Tablas Road – with no medical education in mental illness, no experience in psychiatric crisis – only ignorant fear of their self-styled “ludicrous” scenarios. Let’s ask our greatest resource and largest population—our burgeoning generations of elders—and the Baby Boomer seniors who are parenting their parents as well as their children and frequently their grandchildren too. Too bad so many elders can’t speak for themselves—because America’s soaring rate of crippling dementia is stripping their brains of language while it shreds their dignity. Who speaks for loved ones dying the slow agony of Alzheimer’s—the most rampant brain disease in America? Citizens of Templeton itself are crying for help, a safe room in a trained facility—but no room is available for them, because only ONE facility exists in the North County and it suffers a shortage of beds. Then please pass the mike to thousands of senior citizens in SLO County with clinical depression, the American epidemic of suicidal Baby Boomers—oh, except they too can’t speak, because they’re paralyzed by despair or planning their suicides. Let me speak, then, for eight dead friends in my little sphere, with gifted brains afflicted recently by fatal illness in

## Comment

happy SLO County. Contributing citizens of our community, their medical insurance was useless in this county offering no private, inpatient treatment—and so, eight good neighbors suffered unspeakable deaths: They fell upon railroad tracks and off cliffs, and choked on vomit in bed, or lost everything and overdosed, or hung themselves at home, for loved ones to find—and for their children to do likewise in teenage misery. My extended family is a lifelong contributing part of this community. We've built schools, churches, libraries, homes, orchards, and industries. We've worked in dirt, grease, blood, and asbestos, providing meeting halls, classrooms, volunteer labor, almonds, meat, heat, and cool air—and died without medical treatment for brain disease. My parents were Paso Robles Bearcats for life. They helped build a school, a neighborhood, and a playground for the community. My father crawled through fiberglass and asbestos in this county, giving people comfortable air-conditioning until cancer killed his brain at age 52. My mother, the Bearcat May Queen of 1949, was driven from her own town at 79 and 80 pounds, when she suffered an Alzheimer's crisis at my Templeton home. Her hometown had no room for her in

a skilled treatment center, offering only closed doors in a single facility—so she was forced from her familiar home to a strange place elsewhere. The trauma triggered the final stage of the disease, killing her in four months. And I endure lifelong periodic major depression, even while my husband and I support our community—we volunteer, use local businesses, raise a family of self-supporting citizens, and promote multiple non-profits to help our neighbors. Four times in 17 years, I've gone hundreds of miles away from home to find treatment at in-patient, private-care facilities. I've had to leave my family and support network for weeks at a time, to fight for my life with distant psychiatric care. Distance from treatment interferes with recovery from medical crises in the human brain. Distance isolates fragile people from their family support system. Distance prevents families from participating in the long and difficult recovery from devastating illness. We are overwhelmingly an older population of private means, already isolated geographically from sophisticated medical treatment centers. Our community needs care, and our county needs to provide care for our people. Please approve this private psychiatric facility in

	<p>Templeton. Sincerely, Chris Weygandt Alba – self-trained mental-illness expert, citizen of Templeton, resident of San Luis Obispo County</p>
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## Survey Response

Name	Gidi Pullen
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Question or Comment	I am submitting a very strong YES vote for allowing the psychiatric hospital in Templeton. Thank you!



Proposed Templeton Psychiatric facility  
gregg ellison to: RHedges@co.slo.ca.us

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Dear Planners,

I am VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED to the size and location of the proposed hospital :

I believe much more study needs to be done in terms of it's impact on our town and county.

Things that are concerns, some of which may be appropriate for an EIR:

We need the developer to pay for an independent study as to what will it cost the Templeton School District to teach the students who don't live in the Templeton School District.

The developer should have to pay all educational unreimbursed costs that result from non Templeton school students, from day one.

What are the air quality issues of the extra mileage driven by out of county patients and their families.

We need to have a study that in hard numbers show how many of our county residents will actually qualify for insurance coverage and care to be patients. They need to be required to take any patient from our county who needs care, not just those with insurance.

It needs to be a locked facility, or moved.

It may save some county costs from short term inpatient care, but these cost savings are likely to be far exceeded by the costs to: law enforcement, schools, and extra social services provided by to out of county patients. An independent study needs to be done before approval.

The Vizion Company is a paper company and has no track record, what is going to keep them from promising one thing, and then selling it to a different organization with a different set of patients that will create numerous other problems.

It is within a 10 minute walk of hundreds of homes, as well as our parks and schools, yet we have not even one police officer on continuous duty to respond immediately to problems. I am worried form grandchildren.

The developer should pay for policing the facility and community.

Sincerely,

Laura Ellison