



Templeton Mental Health Hospital

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From: tarron beauchamp <tarronbeauchamp@gmail.com>

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As a concerned resident, we STRONGLY oppose the building of the mental health hospital. The beauty of living in Templeton has always been that it is a relatively safe place to raise a family, and now we are having the largest mental health hospital in the state built in our backyard. Building the hospital is extremely concerning to myself and my family. We have lived in Templeton for 30 years, and we would consider moving if the hospital were to be built.

The fact that there will be no police support in an area that is surrounded by residential homes is extremely unnerving. In addition, there is a park less than a block away where many of our children play.

The Billig's appear to be opportunist. Harvey's Day Surgery business endeavor was not a success. Melanie was a unremarkable Mayor.

Greed should not be a reason for implementing such severe changes to our wonderful little town.

Sincerely,

The Sears Family



ATTN: Planning Commission Secretary

Claire Heinritz

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12/09/2015 09:11 PM

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From: Claire Heinritz <claireheinritz@gmail.com>

To: RHedges@co.slo.ca.us

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY IN TEMPLETON.

I am a Templeton homeowner and a health professional in a medical office next to the property the facility is proposed to fill. I am a 20 year health professional and am opposed to this thinly-veiled, predatory profiteering project seeking to benefit from mental illness and a small community.

This project is wrong for this community for several substantive reasons.

1. Templeton is a small sleepy community with a rural context. Our police & fire services are limited and would be tasked beyond their measure. Schools would be negatively impacted.

And the facility would be an elephant in our community. I support mental health services but oppose this wrong-minded location. A psychiatric facility located near the old General Hospital facilities in San Luis Obispo makes far

more sense than rural Templeton. Please vote NO on this ill-advised profiteering plan for a psychiatric facility in Templeton. It's not what's best for mental health patients or for Templeton. It's a predatory profiteering proposition.

2. "Beware profiteers" like the Billigs who would seek to force the wrong project on the wrong property in the wrong community for the wrong reason. Beware of for profit corporations that have no local interest or integrity and have No Experience in managing a deeply complex issue like psychiatric crisis care. Please Vote No immediately on this profiteering ill conceived project.



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To: San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission

Re: Application for Conditional Use Permit for a Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton

From: Kathryn Hansen,
P.O. Box 264
Santa Margarita, Ca 93453

I am attaching to this e-mail a form which was being passed out in front of the Von's supermarket in Atascadero by someone collecting signatures for a petition regarding this facility. Possibly you are familiar with this list of claims and doubtless in looking at it you will recognize the false statements even better than I do. I am writing to suggest that petitions which have been circulated with this much false information should not carry much weight in making decisions about what is in the best interest of the community. I hope that the planning commission will go forward with the recommended actions of the staff in this matter and not allow themselves to be bullied by the loud voices of those who would appeal to fear through lies and manipulation.

Just as a matter of personal experience, I have two mentally ill persons in my immediate circle of friends. Both of these persons have had to be hospitalized as a matter of course in their illness several times. It is often a matter of balancing one's resources against the urgency of the problem which determines when or if a person receives the needed treatment. If a family will need to drive to Fresno or to Ventura to interact with their relative once hospitalized, sometimes the family will not have the resources to do that so they will not immediately seek the help that is needed. Especially in the case that an individual has an ongoing problem, resources run out, thresholds of alarm get higher, vehicles may not be available, time off work may not be possible without losing one's job. Very sick people sometimes go untreated in our county because the treatment centers are so inaccessible. The question is, do we as a community acknowledge that we have mentally ill people with us and provide for them and their treatment, or do we put the burden of our denial on the families, wait and hope that nothing violent or tragic ever happens again.

Please add my experience to the input you have received from others in the county. We do need a treatment facility. It is currently your responsibility to decide whether this particular facility can be built. I ask you to do your jobs correctly.

Sincerely,



Kathryn C Hansen, Santa Margarita



Fw: Please approve the facility in Templeton

Hannah Miller to: Ramona Hedges

12/10/2015 09:52 AM

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From: Mila Vujovich-LaBarre <mvujovichlabarre@slcusd.org>
To: hmiller@co.slo.ca.us
Date: 12/10/2015 09:16 AM
Subject: Please approve the facility in Templeton

December 10, 2015

Dear County Supervisors of San Luis Obispo -

It is my understanding that the proposed facility for mental health treatment in Templeton will be discussed at today's Board of Supervisor's meeting.

Due to my teaching schedule, I may not be able to present public testimony in person, so I am sending this brief message in hopes that you are able to review it.

As a public school teacher for over three decades and as a parent of a child whose is permanently disabled due to mental health issues, I am hoping that the facility in Templeton will be approved. This treatment facility would be a huge blessing for many patients and their families.

As teacher, I have witnessed the trials and tribulations of families that have had to deal with teens who have been in need of treatment for depression, suicidal ideation, bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. Families have had to seek help at facilities in Ventura, Los Angeles, Stanford, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Fresno. The distance to transport the child with mental health issues is traumatizing for the patient and family members. Also, the distance does not promote family unity and ongoing support.

As a parent, I speak from experience. Our oldest daughter was born at 1 pound 14 ounces, three months premature. She was airlifted to the neonatal unit in 1989 and stayed there for three months. The brain matures during the last three months in the womb, so some physicians have indicated that her severe prematurity may have contributed to her current, disabled condition. At the age of 5, that same child experienced a sexual assault. During her teenage years, her world and our world began to crumble due to situations surrounding her fragile and failing mental health.

With her placement in facilities in Ventura, Stanford, UCLA and Santa Barbara, it caused a significant stress on the integrity of our family structure. It was not unusual during her hospitalizations for me to leave work after at the end of my teaching day, drive to UCLA or Stanford for visitation hours and drive home in time to teach the next day. Her hospitalizations at distant locations caused me to miss a total of four months of work.

The distance involved in seeking treatment and support for our daughter's mental health condition contributed significantly to the dissolution of my 27-year marriage. My younger daughter, now a thriving college graduate, "lost" a sister and had to cope with that loss with little support.

A facility in Templeton would allow families in our area to seek treatment for children and adults in crisis. It would allow local therapists and doctors to treat patients and communicate with the families and/or loved ones on an ongoing basis.

I would like to calm the fears of residents and state that most children and adults with mental health issues are humbled and often are in need of food, housing and emotional support. They are not a threat to the community. In addition, most people who are transported in an emergency mental health crisis situation are taken to a regular hospital. When transported to a mental health facility, they are transported as discretely and quietly as possible.

Please vote in favor of this facility with empathy for those who suffer from mental illness and those that love them.

Thank you.

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Proposed MH facility
Janet Lederer to: rhedges

12/10/2015 05:16 AM

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J Lawson

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Proposed Templeton Mental hospital
Joy Pearson to: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us

12/10/2015 08:58 AM

Please count my NO vote
Do not let them force this on our community

Joy Pearson