

A sexually violent predator may be placed here in Los Gatos.

The state and its contractor have proposed housing Michael Cheek at a rental home in Los Gatos. He was convicted of kidnapping a 21-year-old woman and "raping her at gunpoint."* He "escaped custody a year later"* and "raped a 15-year-old girl in Lake County before being recaptured."** A judge decides whether it goes forward.

WHY IT MATTERS TO YOU

The Sheriff opposes this site.

Unreliable cell and GPS coverage could interfere with monitoring and response.

Help would be slow to arrive.

Narrow roads, dense forest and steep terrain would complicate any search.

Children live and play nearby.

Family neighborhoods, schools, a Girl Scout camp, a church and a park are nearby.

WHAT STOPPED PAST ATTEMPTS

2021 OWNER WITHDREW

Emerald Hills

Withdrawn after police and residents objected.

2021 JUDGE APPROVED

Bonny Doon

Judge APPROVED it despite local objections. Undone on appeal only by a quarter-mile school rule.

2024 OWNER WITHDREW

Aptos

Homeowner rescinded after neighbors objected.

2026 OWNER WITHDREW

Watsonville and Santa Cruz

Both hotels withdrawn, citing community opposition.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

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Send a letter by Oct. 29

Email SVP@scdao.us. Say where you live and why this site fails.

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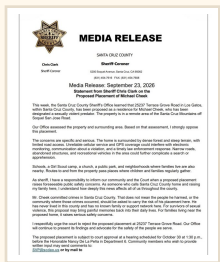
Attend Oct. 30, 1:30 p.m.

Superior Court, Dept. 6, 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz. A full room counts. Confirm the date on the site.

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Tell 3 neighbors

Share this flyer and the site. Lawful, visible opposition works.



Sheriff, Sept. 23, 2026



Proposed site (not to scale)



Kids play on these roads

Past owners ended it.

In three of four attempts, the owner withdrew after the community spoke up. Their choice protected their neighbors.



Scan: letter guide, details, sources
losgatos-svp-notice.pages.dev

Keep it lawful. No threats toward anyone, including Mr. Cheek. Do not contact or approach the property owner, their family, or the property. Comment only via the DA's SVP Unit.

* Lookout Santa Cruz, Sept. 23, 2026. ** CBS News Bay Area, Nov. 15, 2021. Other sources: Santa Cruz County Sheriff media release, Sept. 23, 2026; The Pajaronian; Court of Appeal No. H049691.

Shared by Los Gatos residents. Full sources at the site above. Printed Sept. 29, 2026.