

A COURT-DESIGNATED **SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR** COULD BE PLACED IN LOS GATOS.

A judge decides on **Friday, Oct. 30** whether a home in the Los Gatos community (Santa Cruz County) will be used for the supervised release of Michael Cheek, a court-designated sexually violent predator. **The Sheriff also opposes placement at this site.** His release was ordered in 2019; the court is now deciding **where** he lives. This folder has everything you need to speak up and spread the word. For the latest information and downloads, visit <https://losgatos-svp-notice.pages.dev/>.

READ FIRST: NOT LEGAL ADVICE. This kit was put together by concerned neighbors, not lawyers, and is not affiliated with the District Attorney, the Sheriff, or the Court. Nothing here is legal advice. **You are solely responsible for what you write, post, send, and do.** Only take the three actions below: send your own letter, share these materials, and attend the hearing. Only say what you know to be true. Never threaten, harass, or contact Mr. Cheek, the property owner, or their families, and never go to the property.

1 SEND YOUR OWN LETTER (10 MINUTES)

Write a few respectful sentences in your own words on why **this location** doesn't work. Sign with your name and address. Email it to **SVP@scdao.us ASAP, no later than Oct. 29** (it must be received before Oct. 30). Prefer paper? Print the page in **folder 4**, write your letter, sign it, and email a photo or mail it to: SVP Unit, District Attorney's Office, 701 Ocean St., Room 200, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Answer in your own words: (1) Who you are and where you live. (2) Why **this site** doesn't work. (3) Something you have seen yourself, like your cell service, the roads, or families nearby. (4) Your request: please do not approve this placement. Personal letters carry more weight than copied ones.

2 SHARE IT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Share only the materials in this folder, and only on your own accounts and pages. Do not add the property's address, photos of the property, or anyone's personal information.

Captions: open **Captions - copy and paste.docx** and copy the text for your platform. (Copying from this PDF adds broken line breaks.)

Instagram: use **folder 1**. Start a new post, select **all 3 pictures** in order (1, 2, 3), and paste the Instagram caption.

Facebook, Nextdoor, X, Threads, Bluesky: use the single wide picture in **folder 3** and paste the matching caption. (Facebook crops pictures when several are posted together, so one wide picture shows best.)

Stories: post the picture in **folder 2** and add a text sticker: **Email SVP@scdao.us ASAP** and a link sticker to <https://losgatos-svp-notice.pages.dev/>.

Group text or WhatsApp: send the picture in folder 3 with the short caption.

3 ATTEND THE HEARING

Friday, Oct. 30, 1:30 p.m., Santa Cruz County Superior Court, Dept. 6, 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz. Arrive 30 minutes early. In past hearings the public could attend but not speak, but a full room still gets noticed. Follow all courtroom rules and staff instructions. No signs, chanting, or demonstrations inside the courthouse. **Folder 5** adds the hearing and a letter reminder to your calendar: just open the files.

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