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**Regarding:** Opposition to placement of Douglas Badger at 10957 Horizon Hills Drive, El Cajon

Dear SVP Release/SAFE Task Force:

The Grossmont-Mt. Helix Improvement Association is an 83 year old 501C(4) non-profit public benefit organization that represents approximately 7,000 single family homes with 20,000 residents in our community. Our mission is to preserve and enhance the character and quality of our region.

This letter is to oppose the placement of Douglas Badger, a sexually violent predator (SVP), who is scheduled to be released to 10957 Horizon Hills Drive, El Cajon in the Mt. Helix area. Badger was convicted of offenses that include child molestation, kidnapping and forcible oral copulation while assaulting young male hitchhikers at gunpoint.

He was sentenced to prison in 1991. In 1997, Badger was deemed high risk and committed to a maximum-security state hospital when it was determined that he was not capable of being part of the general population in prison. He remained in the state hospital for 24 years.

Badger has been classified as an SVP, the worst of any sex offender because they usually violate strangers. To be classified as an SVP in California, one of the criteria is that the predator is diagnosed with a mental disorder that makes him likely to re-offend. Badger is diagnosed with two mental disorders, Schizoaffective Disorder and Sexual Sadism. Schizoaffective Disorder coupled with any controlled substance can alter someone's judgment and behavior.

Badger has been in custody for over 30 years and his criminal history began well over 40 years ago. Badger was granted release in 2005, however, his release was rescinded because his therapist was found to be having an affair with another SVP. This is a horrifying example of poor judgement by a "professional" entrusted to decide the placement of Badger in the community.

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In 2006, Badger was released and placed in a trailer on the grounds of R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility. Badger lasted there only one year. The state says he was returned for medical reasons, but although the prison has an infirmary and a special needs facility housing approximately 800-1,000 inmates, he was instead returned to a state hospital for 14 more years. That raises concerns about the claim that he had a medical condition. It is important to note that although Badger's custody classification level was never reduced during his annual reviews, he is being paroled to the community.

San Diego County has seen the terrible consequences in similar cases in recent history. In 2010, John Gardner was discharged from parole. Within a few months of this discharge, Gardner kidnapped, raped and killed Amber Dubois on her way to school. Her crime would never have been solved if Gardner did not re-offend almost immediately. Gardner's first victim got away that day in Rancho Bernardo. Chelsea King wasn't so lucky. She was raped, killed and her body was dumped. Gardner had no remorse that day in court and chuckled out loud. This is an example of what an SVP is capable of doing.

More than ever before, it is critical that Douglas Badger not be placed in our community. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, home schooling (virtual learning) is the norm for elementary, middle and high school students. We believe that every home school is protected by Jessica's Law which prevents predators from living within 2,000 feet of any school.

Douglas Badger not only has the potential, but is likely, to reoffend, just as John Gardner did. By placing him in Horizon Hills, a quiet family-friendly residential neighborhood, Badger will be in a position to torment, victimize and kill anyone at any time. Therefore, we implore you to take action to prevent this placement from occurring.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathleen Hedberg".

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