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Councilmembers:

In 2011, I wrote to you regarding a drug detox residential facility that was expanding by building a second large 7 bedroom home directly across the street from our local elementary school. At that time, the owner lied to the neighborhood and said that he was going to live on the premises, but never did. In fact, he has never resided in LA County. Now, he has purchased five houses in a small R-1 zoned neighborhood and has three houses clustered together as one unit. The owner is also a general contractor and has increased these houses from 2-3 bedroom homes to 7-8 bedrooms. When construction is finished he will have approximately 32 bedrooms and 30 baths.

In 2011, our neighborhood opposed the expansion of this large facility which was licensed for only 10 residents at that time. Now the Dept. of Alcohol and Drug Programs has increased the number to 28 residents. This is a drug detox -- residential drug treatment program!! These residents are not clean and sober, yet. In addition to expansion of its license, the business has 20+ employees, including a private chef. The houses have absolutely no parking to provide its employees or visitors. In addition to that traffic, the facility has four 15 passenger vans that are parked in front of the elementary school. This issue is out of hand, and I am disgusted that the city would turn its head to allow a large for profit business to operate in the middle of a residential neighborhood -- across the street from a school.

Like I said, our neighborhood complained about a second house in 2011 and now we have five. Our neighborhood is time bomb ready to explode. This large facility has its residents walking from one location to another and our children can no longer play outside. I fully support treatment, but this is clearly the wrong location. How can I trust the judgment of these owners when I have found numerous flaws in their public records? If someone will lie to the State of California, the neighbors and to the families they provide services to, then how can we trust that our children will not be injured. Not one person can promise us parents that our children are safe!!! To make matters worse, **these houses accept medical insurance** -- doesn't this seem odd? A medical provider in a residential neighborhood? Across the street from a school? No parking? Too many employees? Too many houses? Too many vans?

Let me remind all of you, Tobias Summers graduated Cri-Help in December 2012. He was not a registered sex offender but was on a relapse when he and his friend decided to burglarize that Northridge house. Now, the authorities found him hiding out in a drug treatment facility!! I didn't purchase my house to raise my children next door to a drug detox facility. I am a recovering person and I no longer feel that my children are safe. While the owners of these five houses drive home to another county each night, our neighborhood is stuck dealing with the negative effects. These people don't live in our community and they aren't raising a family in this neighborhood, yet they seem to have more rights than we do.

I want something done.

Shannon Hill

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