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Cameron Estates Community Services District respectfully requests El Dorado County explore other options to distribute Health and Humans Services Agency (HHSA) clients, Mental Health clients, and prison release program clients to more proportionately and equitably housing facilities throughout the County going forward.

The combination of the majority of these clients being released into the center of our city creates deleterious challenges for our community. 52% of El Dorado County client program individuals have been housed at the Quality Inn on Coach Lane in Cameron Park! What is going on at this motel has rapidly deteriorated our economic center in Cameron Park and it is well known that crime has dramatically increased in this area.

The shopping and business centers surrounding Coach Lane are suffering increased crime and loss of tenants. This decrease in tenancy will deteriorate our businesses and all of Cameron Park.

A review of the website tourism reviews like Yelp and TripAdvisor paint a very serious and frightening scenario. Families, travelers, tourists, motel employees, and housekeeping staff are vulnerable and not safe at the Quality Inn. These parolees are felons who have committed serious crimes and housing them with vulnerable HHSA and Mental Health clients is untenable.

Cameron Estates is in very close proximity to the Quality Inn and we are a bucolic neighborhood of approximately 300+ homes and a neighborhood of families – children, retired people, and elderly people. These residents, especially children and older adults, are very vulnerable and they need to be considered! Residents no longer want to take walks or ride their bikes and they are afraid to leave their homes for any length of time for fear of break ins!

We recognize that this is not something we can ask to completely eliminate from our community, and we also acknowledge the challenges associated with finding appropriate vendors that will accept what the county seeks to provide for this population. However, we feel that there are more responsible and considerate ways for the County to manage these housing needs. These individuals are better served if they are housed in a supervised situation such as a halfway house where they are monitored, helped, and rehabilitated.

We are respectfully asking El Dorado County Auditor, Probation Department, Sheriff's Department, and Health and Human Services Agency seek more equitable solutions for the distribution of these individuals to other areas of the County with more appropriate living situations which will reduce our local burden significantly.

Sincerely,

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