

Dear Friends,

Earlier this year, many of you rallied with me in opposing the placement of the Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) Douglas Badger in East County.



East County has been disproportionately burdened with released SVPs – over 60% of those released have been placed in our community. Thankfully we were successful in stopping SVP Douglas Badger, but the process exposed many problems with the process of releasing SVPs.

With the support of my colleagues, earlier this year I directed County staff to review the SVP placement process and report back to the Board of Supervisors. Their report identified that the State government controls the decision whether to release an SVP and where to place them, and the Courts must approve it. However, the County has an opportunity to provide checks and balances in the process, by verifying that the State and its contractors are following all applicable laws when they select a site.

At the Oct. 19th Board of Supervisors meeting, I am bringing forward a proposal to require the County do exactly that.

In the recent attempt to place SVP Douglas Badger in East County – the property was found to be in violation of County laws. Clearly the State and its contractors need to be held accountable.

If my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors approve my proposal, it will require our County departments to review each SVP placement site for any violations of state or local laws. The County government is the only line of defense between vulnerable communities and the State government's process for placing an SVP, and it's time for the County to step up and make sure the State is following their own laws.

If you agree with me, please [sign this petition](#) in support. It is important to demonstrate to the County that the East County community expects them to hold the state accountable.

Please forward this email on to your friends and neighbors who would also be interested in supporting this effort.

Thank you for your support, it's an honor to serve you.

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