

Thomas Wiles

From: Vicki F 
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2021 4:30 PM
To: Rachel Saunders
Cc: Thomas Wiles
Subject: RE: Carr Lake project

Importance: High

Good afternoon,

I appreciate your time Rachael & Tom in this matter. I was waiting to respond until the Salinas Council voted on defunding the police department. As we all know that was voted on last night and it appears the Majority of the Council members care about the sidewalks more than police protection.

I am terrified of this Carr Lake Project. You are putting a park in the middle of the largest homeless sections of Salinas. I have a hard enough time trying to keep them off my Sherwood property now, but encouraging them by giving them green grass, restrooms, and wide-open spaces to put up a tent is not the way to discourage encampments. Homeless camps bring trash, drugs, and violence.

Your studies are the about the environment not the negative impact it will have on property values in the area. Your recreation plan may work in other areas of the State, County or City but putting it where you are proposing will bring nothing positive short or long term . You say the park will have the same police presence as other parks is not reassuring me at all. You have the Sheriff Department right next to the Constitution Recreation Area and I have watched that park have Violence including shootings, Gang presence, trash and drug passing hands. The Police presence is only after a crime has been committed, they are not roaming the area.

Now that the police department has been defunded do you really think it will deter the negative influences the park and recreational areas like you are suggestion will happen?

I have tenants that have lived in the houses I own for over 40 years this Park across the street from them scares them.

Does the City have the money in their budget to fulfill the duties you are suggestion below? Where in their budget does it show money put aside for daily maintenance for cleaning restrooms, picking up trash, and protecting the public for this Carr Project?

I oppose this project for justified reasons.

Thank you for your time,



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Thomas,

Thank you very much your time in this matter. I hope this will clear up some questions I have, but by glancing I am not seeing the following:

1. Hours
2. How the area will be maintained and by whom
3. How they will keep the homeless from setting up home there
4. Police Presence – In every park in Salinas gangs tend to move in and take over.

My property is directly across the street and will impact my tenants in a negative way more than positive from what I am seeing.

Thank you,
Vicki

From: Thomas Wiles <thomaswi@ci.salinas.ca.us>
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Dear Vicki,