

I am writing on behalf of concerned residents and parents in the San Marcos community regarding the proposed Recovery and Wellness Campus planned for 800 W Mission Road, a location that is immediately adjacent to residential neighborhoods and several middle and elementary schools.

We want to make it clear that this project is moving forward without proper community input or public hearing, despite the facility's significant and lasting impact on our neighborhoods and schools. This disregard is deeply concerning and undermines our community's trust in the decision-making process.

We understand that the City of San Marcos may have limited discretion due to the State of California DHCS Bond BHCIP grant's automatic zoning approval process. However, that does not absolve local and state leaders of their responsibility to represent the people they serve.

We urge you to:

- Publicly call for a pause in the project until community stakeholders, including school leaders and residents, have been fully consulted.
- Demand a formal public hearing prior to final state funding approval.
- Request an independent safety and environmental impact assessment, given the proximity to schools and residential homes.
- Support relocation, downscaling, or reconfiguring of the campus if necessary, to ensure the safety, security, and well-being of families and children nearby.

While we recognize the critical need for substance use disorder treatment, this site is not appropriate for a 150-bed facility of this nature and size. The absence of a community review process, coupled with the proximity to schools, raises serious concerns regarding safety, mental health impact on children, traffic, and long-term neighborhood effects.

We respectfully request your leadership in ensuring our voices are not only heard but acted upon before the project receives final funding approval this May.

