

To whom it may concern,

We are writing this letter because we have a G.L.O.M. home next door. I am not sure what to call this type of home, transitional care, rehabilitation, institution, etc. I have been living in this neighborhood since 2009 on and off. Returned June 2016 back to our home in Merced from San Jose, CA. We were forced to learn more about G.L.O.M. because we were unfamiliar with this type of residential living arrangement. We felt it wrong since they moved in because no one took our neighbors and ourselves into consideration. I feel it is very wrong for them to place dangerous individuals next door to a family-oriented neighborhood.

The first week of August we began listening to a man yelling profanities in his backyard. It was so loud I had to close my windows in order to avoid my children listening. We became especially concerned because we have a 10-year-old child and we did not want him to listen to that. I also liked to keep my windows open during the early morning to save on the electric bill however, that came to an end when G.L.O.M. came into the picture. I was forced to close my windows not only to avoid having my children hear the profanity, but also to be able to work from home. I work from home and my bedroom faces my yard and it seemed that every morning I had to close my window so that I could conduct my business as usual via the telephone. Saving on electricity was no longer an option from early morning to noon in the late summer days.

The next month in September 2020, I received a document to change an address for them through my employer. Although, they have no idea a Federal employee works next door to them I am not comfortable with them being next door. Our agency pays out benefits to permanently disabled individuals and I cannot have anyone find out who I work for. I fear they may find out and, only fear this because we are an agency that has received threats at times when claimants are angry that things haven't been to their favor. I haven't experienced anything like that from them but the above has come to mind.

We have had the people that hang out on their backyard yell profanities, sing loudly and all that I can pass but when you look at their website and it tells you they are working with individuals that have behavioral illnesses, incarceration, homelessness and substance abuse. This is worthy of loosing sleep over this especially when their windows face our windows from the upstairs hallway and stairs.

Speaking on the matter of windows near the stairs and hallway my husband was walking down the hall last month, November 2020, and he noticed a young Hispanic guy staring into our home from his stairway. We know the floor plan of the home because we were friends with the owners that lived in the home back in 2010 through 2015, or so. So, we know they have a loft upstairs and we understand we will cross each other occasionally. However, there is a difference between a glance and dead stare. We now have to make sure we tell our kids to turn the stairs hallway lights off before they cross that window that faces their window. These are large windows and are more like to allow natural light into the home that is why neither they nor us have window shades up. However, we have now recently purchased some window film to put up.

Last night was when I have had it! My youngest, 10-year old son was crossing the hallway and forgot to turn the lights off before he crossed and noticed someone looking at him from the corner of his eye. My son wears glasses and he was able to feel a dead stare at him. He came down to tell me this and I was pretty creeped out and scared. He said he froze when he noticed the man was staring at him in a very

strange way. He said the man looked young like in his twenties and that his stare made him feel very uncomfortable and like it penetrated his soul. I then decided to call the non-emergency Merced Police Department. I called around 7:30pm, a couple minutes after the incident and an officer arrived around 8:30pm. He took our report and we told him what had happened. He said they really aren't violating any laws however, if they start self-gratifying themselves while looking at us or recording or taking pictures then they could be charged with peeping. He did understand our concerns and offered to go speak to them. We accepted his offer so he went to speak to them.

I cannot believe that the city is allowing this to happen without permission—something has to be done. I understand they are human beings and have their rights but what about ours and our family's safety and their own safety. How do we know they will have them under control and how do we know their employees are equipped enough to care for such individuals? We oppose to this home being placed in the middle of a family-oriented neighborhood. I feel my family's privacy has been jeopardized and I have had to accommodate to them when I own my home.

Best regards,

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