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Santa Clara County Superior Court 191 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street Department 32 Attention: San Jose, CA 95113

Subj: Sexually Violent Predator Dariel Shazier

Dear Judge

- 1. In response to the letter, dated July 9, 2019, from State of California Department of State Hospitals addressed to the Sacramento Police Department, this letter serves as our official opposition to the proposed placement of Dariel Shazier in the city and county of Sacramento.
- 2. I, Daniel Hahn, Chief of Police for the Sacramento Police Department, strongly oppose the placement of Dariel Shazier into our community. As the top law enforcement official in the City of Sacramento, I am charged with the protection and safety of our citizens and community members. Placement of Dariel Shazier, determined by the Department of State Hospitals to be a Sexually Violent Predator, would place our community and citizens at an unacceptable risk for victimization.
- 3. After a thorough review of the information provided and investigations completed by the Sacramento County Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (S.A.F.E.) Task Force, the proposed location for placement in the City of Sacramento presents a substantial risk to children, our most vulnerable population. The area proposed is a residential family-oriented community with a large percentage of young adults and children. In addition, the proposed location is in close proximity to church youth organizations, elementary schools, and high schools. The proposed location is well traveled by children walking and riding their bikes to and from these locations. Due to the nature of the criminal acts committed by Dariel Shazier and the determination, per legal definition, a Sexually Violent Predator presents a serious and well-founded risk of re-offending.
- 4. The Sacramento County District Attorney's Office has completed a petition to the Superior Court of Santa Clara County that spells out in greater detail the opposition to the placement of Dariel Shazier. As the Chief of Police for the City of Sacramento, I fully concur with the District Attorney's findings.
- 5. Dariel Shazier has no known ties to the City of Sacramento, or Sacramento County. There are no known family or support systems in place, and although contracted agents such as Liberty Health have had success in treatment and monitoring of Sexually Violent Predators in the past, we are not willing to

put our community at risk. There is established precedence that offenders have a greater chance of rehabilitation and treatment when placed in the jurisdiction where the offender resides or has resided, not in placing an offender in an alternate jurisdiction. Dariel Shazier neither committed, nor was convicted of his sexual offenses in Sacramento County. Therefore, the burden of monitoring and ensuring compliance should not be placed on a jurisdiction that has no involvement in the commitment or conviction of said sexual offenses. Dariel Shazier is not from our community and our community should not be placed in unnecessary and unacceptable risk of sexual offenses by a Sexually Violent Predator.

- 6. In 2017, the California Department of State Hospitals proposed locating Dariel Shazier in a community within Placer County. After a large opposition effort from the residents and community in Placer County, Dariel Shazier was barred from relocating to Placer County. The recent decision by the California Department of State Hospitals to propose locating Dariel Shazier in the Del Paso Heights community without proper evaluation and analysis is impetuous and inherently dangerous. The Del Paso Heights community deserves the same protection from the criminal justice system as more affluent communities the courts have already deemed unsuitable locations to place Sexually Violent Predators.
- 7. The California Department of State Hospitals has contracted with outside entities, such as Liberty Health, to monitor and supervise released Sexually Violent Predators into communities. The Sacramento Police Department does not have the additional resources to monitor the location and whereabouts of Dariel Shazier. The Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking system currently employed by Liberty Health is not monitored or accessible by law enforcement agencies. In addition, GPS tracking systems are not without flaws and do not present a guaranteed safeguard against offenders victimizing our community.

Sincerely,

Daniel Hahn Chief of Police

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