

Costa Mesa Police issue second needle exchange protest to the state – City of Costa Mesa News
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Ada T.

Ada T., Westside Costa Mesa North·4d ago

SEApplication@cdph.ca.gov - Come on people, please send an email to oppose this. "The best way to get out, is to stay out in the first place". You will all be crying if this happens. I know someone wrote the city council will not allow this, it's not a city thing, it's a state thing. It only takes a few minutes to send the email. The police department would not keep posting this if it didn't matter. Let's show Sacramento we really do care about our city! Flood their inbox with emails. Thank you.

Matt M.

Matt M., Mesa North·4d ago

No needle exchange in Costa Mesa we have enough crap that goes on in our city and hopefully the city brings more police officers in on the 4th of July to crack down on all the illegal fireworks every year it gets worst

Karen M.

Karen M., Lower Mesa Verde·4d ago

The article states other cities have shuttered the program because of the increased number of discarded syringes. The program doesn't work and it doesn't belong in Costa Mesa, which by the way, has more than 160 sober living homes even though our population is only 113,000. Half of those homes are unlicensed.

We have more sober living homes in Costa Mesa than any other city in OC. The profitable homes entice addicts and sign them up with insurance. Once the money runs out, they evict them. That is tragic. The homes don't help the very people they are preying on. Yes, there are some out there that do good work, but I believe the only reason we have so many in Costa Mesa (way more than a population of 113,000 warrants) is because it is a profitable business. I sent my email this morning and I also posted information to my friends hoping they, too, will email regarding this program.

Connie A.

Connie A., Canyon Park/Fairview Park·4d ago

Agree with Ada. So important to send an e-mail voicing your concerns and opposition. It can be as simple as saying you agree with CMPD and oppose OCNEP operating in CM and urge them to deny the application.

Julie J.

Julie J., The Eastside·4d ago

I sent my e-mail opposed to this needle exchange.

Robert M.

Robert M., Westside Costa Mesa·4d ago

I did also, this is what I wrote:

I strongly oppose the Needle Exchange Program in Costa Mesa that is being considered.

- There is an elementary school a very short distance from the proposed site.
- Many children walk through this area to and from school.
- Discarded needles are a serious health hazard and constantly occur in areas that have needle exchange programs. No one actually "exchanges" needles, they just throw them on the streets.
- Needle exchange programs support dangerous activity and concentrate more individuals with serious problems.
- There has been a major increase in car break ins, thefts and burglaries which will continue as more addicts look to support their dangerous habits.
- We are in the middle of an opioid addiction (and death) epidemic. These people need to be in treatment, not receiving free needles to support their dangerous and illegal activity.

For the sake of our community, do not initiate this program.

Dorothy C.

Dorothy C., MV Islands·Edited 4d ago

I thank the City of Costa Mesa Police Dept. for taking a stand against the Needle Exchange Program and concur with them that the program is not helping any one.

John M.

John M., Civic Center Park·4d ago

Thank you for thinking of the Costa Mesa citizens, children and grandchildren who can't use the parks due to needle discards. Your efforts to arrest the drug problem in Costa Mesa, instead of catering to the problem is refreshing in this liberal state. It is amazing that Santa Ana is willing to give up this cure in their city. Keep looking after the tax paying citizens in C.M.

Linda T.

Linda T., Westside Costa Mesa NE·4d ago

I will say it again I have lived here since 1969 when Costa Mesa was a beautiful place to live and raise a family but I must say it has become a dumping ground for drugs,sober... See more

Lisa M.

Lisa M., Bluffs / Fairview·4d ago

I will be sending an email. Clean, free needles make it easier for them to inject drugs. And the state plans to give them "cookers", tourniquets and other paraphernalia also!! Plus, how do the addicts get money for the drugs that go into the needle? Many of them do it by panhandling or stealing. Just a terrible idea.

Gabriela E.

Gabriela E., Upper Birds·4d ago

We have lived in Costa Mesa for almost 30 years and we are proud of being part of this community. We have people who come to Costa Mesa to raise families and build a future; we host an outstanding community college—2nd place among 114 community colleges in California--that welcomes thousands of students. This city should be a safe, clean and lively place for those who want to raise a family and build a future; it should not be a dump for needles or anything that would harm our community. It seems that Costa Mesa is becoming the city of *choice* for anything that no other cities want in their neighborhood. What's next? Building a prison? Please DO send an email to SEPApplication@cdph.ca.gov. We need to re-direct our city towards a safer path.

Laura J.

Laura J., Canyon Park/Fairview Park·4d ago

If they have money to buy drugs, why can't they buy their own needles? why should others pay for them?

Dorothy C., MV Islands·13 Jun

Thanks to the cops...wisdom will prevail. All a program like that does is enable addicts to share addiction and create health hazards for the public

Jessie C.

Jessie C., Princeton Group·13 Jun

This just enables. It doesnt help. Your not showing any compassion. I've found discarded needles on Harbor and Adams, I brought this up to the city, I showed photos. This is SO STUPID!!!

Jason T.

Jason T., Mesa Verde North·Edited 13 Jun

Great. Should we give them bathrooms, showers as well ? Some people conclude that giving these vagrants, degenerates and drug addicts more services and accommodations will reduce their populations and help the honest families and elders that have lived here for years ultimately live in a better city. Studies and real life shows that is not the case. Just the opposite. I'm sorry but these folks are either incredibly deluded and naive or just plain dumb.

John L.

John L., Mesa Verde Smallwood·13 Jun

So now users will share needles get diseases like hepA, hepB, and hepC. Some of these users work in the food industry and will share the hep with non users. This puts us all in danger.

Robert M.

Robert M., Mesa Verde·13 Jun

I'm pretty sure they do that in Anaheim and that towns homeless situation looks pretty good lol. Let me ask you this if your loved ones were addicted to drugs would you give them money if they asked for it? That's enabling them and there never gonna hit rock bottom if people keep accommodating them, it's even less responsibility than they already have to worry about

Fern M.

Fern M., Canyon Park/Fairview Park·13 Jun

Actually, I would give them showers and bathrooms...which is in the best interest of the rest of us. Not needles though. I picked one up to get it out of the parking lot of the 99 cents store on Harbor.

Carmen M.

Carmen M., Croftdon·14 Jun

I oppose the program as well. It will increase the amount of people who are working on being sober to fall back into bad habits and it promotes the use of drugs. They can get free needles, why should they quit? The only way I see it working is that users must return their needles in order to get a free one but that is too big a responsibility to give a user. I say no. I don't want the program here.

George D.

George D., Westside Costa Mesa North·14 Jun

I hate to break it to you guys, but there are needle users sleeping with your children, with your daughters, with your sons and with your husbands. Nobody ever decided to start or stop shooting dope because of their access to clean needles. If it's discarded needles you're worried about, wouldn't you prefer that those discarded needles had a less likely chance of having Hepatitis or HIV? Getting IV drug users connected to an exchange is often the FIRST step towards getting them clean. Don't let your short-term fears derail the long-term goal of cleaning up our community.

Shaye C.

Shaye C., Princeton Group·14 Jun

anybody have a good home audio guy?

Josh B.

Josh B., Eastside Heights·14 Jun

This is second "article" posted to Nextdoor today about the "Costa Mesa needle exchange program" and neither of these articles bothers to mention that literally the only body proposing this exchange is the one running it. Also not mentioned is that every member of the city council has vociferously opposed the proposal at city council meetings. Seriously, every one. Even the boogeyman of Nextdoor Katrina Foley.

Not sure where the hysteria is coming from.

Kathryn F.

Kathryn F., Canyon Park/Fairview Park·14 Jun
Wow. I can smell the hate.....

Ken F.
Ken F., Upper Birds·14 Jun
Otis Campbell, where have you gone?

Elle W.
Elle W., Lower Mesa Verde·15 Jun
George, that is about the most uninformed ridiculous argument made on this topic. The needle exchange program has zero to do with entering sobriety and most of us don't sleep with needle users. Although I will give you credit for ingenuity. If the program failed in Santa Ana, where they were smart enough to NOT renew the contract due to the abundant increase of publicly discarded needles, then why would it succeed in Costa Mesa?!?!? Addicts don't follow rules and don't care about their health or public safety. Further, our law enforcement agencies have gathered far more intelligence before they release public their position on various initiatives. Addicts are not welcome here.

Kathryn F.
Kathryn F., Canyon Park/Fairview Park·15 Jun
Addicts are everywhere, dear.

Connie A.
Connie A., Canyon Park/Fairview Park·16 Jun
They "exchange" at a ratio of 1:20 (turn in one and get 20) with a max of 200. Santa Ana did not allow them to renew because needles were everywhere (including books in their library). They make no efforts to cooperate with police or existing programs for homeless/addicts. This program has operated in an irresponsible manner.

Joleen S.
Joleen S., The Eastside·17 Jun
I'm thinking selling needles received at Needle Exchange may be an opportunity to make money for an addict, to buy more of their drug of choice. On second thought, when an addict wants their DOC, regardless if he has money or not, he knows how to get it free.