

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4354

***A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PERRIS OPPOSING THE PAROLE OF
FELON DONALD SCHMIDT TO RIVERSIDE
COUNTY***

WHEREAS, in 1988 at the age of 17, Donald Schmidt sexually assaulted and brutally murdered a 3-year-old girl more than 400 miles away from Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, Donald Schmidt drowned the defenseless girl in a bathtub in a five-minute period while the girl's mother was getting a towel; and

WHEREAS, Donald Schmidt was convicted as a juvenile in Santa Cruz County and has been confined since that time in state detention centers for juveniles; and

WHEREAS, even though this now 38-year-old dangerous felon has never even been to Riverside County, state juvenile justice officials had considered paroling him to a facility in the Good Hope area of Riverside County, near the western border of the City of Perris; and

WHEREAS, the Good Hope facility is less than one-half mile from the Goodmeadow Community Center and less than one mile from Good Hope Elementary School, which more than 500 children attend; and

WHEREAS, although Donald Schmidt is still under the control of state juvenile authorities, state law governing the parole of adult felons outside their home county requires the state Board of Parole Hearings to consider public concern that would reduce an inmate's chance of successfully completing parole; and

WHEREAS, the furor and public protest that followed the parole of sex offender David Allyn Dokich in 2005 to a halfway house in Mead Valley graphically illustrates the public concern that would threaten Donald Schmidt's ability to live in Good Hope and successfully complete parole; and

WHEREAS, when an adult felon is to be paroled out of his home county, the Board of Parole Hearings must consider whether there is a verified work offer, or an educational or vocational training program for the parolee, none of which apparently exists for Donald Schmidt in Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, Donald Schmidt has no family in Riverside County with whom he has maintained strong ties and whose support would increase the chance of successfully completing his parole, another factor that the Board of Parole Hearings must consider in paroling adult inmates out of their home county; and

WHEREAS, Riverside County should not be treated as a dumping ground for other counties' paroled felons, and if Donald Schmidt or any felon must be released, it should be to his home county or a place where he has ties to the community, not to a place where he is a stranger whose mere presence worries and endangers Riverside County residents; and

WHEREAS, it would have been unfair and shameful to release Donald Schmidt to Riverside County, where residents have no connection to him and no responsibility for dealing with him or his crimes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Perris that it vigorously opposes Donald Schmidt's parole to Riverside County, and vigorously opposes any felon's parole to Riverside County, an unconscionable and indefensible act that would unfairly burden Riverside County and create fear and potential danger for its residents.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, this 29th day of July 2010.

Mayor, Daryl R. Busch

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Judy L. Haughney, C.M.C.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) §
CITY OF PERRIS)

I Judy L. Haughney, duly elected City Clerk of the City of Perris do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 4352 was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Perris at a special meeting thereof held on the 29th day of July 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: YARBROUGH, EVANS, LANDERS, ROGERS, BUSCH
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

City Clerk, Judy Haughney, C.M.C.

