

Gilroy Prep School Safety Update

Map of GPS and encampment area (highlighted in gold)

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Imagery @2022 Maxar Technologies, USDA Farm Service Agency, Map data @2022 100 ft

A Recap of the Situation to Date

OI Situation

Over the past year a large encampment of members of our homeless community emerged behind GPS.

O2 Problem

During this time GPS has experienced nearby fires causing evacuations, drug use by residents, unsafe behaviors placing children at risk.

O3 Early actions taken

GPS VP Culture & Operations, parents, & Navi leadership contacted Gilroy Police Department numerous times with little success as the property ownership was in question

O4 Turning Point

The Gilroy Mayor was at an event across the street and saw the encampment, numerous fires occurred back to back, Navi leadership contacted all council members and city manager & an officer was assigned to the situation.

05 Resolution

Gilroy Unified, the owner of the property, in conjunction with Navigator, the Santa Clara County District Attorney's office, and Gilroy PD is implementing a plan to relocate the residents of the encampment. While the process has started, resolution will not happen overnight (2 month timeline)

Resolution & Next Steps

- 1. Gilroy Unified School District (GUSD) is placing No Trespassing Signs referencing the appropriate penal code along the creek bed. Navigator is placing the same signs on our back fence.
- 2. GUSD and the Gilroy Police Department will then:
 - a. Give verbal notice to all residents of the community they need to vacate within 30 days
 - **b.** GUSD will work with a local nonprofit to provide resources to members of the encampment
 - c. GPD will cite and help to relocate anyone left after the 30 days
 - d. GUSD will then clean out the area and trim the trees to discourage future encampments
- 3. Navigator has ordered and is installing new security cameras (at the request of GPD) to assist in the arrest and/or prosecution of school disturbance crimes (indecent exposure, drug use, weapons, etc...)

Follow Up

- Communication has been shared with parents
 & staff on the resolution & process
- Navigator staff is in constant contact with GPD & GUSD. Kirsten Carr will stay as point of contact until situation is resolved.
- GUSD Superintendent, Gilroy City Manager, & Police Chief meet bi-weekly and will continue to include this as a discussion item.

