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**RE: *District Attorney Makes Filing Decision in Protestor Case***

District Attorney's Joyce E. Dudley announced today that the District Attorney's Office will not file criminal charges on the eight protesters who were arrested and cited for obstructing the free movement of people on a public street on February 25th, 2021 on Salvar Road near the San Marcos Preserve. The contractor who was blocked from entering the property by the protesters initially sought law enforcement's involvement, but subsequently, the property owner who employed the contractor informed Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office personnel that he did not want charges to be filed. The property owner's and the contractor's input was taken into consideration both at the time of the arrests and at the time of making a filing decision.

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