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I grew up in Vietnam. I have seen multiple times in my life when the Vietnamese government told people what to do, and people didn't do it; then the Vietnamese government cornered, put pressure on, harassed, and finally punished them. The Vietnamese government treated its people as second class citizens.

Sadly, halfway across the globe, the big government is doing what it wants. I have seen it again, unfortunately. Salt Lake County Mayor and his group were using the same a "playbook" that the Vietnamese Communist government has been using for years. They made their own decision without our knowledge and involvement, and then they threw their three potential homeless shelter sites to us and asked us to deal with it. They took a privilege or a right away from people in West Valley City and South Salt Lake City. They treated us just like second citizens.

I personally think they didn't study those sites thoroughly because those sites are near six elementary schools, parks, a large elderly population and several daycares.

I want to invite you to join us to fight back that we are against these three potential homeless shelter sites in our city. Hopefully, they are going to listen to us this time.

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