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Report: Immigration detention camp headed to Bay Area

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• Plans unclear for reuniting separated immigrant children

CONCORD (KRON) - The U.S. Navy plans to construct immigration detention camps on bases throughout California including one in the Bay Area, Times Magazine revealed.

The former Naval Weapons Station in Concord could house as many as 47,000 people under President Trump's 'zero-tolerance policy,' according to Congressman Mark DeSaulnier.

He said the Trump administration is making a hasty decision and needs to "take a time out."

DeSaulnier's statement reads:

“STOP! The Administration needs to take a time out. This is no way to effectuate intelligent immigration policy, including for those seeking asylum. This is absolute madness and I oppose it wholeheartedly. If the Administration wants to have a rational dialogue about fixing our immigration system, I am happy to do that, but making up immigration policy on the fly is just wrong. We will fight this in every way we can.”

The City of Concord released a statement in response to the U.S. Navy’s proposal to house immigrants at the remote facility.

The City of Concord is very concerned to learn of news reports that the Navy may be planning a detention center at the Concord Naval Weapons Station.

The Navy has not communicated information to the City about any such plans, although we have reached out to them upon hearing these reports. While the City of Concord is currently negotiating to acquire and eventually develop the Naval Weapons Station, we do not have jurisdiction or control over that federally-owned property.
Last September, the City of Concord passed a resolution affirming Concord’s commitment to being a welcoming, inclusive, tolerant and supportive community for all. We do not feel that a detention center within city limits represents those values. We are working with Congressman Mark DeSaulnier, and through him, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, to gather additional information in order to address this issue.