
From: Customer Service
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 10:18 AM
To: City Clerk
Cc: alexwwk
Subject: koRe: Concern regarding homeless shelter near residential area

Hello,

We have forwarded your request to the City Clerk for more information about public noticing . You can call them directly at (408) 535-1260 in the future for more information.

Thanks,

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From: alexwwk <
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 9:29 AM
To: District4; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; contact@lanforsanjose.com; Customer Service;
BridgeHousingCommunities
Subject: Concern regarding homeless shelter near residential area

Dear San Jose City Officials (Mayor and Council Members),

Recently, various proposals, plans, and municipal code/regulation changes/amendments targeted for solving the homeless problems in the city have been floating in the neighborhood communities. It not only caused great confusion among the neighbors/communities and it immediately became a public decry.

Most recent topic is about the zoning change that allows public assembly places to be temporary homeless shelters. Neighbors are extremely concerned and some have expressed their some angers for the matter itself and how it was handled by the City.

The amendment was passed without properly soliciting public feedback and opinions before the decision and vote were made.

Turning some assembly places into homeless shelters may pose great risks to the neighborhoods, and even to the City. Below are just a few of the top concerns and the list could go much longer.

Some are too close to the schools and libraries where children/minors assemble and/or walk by. Having homeless people nearby poses great safety/security risks to the children/minors.

Some are too close to the green protection areas (which are undeveloped). Having homeless people nearby poses great wild fire dangers.

Some are too close to the water sources for residential use. Having homeless people nearby poses great health risks of water and environmental contamination.

While we all support City's intention and effort to resolve the homeless problems, we need equally to weigh in considering the interests and well-being of our average citizen/neighborhood/community.

Therefore, we strongly request that for any effort of establish a homeless shelter City must go through a public notification and hearing process.

Thanks,
Alex

From: Irma Valencia [mailto:]

Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 5:06 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: 8/22/17 Agenda item: Actions Related to the AB2176: Bridge Housing Communities.

Recommendation:

Dear Mayor Liccardo:

I am writing to express my concern and frustration over the proposed selection process for BHC sites and the lack of communication on the part of the City to residents of the neighborhoods that will be impacted. There has been very little to no community outreach during this whole process and no information is being shared to the affected communities. Many residents heard about the proposed sites on the news and not from the City or elected Council representatives. When residents complained to the media about the proposed sites that's when City staff reevaluated the site selection criteria and came up with different guidelines. Unfortunately those guidelines still leave a BHC proposed site right in my backyard.

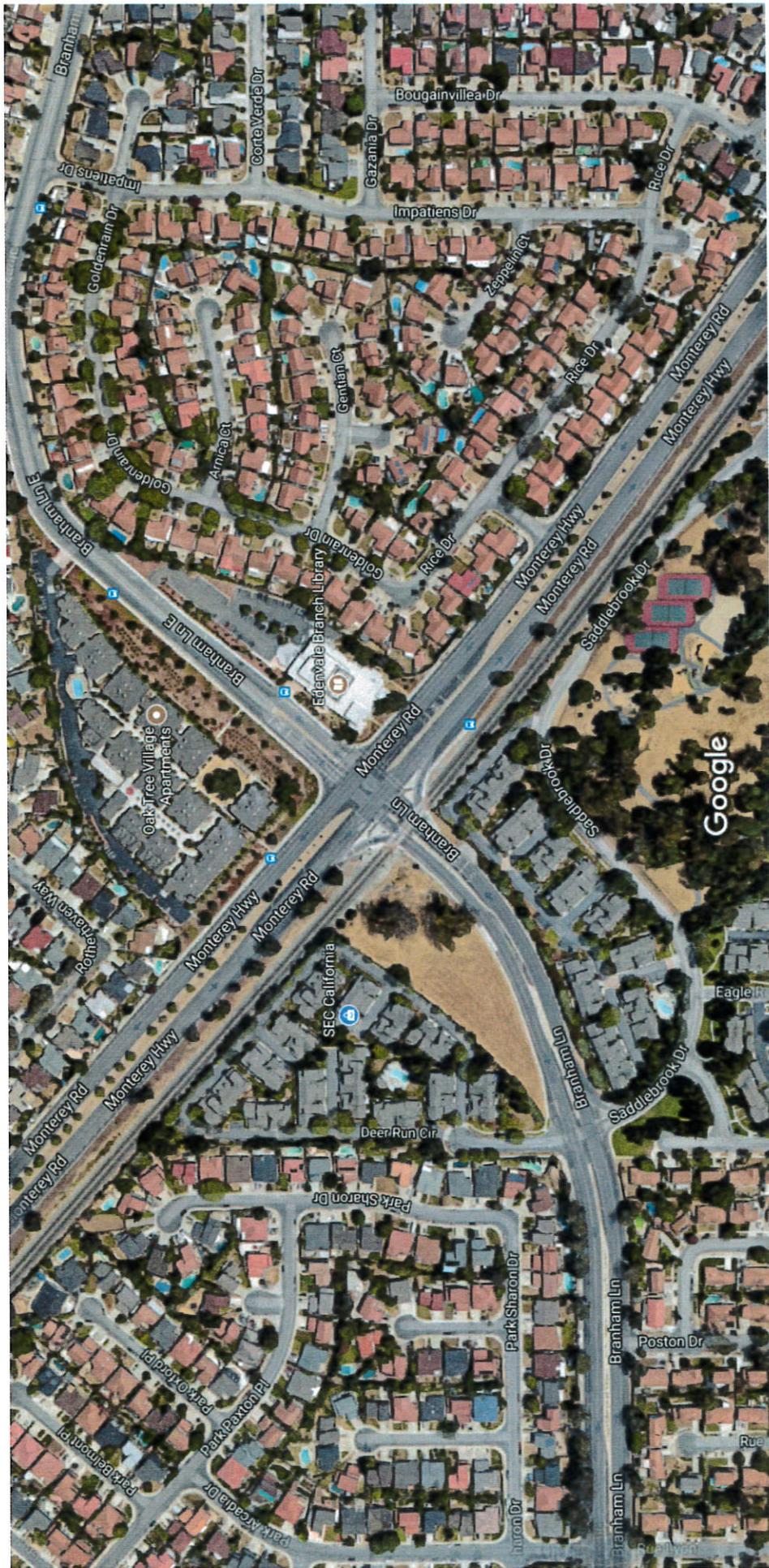
I am a resident of District 10, and the only site that is now on the table for this district is located at Branham Lane and Monterey Road (described as excess Branham Lane right of way). As you can see from the attached image, this location is surrounded by homes, it is across from a City Library, surrounded by residential neighborhoods with no access to utilities. We are no different than residents in Willow Glen, the Rose Garden, or the Almaden Valley, we want safe and clean neighborhoods, yet our community has been dealing with illegal homeless encampments for a while now, along Monterey Road, along the railroad tracks, underneath the overpasses on Monterey & Capitol Expressway and in the local corner shopping center at Branham and Snell. Now the City wants to place a community of "tiny homes" in a residential area that is already dealing with its share of homeless issues.

Our Next Door neighborhood association held a community meeting last month after hearing about the proposed BHC site at Branham/Monterey, there was a large turnout of residents both from District 10 and District 2, all of whom had many questions. Because of the lack of communication and outreach on the part of the City, residents are concerned about the safety of the neighborhood, the amount of oversight and services that will actually be provided to BHC residents, the effect of a BHC site on property values, and the impact on the quality of life for residents and their families in the surrounding communities. Every resident who spoke out at the meeting acknowledged that finding appropriate housing and services for the homeless is a necessity for the City, however many questioned the efficacy of the City's plan. A total of 50 "tiny homes" on two proposed sites which is what the City Council is being asked to vote on at the 8/29/17 meeting has no meaningful impact on the homeless crisis in this city. One of the sites being proposed in D-2 is the inside ramp loop at Monterey and Bernal Rd. A ramp loop?? Really?? That is the best the City can come up with? The number of proposed "tiny homes" and the sites being proposed indicate to me that the City has not thought this out in a responsible and realistic way. Homelessness is not just a city issue, it is a countywide issue, what if any efforts have been made to partner with County of Santa Clara in finding more suitable locations for BHC's?

I urge the City Council to come up with a more carefully thought out plan and open up the process to community input.

Cordially,

Irma F. Valencia
San Jose, CA 95136



From: sara francia [mailto:sara.francia@sanjoseca.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 8:21 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Homeless bridge housing

The site that's being considered braham and monterey rd I oppose this proposal. The surrounding homes will lose value by at least 20 percent. Children that walk to schools and library near the site will be endangered.

Crime will increase.

The site that originally suggested coleman/almaden was opposed by Mr.Khamis because of traffic. What does he think we have here? Railroad which can endanger people more so than traffic. Mr.Khamis lives near the original site that is the reason why he does not want it there. He suggested braham/Monterey Rd.

The residents in district 10 and district 2 have rights to. We want our homes to be safe especially for our children. We have all worked hard to keep our home values up, this will only destroy our dream. Values decline, safety for our families will no longer be there has to be a site that is better than this next to a residential area. Please do not put this homeless encampment in this area. Put yourself in everyone's shoes that live here.

Thank you

Sara Francia

From: Siddharth Kamath [mailto:]
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 10:16 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Actions related to the AB2176: Bridge Housing Communities

I would like to express my extreme disappointment and disapproval at the proposal to build bridge housing in my neighborhood of Frontier Village.

We all accept and agree that there is a growing concern over homelessness in our city and this needs to be addressed. However, it is completely unacceptable that a proposal like this one is being jammed through the city council without the inputs of the residents living in that very community. There are many ways of dealing with this issue and I am sure you have received quite a few solutions from some of our neighbors, but creating temporary housing this close to existing residences is certainly not the answer.

I am specifically referring to the proposed site at the **Monterey-Branham intersection which falls in district 10**. Here are my concerns:

1. The site is surrounded by the Frontier village residences on 3 sides. Moreover, the proposed site is less than 150 ft away from residences which does not even fall in the criteria that the city has proposed. I see that 95 of the proposed 99 sites have been deemed unsuitable for these tiny homes. **Can you please explain how this site was deemed suitable despite being so close to residences?**
2. The site is diagonally opposite to the Edenvale public library which is accessed by kids, seniors and other community members. It is completely insane to have anything that is even remotely dangerous and disruptive, so close to the library.
3. The Edenvale park is a few hundred feet away from the site which is frequented by residents of Frontier village and Hayes and also by residents of neighboring communities.
4. The proposed site is also next to the railway line which makes the place unsuitable for any form of housing.

Some of these points make that site possibly the worst one to be chosen for any form of housing.

District 10 is one of the largest districts in San Jose, and I find it extremely frustrating that the council has not been able to locate a site that is not this close to residences. Your staff has conveniently left out the more affluent neighborhoods in D10 and tried to jam this site which is actually borders district 2. (I am sure you will hear more from residents of D2). Furthermore, in my opinion, the council should undertake a resolution to not put elements that should be distributed between all districts, anywhere within an appropriate distance from the borders of each district so that any one district is not disproportionately affected.

As one of your constituents, I would like to remind you that decisions as important as this one, something that will affect our quality of life cannot be made in such a haphazard manner without inputs from the community members. We have worked hard to start a life and buy a home in this community and you cannot disrupt the lives of hundreds of people already living here to house a few. I am sure we can work together to find better ways to help and house the homeless.

I also sincerely hope you understand our concerns and make sure this is resolved in an amicable manner.

Thank you,
Siddharth Kamath
Resident of Frontier Village

8/29 4.2

From: Bibek Bhattarai [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 4:55 PM
To: City Clerk; mayoremail@sanjoseca.org; bridgehousingcommunities@sanjoseca.org; District2; District1; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10
Subject: About Actions related to the AB2176: Bridge Housing Communities

Dear Mr. Mayor, City Council Members,

I am seriously concerned about city's plan to put bridge housing for homeless peoples in Branham and Monterey intersection. And also most of my neighbors from this area have similar concerns and **we do not support/agree with San Jose city's plan to put bridge housing in this area.** You might have already heard from most of our neighbors about this. Here is a **petition that has already received more than 1000 signatures** from my district https://www.change.org/p/city-of-san-jose-don-t-bring-crime-drugs-and-disturbance-to-our-hood?source_location=minib

We have some major safety concerns about this plan

- 1) The site at Branham and Monterey intersection is **very close to Davis intermediate school**, kids walk through this intersection on their way to school.
- 2) The site is **very close to Edenvale Library and Edenvale park**, childrens are always present on these sites.
- 3) This is one of the **major intersection** where cars travel at high speed, having homeless camp here will **increase panhandling that will be big safety issue for commuters as well as homeless people.** Also train tracks are near by.
- 4) There are already some illegal homeless tents near by, and neighborhood is suffering due to this- **pan handling, graffiti, trash, home burglary.** Creating a camp near by will increase these activities and our neighborhoods will be not safe.
- 5) Lots of family take this road to go to nearby Snell & Branham plaza for their groceries, dinning and other shopping. We will be putting this community and shopping plaza at risk.
- 6) Based on what I have read the **homeless people put on these locations will not go through any screening process**, they will not require to get help if they have mental or drug issues. **This just sounds crazy to me why would you plan to bring this type of camp near a residential neighborhood close to school, library and park.**

Donner Lofts have screening process still the crime and police activity there is high and concerning (<http://www.mercurynews.com/2017/07/10/donner-lofts-problem-or-hope/>). Just imagine what will happen in this location if you are not even screening the people housed in this camp.

Lastly why does only District 2 have to bear this burden, out of 100 initially proposed sites only 2 that are in District 2 made the final list. Why?

I agree homelessness is biggest problem of San Jose and needs to be addressed, but is it worth bringing this experimental pilot bridge housing near a residential neighborhood, putting our children and neighborhood at risk?

Finally Mayor, Council members as residents of your city and district we are counting on you to do the right thing here and not put our community and children at risk for an experimental plan.

Regards,
Bibek Bhattarai
District 2 Resident

From: Steve Stroup <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 1:12 AM

To: City Clerk

Subject: Bridge Housing

This is a stupid idea. Put the homeless in nice dorms at the county fair grounds, give them the services they need there. Do not put these small units in neighborhoods. Here are just some of the problems:

- 1) how nice do you make them? running water,heat,too nice and they will not leave
- 2)who will patrol the area, police are already short handed
- 3)they are going to have visitors, have a campfire, loud music, drug problems,etc
- 4)how are they going to be selected- ones that have best personal hygiene,longest residents of San Jose,veterans,have children, no behavior problems or drug history,have friends in city gov. -- see it gets ridicules

The county provides the counseling (as I understand) so again (as many have said) put them at the fair grounds.

I have lived in San Jose sense I got out of the Army , 44years , and I am proud of my city.

This is not a good way to spend taxpayers money,it endangers neighborhoods and does not help the homeless much.

Steve Stroup

From: Deborah Woodward [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 9:04 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; City Clerk
Cc: BridgeHousingCommunities; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10; Deborah Woodward
Subject: Temporary Homeless Housing in San Jose - Mtg at Hayes Mansion tonight at 7 pm

To the Mayor, BHC and District Council Members, I am a resident of District 2. I want to voice my opposition to the proposed Bridge Housing Communities pilot program. This program is not adequate or appropriate for the purpose of housing the homeless. This temporary program will not lead to long term success - there is no rationale that homeless people living in this type of "housing first" pod housing will ever attain the ability to earn living wages allowing them to stay in the San Jose area. Let's look for real homeless solutions which invest in drug & alcohol treatment, job training programs, mental health assistance, subsidized housing or even relocation services for those people who do not want to stay in one of the costliest areas to live in the US. These solutions should include some type of contribution from those helped whenever physically or mentally possible - no free handouts to able bodied adults and no one benefiting from these programs without adherence to rules, regulations or restrictions attached to those receiving assistance. This Bridge Housing program does not seem to include any of the parameters as stated above. Find other programs which are sure to be better returns on investment and does not create more issues for the hardworking, tax-paying citizens of San Jose. Furthermore, District Council Members who have responded to neighborhood opposition to the BHC, and whose locations were disqualified should NOT be voting yes on this proposal. To do so would be hypocritical, would it not? **Homelessness is a City-wide issue and should be solved with City-wide participation.** All District Council Members, including Mayor Liccardo and other city representatives, should attend today's Bridge Housing Forum at Hayes Mansion at 7 pm. Residents would like to see more transparency from the City and community input sought by the City before programs with such potential for negative impacts on our neighborhoods are forced upon us.

We should be investing in long term, comprehensive programs instead of a "5 year temporary" and experimental plan which the City of San Jose is not even mandated to implement. LISTEN to what your constituents are saying in all areas of the City and VOTE NO on this proposal! D2 Resident

From: Londyn Avery [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 12:50 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo
Cc: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; City Clerk
Subject: Council Meeting 8-29 Agenda Item 4.2

Dear Mayor Sam Liccardo,

I am writing to you out of concern regarding the Bridge Housing Community (BHC) project (AB2176). At the City Council meeting to be held on 8-29-2017, the Housing Department will recommend a revised set of criteria for selection of BHC sites as well as a reduction in the number of sites from 10 to a maximum of 2. I appeal to you vote in favor of these recommendations.

As a Registered Nurse and Public Health Nurse who has seen homeless individuals in a number of settings, I have several concerns for the safety of the potential homeless tenants as well as the communities in which these sites would be located. First, each BHC would require coordination of a number of resources including healthcare, mental health services, drug treatment programs, access to public transportation, property management, and security. The feasibility of provision of these resources to 1 or 2 BHC sites must be explored before expanding the program in order to avoid spreading resources too thin and placing BHC tenants at risk. Second, it is important to consider the impact each BHC will have on the surrounding community. In order to be maximally effective, BHCs should ideally be able to accommodate all members of the homeless community including the chronically homeless and those with mental health and substance abuse problems. With this in mind, I would like to strongly urge you to consider adopting proposed criteria that would establish buffers between these BHCs and activated parks and schools.

I understand that addressing homelessness is a priority; however, accommodating short-term solutions by creating long-term problems could place BHC tenants and the surrounding community at risk. Please support the Housing Department's recommendations for a reduction in the number of BHC sites from 10 to 2 and additional site-selection criteria, including a 150-ft buffer around activated parks and schools.

Sincerely,
Londyn Avery, RN, BSN, PHN

From: Elvera Faria < >

Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 2:23 PM

To: District2; District1; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10

Cc: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; BridgeHousingCommunities; Haase, Maria; City Clerk

Subject: BRIDGE HOUSING CONCERNS!

I am a resident of District 2. I want to voice my opposition to the proposed Bridge Housing Communities pilot program. This program is not adequate or appropriate for the purpose of housing the homeless. This temporary program will not lead to long term success - there is no rationale that homeless people living in this type of "housing first" pod housing will ever attain the ability to earn living wages allowing them to stay in the San Jose area. Housing first was applied to the residents of Donner Lofts and it's been noted that they have had 153+ police calls in a 12 month period. It also noted that they are not required to attend treatment, so the City Of San Jose expects the understaffed SJPD to do welfare checks on these "housing first" recipients instead of having them sign a contract to be in a treatment program this is unfair to the SJPD and the residents of San Jose who can't even get an officer to come out if our home is being broken into. In addition the community should not have to experience what the residents at Donner Lofts did with an Ax Welding resident:

<http://www.mercurynews.com/2017/07/10/donner-lofts-problem-or-hope/>

With that being said I have attached the "TARGET POPULATION" of Donner Lofts. District 2 residents would like to see what the "target population" is for the BHC Communities as we will not intentionally be put in harm's way because the City Of San Jose wants to quickly implement the Housing First Approach. If you really intend on doing so then you can use your 6.24 Acre lot APN 015-44-013 and keep them away from our residential neighborhoods. We have high tension Power Lines in Almaden basically right behind resident's backyards, and they live there just fine (isn't that why that piece of land was thrown off the list?)

I would like you all to ask yourselves this:

1. Are people without homes homeless?
2. Are people without homes and with mental illness homeless?
3. Are people without homes and victims of domestic violence homeless?
4. Are people without homes and without educations homeless?

If the answer to all these questions is yes, then the answer can't be just homes. Source:http://www.huffingtonpost.com/pat-lamarche/housing-first-doesnt-homelessness_b_4611639.html

In addition why did the city hire Gensler the highest paid architect firm to design 70 sq ft Tiny homes at such a high cost? This in itself is a waste of money, The City of San Jose should work with a non-profit like Habitat for Humanity and have the recipients of these "free" tiny homes assist in the building of them? Will the residents of these BHC Communities be required to do any community service work while living in these tiny homes OR are they going to be free all day to hobo around terrorize our neighborhoods as they do currently, walking around intoxicated, stealing and begging for money just to name a few?

Do all 10 Council Members and the Mayor agree that the Dist 10 site located on Branham and Monterey is a wise choice for a BHC with the housing first approach given it's close proximity to the railroad tracks? What about the District 2 location which is located in an off ramp off Monterey Road. The San Jose Homeless Census Survey from 2004 has had a consistent number of homeless so why all of a sudden is the City in some sort of a rush to implement these tiny homes by putting the homeless you intend to help in harms way?

It would be wise for the City of San Jose to look for real homeless solutions which invest in drug & alcohol treatment, job training programs, mental health assistance, subsidized housing or even relocation services for those people who do not want to stay in one of the costliest areas to live in the US. These solutions should include some type of contribution from those helped whenever physically or mentally possible - no free handouts to able bodied adults and no one benefiting from these programs without adherence to rules, regulations or restrictions attached to those receiving assistance. This Bridge Housing program does not seem to include any of the parameters as stated above. Find other programs which are sure to be better returns on investment. In addition Google and Adobe should be contributing to the homeless population. They can have a BHC on their campus and give some of these homeless people jobs as janitors, groundskeepers etc.

Furthermore, District Council Members who have responded to neighborhood opposition to the BHC and whose locations were disqualified should NOT be voting yes on this proposal. To do so would be hypocritical, would it not? Homelessness is a County Wide issue and should not be solved with only one District in one city (aka Dist 2 in San Jose). All District Council Members, including Mayor Liccardo, should be in attendance at the 8/21/17 Bridge Housing Forum at Hayes Mansion at 7 pm. Residents would like to see more transparency from the City and community input sought by the City before programs with such potential for negative impacts on our neighborhoods are forced upon us. We should be investing in long term, comprehensive programs instead of a "5 year temporary" and experimental plan which the City of San Jose is not even mandated to implement. LISTEN to what your constituents are saying in all areas of the City and DO NOT VOTE YES on this proposal!

PS you can add my letter to the 8-29-17 item 4.2 (letters from the public) agenda as well!

Thank you!

Elvera Faria

Dist 2 Resident and Homeowner

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Section D.4..... Description of Target Population to be Served

Consistent with the MHSA Housing Program regulations, at this housing site the Santa Clara County Mental Health Department (MHD) will be serving seriously mentally ill, low-income adults with severe mental illness who meet the criteria for MHSA services and are homeless or at risk of homelessness, according to the definitions specified in the application.

Consistent with the County's *Community Services and Support Plan*, the target population to be housed and served in this housing complex will be the following:

1. Mentally Ill Homeless, Jail-Involved, ER Frequent Users and Dually Diagnosed, defined as:

Adults with persistent, serious mental illness who have multiple, co-existing disorders resulting in multiple psychiatric hospitalizations, chronic homelessness, substance abuse, multiple incarcerations, chronic medical conditions leading to multiple ER visits, and other physical disabilities. This population is not typically interested or ready for traditional treatment, often leading to multiple discontinued treatment episodes. This population has distress across several life domains, and this compounds the treatment of their mental and substance abuse issues.

2. Unserved and Underserved SMI Adults, defined as:

Adults who have a mental disorder, which is severe in degree and persistent in duration, including schizophrenia and major affective disorders. As a result of the mental disorder, the person has substantial functional impairment in one or more life domains (e.g., independent living, social relationships, vocational skills, and/or their physical condition) or the person has a psychiatric history demonstrating that without treatment there is imminent risk of decomposition.

In addition, all qualified tenants must meet both of the following two criteria (with it being understood that if they are approved for tenancy in an MHSA housing unit, their participation in services is voluntary):

1. Consumers must be users of mental health services at clinics/contract agencies, that is, seriously mentally ill clients who do not currently need 24-hour, institutional care and are able to live independently with supportive services. These are consumers who:
 - a) are connected to outpatient services and are usually dependent on such;

- b) are able, with support, to manage their Activities of Daily Living and medications in an independent living situation; and
 - c) have severely limited income and are assumed to have a continuing income deficiency for the next 12 months.
2. Consumers must be chronically homeless. “Chronically homeless” is understood to mean: a person who has a disabling condition and who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more OR has had a least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years. To be considered chronically homeless, persons must have been sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g., living on the streets) and/or in an emergency shelter/safe haven during that time. Disabling condition is defined as "a diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability, or chronic physical illness or disability, including the co-occurrence of two or more of these conditions."

Note: The staff at the County clinic or contract agency can determine which consumers fulfill these criteria and then refer the candidate to the MHD according to the Tenant Selection Process.

From: Abhishek Joshi <>
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 11:49 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Please vote appropriately in Aug 29th meeting

Dear Sir,

My name is Abhishek Joshi, and I moved into the beautiful Thousand Oaks neighborhood (district 9) with my wife last year. We have put in all the money we had, and came here with a dream of starting a new family and our kids growing up in this beautiful neighborhood. However, this news about building homeless housing units right across the park has really disturbed me. What I fail to understand is that why would the city choose a well-settled residential area to undertake such a project, instead of choosing a semi-industrial area which doesn't directly affect the lives of thousands of people, and is in fact better suited for transportation, and other amenities. Such a community is likely to affect the lives of thousands of people in a negative way, specially families with kids who might feel insecure and threatened to play in the community park, or walk in the neighborhood. Statistics do not give a very positive picture of the homeless people, and they show that a very high percentage of homeless people have past records of drug abuse, violence, etc., which is extremely dangerous for a residential place like Thousand Oaks. According the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, 70 percent of homeless US veterans suffer from a substance abuse disorder.

An example of how building such a community in a residential area can lead to a large increase in criminal activities is here - <http://www.mercurynews.com/2017/07/10/donner-lofts-problem-or-hope/>

Besides, Thousand Oaks site is home to a large number of heritage trees which are over 200 years old, and destroying this area would kill all of them.

We were informed in one of the meetings held in our neighborhood regarding this that the "new" criteria for site selection states that any potential site for building such pods must be:

- At least 100 feet away from housing and parks
- At least 150 feet away from schools

Thousand Oaks site does not fit the above criteria, and should not be considered. However, to add to that, **the above numbers are ridiculous**, and the distances listed above should be updated to at least half a mile each in my opinion (or perhaps even more). We were informed that **on 29th August there will be a vote among the council members regarding "updating the site selection criteria"**. I sincerely urge you to vote in favor of updating the above numbers and the general criteria for the site selection for building such pods.

We as a community think highly of all the council members, and hope to see the right thing being done here.

Thanks,
Abhishek

From: Tina M < >

Date: August 21, 2017 at 9:51:42 PM PDT

To: Raul Perez <raul.perez@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: City Council Agenda Aug 22, 2017, item 4.2 Bridge Housing

Dear Council member Raul,

Regarding the tiny houses, or "bridge housing," it appears that one of the identified districts/sites for this bridge housing is in or adjacent to the Vendome Neighborhood in your district.

For the record, I am personally in favor of finding temporary and permanent homeless housing solutions, including this bridge housing program provided there is neighborhood-friendly criteria established. Here are a few things I would like to see:

- 1) You, the Mayor and the City Council take all needed steps to ensure the project is done responsibly and not to the detriment of our neighborhood/communities (people are already expressing fear about declining property values)
- 2) The City require wrap-around services to be *on each bridge-housing site* to ensure ease of access and close monitoring
- 3) The neighborhoods that the bridge-housing is to be located in should be an identified "hot spot" so that the neighborhood gets priority response from police and fire (this is in the spirit of "give a little, get a little.")

Last, in the staff memo section "outreach and engagement" the public should have a way to sign up to receive meeting notifications even if they live outside the 1000 feet identified for outreach.

Unfortunately I did not know about this Council meeting topic in enough time to take off from work to come to Council and speak, so my letter will have to suffice. I am, of course, available if you have any questions or would like more elaboration.

Thank you for your service to the City of San Jose.

Tina Morrill
Vendome Neighborhood

From: Bobbi Yodz < >
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 2:33 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Fw: Thoughts after the 8.21.17 Hayes Mansion Meeting

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From: Bobbi Yodz < >
To: "District1@sanjoseca.gov" <District1@sanjoseca.gov>; "district2@sanjoseca.gov" <district2@sanjoseca.gov>; "district3@sanjoseca.gov" <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; "district4@sanjoseca.gov" <district4@sanjoseca.gov>; "district5@sanjoseca.gov" <district5@sanjoseca.gov>; "district6@sanjoseca.gov" <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; "district7@sanjoseca.gov" <district7@sanjoseca.gov>; "district8@sanjoseca.gov" <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; "district9@sanjoseca.gov" <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; "district10@sanjoseca.gov" <district10@sanjoseca.gov>; "mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov" <mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov>; BridgeHousingCommunities <bridgehousingcommunities@sanjoseca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 12:09 PM
Subject: Thoughts after the 8.21.17 Hayes Mansion Meeting

To the Mayor, City Council Members and The Bridge Housing Committee - this is my response to Councilman Jimenez after attending the 8/21 meeting at Hayes Mansion:

Dear Sergio,

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We will see you on the 29th!

Concerned D2 Resident,
Bobbi Yodz

From: BridgeHousingCommunities
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 11:37:29 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; City Clerk; Deborah Woodward
Cc: District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10
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From: Elvera Faria < >
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 3:30 PM
To: City Clerk; CAO Main; Webmaster Manager
Cc: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo
Subject: Meeting tonight - Security Issues~

I am very concerned regarding the possibility of violence at the meeting scheduled for tonight at the Hayes Mansion with regards to Dist 2 BHC presentation from the City and Housing Authority. It is my understanding that one person has already been nearly knocked to the ground when simply trying to pass out flyers on behalf of a City that failed to provide appropriate notice to its constituents. In addition persons from advocacy groups such as Sleeping Bags for the Homeless have an open invitation to cause problems. Knowing that this is a heated nature of the topic I am concerned that the meeting has the potential to get "out of control" quickly.

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Sincerely,

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Dist 2 Resident

From: Jack Witthaus <>
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 9:12 PM
To: Customer Service
Subject: Tiny houses

I strongly object to the city council whittling down the number of potential sites for small houses. Step up, city council!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Mariah <
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 8:06 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Protesting Branham and Monterey housing units

Hello,

I own a home in the Branham/Monterey Area at Eagle Rock. It was brought to my attention that the city was proposing to put in "tiny homes" to house the homeless. This is a mistake. We have children who live just a block away. We have families who chose to buy in this area because it was a beautiful SAFE community. This will make our community extremely unsafe. I live alone and do not want to have to worry about the safety of myself and my home. I am writing this email because I refuse to let you all put these homes in our neighborhood. Moreover, we as a community will continue to protest this. Choose another location for these tiny homes.

Sincerely,

Mariah Stuart

Sent from my iPhone

From: Bobbie Paul <
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 8:33 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: AB2176 - not in residential neighborhoods

Dear City Council Members

My husband and I have been residents of the Thousand Oaks neighborhood for over 30 years. We've played an active part in seeing our neighborhood thrive & grow into what it is today – one of the most desirable neighborhoods in San Jose.

The recent proposal to put Bridge Housing tiny homes in our neighborhood has, as you know, met with much anger & anxiety. My husband and I share in the concerns of our neighbors and would like to offer the following thoughts for your careful consideration:

- Silicon Valley is an expensive place to live. Our children graduated from good universities and yet have decided to settle elsewhere where housing costs aren't so high. If you can't afford to live here – you go elsewhere!
Why give the homeless a false sense of security and set them up in Silicon Valley - at our expense –and while we can't afford to do the same for our own children?
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- It was also suggested at the meetings that county land be considered (such as the Fair Grounds, Hayes Mansion or open park land that is not already adjacent to homes). Another thought might be government properties such as Moffet Field or Agnews State Hospital. Homelessness is more than a city issue and so - if land opportunities don't exist within our city,

it seems logical to explore opportunities in the bigger picture. Please encourage all to think big picture.

We rely on our city officials to care for our needs. We are hopeful that the welfare of ALL will be taken into consideration. If care for the homeless overrides what is best for the strength of the city, we end up with a lose-lose situation.

I give blankets, clothing and food to the homeless and I do hope for good solutions to solve this problem. However, in order to be able to continue caring for those who are less fortunate, we need to be good stewards of what we have. Otherwise, the cup runs empty and standards drop for everybody.

Please do not force tiny homes on residential neighborhoods in San Jose.

Sincerely,
Bobbie and Dave Paul

From: steve yodz <>

Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 5:06 PM

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From: CAROLYN ACCETURO < >

Date: August 22, 2017 at 7:45:34 PM PDT

To: "toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov" <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>, "ruth.krantz@sanjoseca.gov" <ruth.krantz@sanjoseca.gov>

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Subject: Urgent: 8/29/17 City Council Agenda Item 4.2 --

Reply-To: CAROLYN ACCETURO < >

Dear Ms. Taber, Ms. Krantz, and elected Officials,

I attended the Hayes Mansion meeting last night regarding possible future Bridge Housing Communities in Districts 2 and 10. There was a huge turnout of about 600 concerned citizens.

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CSJ has already made up its mind and the meeting was just a formality; a box to check off? I feel that our concerns were neither heard or addressed.

To have this voted on this coming Tuesday, at 4 pm in the afternoon, when most people are still at work, is not acceptable, fair, or democratic.

Issues were not addressed such as

- Social, medical, police, security oversight for this community; Where are these resources to come from? The social workers are already grossly over burdened.
- Urban blight
- Trash
- Drugs, needles and alcohol
- Mentally ill residents
- Crime
- Plumbing?
- BHC Population - how and who is going to monitor it?
- Increased police surveillance

- What will the residents' profile look like?
- WHO is going to keep this parcel clean? There is already an increase of trash in this Bernal Rd. neighborhood
- What does 'temporary' mean?

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Is there a way to reschedule this item to an evening time slot? There must be some workable solution. Please advise how to proceed. The City Council meeting is one week from today. Time is of the essence.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and reply.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Acceturo
District 2 resident of 23 years

From: ABRAHAM HOLGUIN <
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 10:09 AM
To: City Clerk; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo
Subject: Bridge Housing Project

Dear Mayor / City Counsel members,

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Thank you your time,
Warmly,

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From: steve yodz < >

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 12:06:25 AM

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Subject: Tiny House Program for Branham & Monterey Proposal

Hello!

I hope this email finds you all doing well.

I wanted to write my thoughts regarding the proposed idea of putting one of the Tiny House sites on Branham & Monterey. I've lived near this area and in district 2 for over 10 years now. I've rented apartments and have bought a home in this district over the years since I have loved living here so much.

I now have a toddler and a baby and have become very concerned over the idea of putting the Tiny House Program site in my neighborhood. My kids and I walk to the library across the street from this proposed site, we go to the park across the street from this proposed site, we play at the school's playground that is close-by to this proposed site, and we walk the neighborhoods a couple of times a day which passes-by this proposed site.

If the Tiny House Program happens in my neighborhood, I am sad to say that I feel like my kids and the other kids near-by would not be safe anymore. I would not want to walk to places anymore with my kids and my family. A lot of my neighbors have young kids too and have said they also would not feel safe if the Tiny House Program comes to be in our neighborhood.

I have compassion for the homeless. My brother lives the homeless lifestyle. I am not opposed to the Tiny House Project. I just would like to see done in a place where it does not directly impact the safety of kids by being so close to residential neighborhoods, libraries, parks, and schools. Thus, I hope it is decided that the Tiny House Program is not put on Branham & Monterey.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I wish you all a good day!

Kristin Warmerdam
(Resident at Frontier Village)

From: vj <
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 9:21 PM
To: mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: City Council Meeting 8-29-2017, Agenda Item 4.2

August 21, 2017

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo, mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov
City Clerk, email city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov.

Subject: City Council Meeting 8-29-2017, Agenda Item 4.2

Dear Mayor Sam Liccardo,

I am an original owner of a home on Wellington Square only steps away from the proposed Bridge Housing (BHC) in District 9 and adjacent to the Thousand Oaks Park.

I am addressing you today as I feel I need to work at driving home your supporting the Housing departments decision to **not** support bridge housing at the Thousand Oaks site. This site does not meet the site selection criteria and based on that I encourage you and other City Council members to not pursue Thousand Oaks site. Attached at the end of this note is the link for the petition that clearly outlined the issues associated with Bridge Housing and the concerns of myself and my neighbors who live just footsteps away from Thousand Oaks Park.

The Housing Department of San Jose will be recommending a revised set of criteria for site selection that is based on direct input from the community across all districts. They appear to be the bare minimum in terms of what common sense would suggest;

Cannot be 100 feet away from adjacent residential uses;
cannot be 150 feet away from schools or activated neighborhood parks and
cannot be 100 feet away from major creeks and tributaries and their riparian corridors.

That said, I am concerned that these criteria don't go far enough. Distances from parks, schools and residents should be much greater and environmental impact issues should also not be ignored.

I implore you to support the proposed site criteria recommendations and to **not** pursue Thousand Oaks site at your upcoming council meeting on August 29th.

Sincerely,
Virginia Janovitch

From: Elvera Faria <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 9:01 AM
To: Bramson, Ray; District2; District 10
Cc: Haase, Maria; City Clerk; BridgeHousingCommunities; info@destinationhomesc.org
Subject: Dist 10 BHC - proposed site - CREWS CURRENTLY AT SITE

To Ray, Serjio and Johnny:

As per our meeting on Monday you all stated that this is not a done deal, yet there are crews cleaning the proposed Dist 10 site on Branham and Monterey. It would be smart for all of you to reach out on Nextdoor and confirm what is going on in that area because residents are upset as they feel they are being lied to.

In addition Ray, you had a phone conversation with one of the Dist2 residents yesterday stating that the meeting on 8-21 shouldn't have happened as BHC is still in the planning process. Ray why would you state it was premature when you yourself attended The Dist 5 meeting on June 28th almost 2 months before the Dist 2 meeting on August 21st. The Dist 2 residents want the truth and would like you to further explain why you stated that the meeting on Aug 21st was premature when in reality District 2 was the last District to have a formal meeting conveniently one week before City Council votes?

Ray, Sergio and Johnny you all need to clear the air with the news media which is making Dist2 sound like a bunch of NIMBYS when in reality we have true concerns for the homeless, one being the lack of safety of the 2 sites in and or bordering Dist 2 and the fact that these people need more than a roof over their heads.

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Ray quite frankly, Dist 2 and the Dist 10 residents in the area of the proposed locations do NOT want to be part of your social experiment, unless this is done correctly by providing and mandating health, education, and transportation services to the homeless instead of dumping them by the railroad tracks or inside an off ramp. These are just some of the reason why the residents of Dist 2 are upset.

Thank you!
Elvera Faria
Dist 2 Resident

From: Vicki Blake [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 12:10 PM
To: City Clerk; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo
Subject: Against homeless shelter on Monterey & Branham

Hello,

I recently heard in the near future the city is planning on building homeless shelters on Monterey & Branham. I am requesting and urging for this to not happen along with many other concerns neighbors and our community at Eagle Rock. It's already an issue having homeless roaming our streets and around the park and makes our community feel unsafe and uncomfortable.

We have a very safe neighborhood now and would hate to see this change. Please reconsider this decision.

Thank you
Vicki

From: Elvera Faria [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 3:04 PM
To: Bramson, Ray; District2; District 10; District1; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9
Cc: Haase, Maria; BridgeHousingCommunities; Thomas, Ned; Nusbaum, Jenny; Keyon, David; Panakkal, Meenaxi; City Clerk
Subject: RE: Dist 10 BHC - proposed site - CREWS CURRENTLY AT SITE

Hello Ray, Serjio and Johnny:

Seems that your Public Works contractor is using the Branham lot for more than just a "staging" area because they are cutting down trees. Why would a contractor using a site for a staging area cut down trees? Wouldn't the clearing of trees require an environmental review? Just like what was done for the Evans Lane Housing project (see attached)?

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=2163>

I don't see any Active, Completed, or Negative EIR's for the Branham Lot on the City's website. Were you aware that there are two or more hawks that have been nesting and living in the trees on that lot for over 20 years? Birds of prey are federally protected. The migratory bird act prohibits nest disturbances, which is exactly why you need to follow protocols and do an environmental review prior to disturbing the land.

The people of District 2 and Dist 10 in the 2 proposed locations are fed up with the lies and lack of information to say the least. With that being said we will not be the fall guy for the city's PR stunt or Ray's social engineering experiment. Keep your BHC downtown in Dist 3 where the lot is already paved and close to the police station for welfare checks.

Thank you!
Elvera

From: Bramson, Ray [mailto:Ray.Bramson@sanjoseca.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 10:47 AM
To: Elvera Faria [REDACTED]; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Haase, Maria <maria.haase@sanjoseca.gov>; BridgeHousingCommunities <BridgeHousingCommunities@sanjoseca.gov>; info@destinationhomesc.org
Subject: RE: Dist 10 BHC - proposed site - CREWS CURRENTLY AT SITE

Hello Elvera,

Thank you for your comments. The Public Works Department has a contractor using this area as a staging site for the next month. This work has nothing to do with the Bridge Housing Communities. Work on any site related to Bridge Housing Communities would require an environmental review and Council approval before anything could begin.

The first District 2 meeting was on July 18 at Los Paseos Club house. It was organized by the D2 Neighborhood Commissioner for Neighborhood Leadership Council members. The purpose of all of these initial meetings was to speak with focus groups of engaged community members and listen to perspectives from the neighborhood about the general concept of Bridge Housing Communities. We worked through the Neighborhood Commission because our Council identified neighborhood impact and community feedback as priorities before taking any other actions.

The design of the units, the site plan, the recommendation of specific sites, and the operating contracts were all planned to be occur **AFTER** staff brought back the initial community feedback to the Council. Depending on Council's direction next Tuesday, we will move forward with additional community outreach to develop and discuss project details – that address the project-specific questions you and other residents have posed – with the community.

For more information about the evolution of the overall process and the next steps, I encourage to review the memos on the City website: <http://www.sanjooseca.gov/index.aspx?nid=5609>

Thanks,
Ray

Ray Bramson
Acting Deputy Director
City of San José Housing Department
200 East Santa Clara Street, 12th floor | San José, CA 95113
408-535-8234 | ray.bramson@sanjooseca.gov

Our mission is to strengthen and revitalize our community through housing and neighborhood investment.

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 [Debbie Smith, Hayes](#)

On my way to work. Crews cleaning and cutting trees on Branham & Monterey. Sounds like a done deal to me.

[Aug 24 in General to Hayes](#)

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Thank you!
Elvera Faria
Dist 2 Resident

From: Carol Elias [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 10:38 PM

To: District4; District7; District9; City Clerk

Cc: District2

Subject: Bridge Housing

Dear Council members,

Our District council member Sergio Jimenez held an open forum meeting @ the Hayes Mansion last week for our community regarding Bridge Housing in District 2.

I know it was not easy for him but it was necessary. His (District 2) constituents are very upset that "unconventional" housing is going to be built right next to homes that cost close to 1 million dollars and like myself have to work (2) jobs so we can live here. From my experience, people who are given things (such as housing) do not value those things because it costs them nothing but it does cost homeowners in our district property value on their nest egg that they have worked extremely hard to maintain.

I asked my council member Sergio Jimenez to fervently oppose this and to fight for District 2 and not allow our neighborhood to be saddled with this project that is at best a tiny band aid on this humongous problem.

I also asked him to not allow our district to be railroaded into this by the other Council members / districts. District 2 should not be the expendable district in San Jose for the sake of marking off the city's check list, it is not right and it is not fair.

I believe it is a disservice to all the homeowners in District 2 if this project is allowed to materialize in our district.

Thank you for your time.

Regards-

Carol Elias

From: Ashley Sweren <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 10:11 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District1; District9; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District 10

Cc: City Clerk

Subject: Emergency Bridge Housing Communities

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to urge the City Council to heed the recommendations of the Housing Department regarding Bridge Housing Communities in San Jose.

The Housing Department has been on the front lines of this issue, communicating with tax-paying San Jose voters. Obviously, they have listened to the people and heard very convincing arguments regarding why the original BHC plan was hasty and did not adequately consider the negative effects on the neighborhoods in which they were to be located. I hope you will do the same – Really listen to community feedback and act accordingly.

The original BHC plan presented no information about safety or the vetting of residents. A recent *Mercury News* article stated that crime is “plaguing” the City’s Donner Loft project downtown, with 153 police calls in one year. To me, that shows that the City has no idea how to manage a project like this for success. Yet, the original plan thought it was appropriate to drop one in my neighborhood, steps away from the playground where my two small children play.

I think it would be irresponsible for the City to move forward with the original plan for 10 BHCs across San Jose. I fully support the Housing Department’s recommendation to open one or two as a pilot. When you the City gets the kinks out and can prove that this is an effective way to help end homelessness, perhaps then BHCs will be better received in San Jose’s neighborhoods.

Additionally, it concerns me if the City is willing to permanently destroy natural spaces to install these BHCs, which are supposed to be a “temporary” solution. I’ve attached two letters from The Sierra Club, The Audubon Society, The California Oaks Federation, The California Native Plant Society, The Committee for Green Foothills, The Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge, and Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful that further outline these concerns and provide environmentally minded recommendations.

On August 29, please vote to scale back the BHC program in line with the Housing Department’s suggestions. I think it would be prudent to give this program a trial run rather than diving right in and potentially harming the lives and livelihoods of millions of San Jose residents.

Thank You,
Ashley Sweren



July 20, 2017

The Honorable Sam Liccardo
Mayor, City of San José
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
San José, CA 95113

(Delivered via e-mail: mayormail@sanjoseca.gov)

RE: Proposed Bridge Housing on Thousand Oaks Drive in District 9

Dear Mayor Liccardo:

California's oaks play a critical role in sequestering carbon, maintaining healthy watersheds, and providing sustainable wildlife habitat. They also add beauty and economic value to homes and neighborhoods. Ashley Sweren, a concerned District 9 resident recently contacted California Oaks, a program of the California Wildlife Foundation, about proposed Bridge Housing on a parcel of land across from Thousand Oaks Park.

The parcel, located on Thousand Oaks Drive, between Hampshire Place and Wellington Square, has oak trees that she understands would be removed for the Bridge Housing. The trees provide habitat for resident red tailed hawks and other species. Oak trees require many years to grow and to restore their ecological services. We understand a neighbor is pursuing heritage tree designation for some of the trees at the site. We visited City of San José's online heritage tree map and note a *Quercus lobata* in the neighborhood is designated as a heritage tree (at 1081 Royal Acres Court). We suggest that the city of San José consider retaining the trees if the Bridge Housing project moves forward at this location.

We are, however, concerned that the site may not be suitable for temporary housing. We reviewed the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) online map for the area and the proposed site, which is next to the Guadalupe River, is adjacent to the river's flood zone and potentially within the flood zone (<https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search?AddressQuery=1000%20Thousand%20Oaks%20Drive%20san%20jose%20ca#searchresultsanchor>).

We understand that other districts included a greater number sites for consideration for Bridge Housing and encourage the City of San José to explore a site that would not present a natural hazard danger to the residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Angela Moskow
Manager, California Oaks Information Network

cc: Department of Housing (via e-mail: housing@sanjoseca.gov)
Housing and Community Development Commission (via e-mail: Robert.Lopez@sanjoseca.gov)
Donald Rocca, Council District 9 (via email: district9@sanjoseca.gov)
Ashley Sweren, District 9 resident



COMMITTEE FOR
GREEN FOOTHILLS



July 19, 2017

Jacky Morales-Ferrand
Director of Housing City of San Jose
bridgehousingcommunities@sanjoseca.gov

Re: Proposed emergency Bridge Communities sites

Dear Ms. Morales-Ferrand,

The Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter, the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, the Committee for Green Foothills, the Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge, Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful and the California Native Plant Society, Santa Clara Valley chapter are greatly concerned with the displacement/homelessness crisis in our region and we support the concept of transitional housing. However, we believe that the impacts of bridge housing should not fall upon our most sensitive environments. We are alarmed by the proposed list of potential sites¹ for Emergency Bridge Communities that locate these facilities on City parkland and open space, especially sites that are located near creeks and burrowing owl habitat. We encourage the City to look for alternatives in the urban core; alternatives that utilize developed areas and thereby avoid harming our remaining natural areas.

Creek Corridors

The importance of creek corridors to the welfare of people and of wildlife is well documented in the City of San Jose. The City's General Plan goals and policies and the City's Creek Ordinance seek to protect creeks and their ecosystems by setting development at least 100-ft away from major creeks and tributaries and their riparian corridors (as measured from the trees drip-line). These policies were adopted after decades of study and are a carefully crafted balance between the reality of urban

¹ AB2176 IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 12, 2017 REPORT
<http://sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/67506>

along the waterways identified by the VHP above. We do not wish for a repeat of this winter's flood event with emergency rescue of homeless people and flooding of homes and businesses. Placing communities away from flood hazard areas is important to all people, including homeless individuals.

We believe that development in many of the identified potential locations is inconsistent with the riparian corridors policies of the City's Envision 2040 General Plan, the Riparian Corridor ordinance and the Valley Habitat Plan (VHP). We believe that placing Bridge communities in these locations would impede the ability of the VHP to meet its goals and may jeopardize the permit it provides to the City. We also believe that placing Bridge communities in these locations would diminish the capacity of the City to rely on green infrastructure for flood protection.

Burrowing Owls

Burrowing owls are a Species of Special Concern, protected by the VHP. We oppose placing Bridge Communities on burrowing owl nesting and foraging habitat, especially in remaining parkland and open space north of Highway 237 (including the bufferlands of the Regional Wastewater Plant). Areas adjacent to the Mineta San Jose International Airport are subject to burrowing owl fees according to the VHP.



Additional Land Use Conflicts

District 4 includes parcel 015-44-013 in Alviso, on Grand Blvd between Archer St and Disk Drive. This parcel, by the Alviso Park, is designated Land Use mitigation for existing development (based on the 2000 Cisco-6 EIR) and must be kept as open space.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

MITIGATION MEASURES

Land Use Impacts

The project would be located in close proximity to sensitive land uses, including the residential uses across Grand Avenue and at the corner of North First Street and Tony P. Santos Street, the George Mayne Elementary School, Alviso Park, and the Jubilee Christian Center. The proposed project would not result in a significant land use compatibility impact by being located adjacent to these sensitive uses. The project as proposed would not result in significant visual intrusion impacts upon sensitive adjacent land uses.

Less than Significant Impact

The site design includes open space buffer land on the northwest portion of the site, between the proposed buildings and the existing residences. This setback would range from 100 to 300 feet and would be adequate to minimize potential privacy impacts upon adjacent residences and other sensitive uses to the northwest. **(Mitigation Included in the Project)**

Less than Significant Impact

We hope staff will revisit the criteria for viable site selection based on our comments. We expect the City to conduct a review of existing park and open space easements and applicable mitigation measures prior to approving any Bridge Community sites near creeks and in parklands and open space.

Sincerely

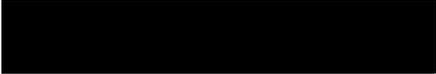

Shani Kleinhaus, Environmental Advocate
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Linda Ruthruff, Conservation Chair
California Native Plant Society, Santa Clara Valley Chapter

From: Greg Ripa [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 8:18 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District 6
Subject: August 29, 2017 Council Meeting Agenda Item 4.2 Bridge Housing Communities

To Council Member Dev Davis, Mayor Sam Liccardo, and other City of San Jose Council Members:

I have reviewed the memoranda from Agenda Item 4.2 (Actions Related to the AB2176: Bridge Housing Communities) of the August 29, 2017 council meeting agenda.

I am in strong support of the Mayor's memorandum cosigned by Vice Mayor Carrasco and Council Members Jones, Peralez, and Arenas . I agree that:

1. There are already thousands of homeless residents that already live in our neighborhoods - in our streets, parks, and creeks.
2. Living outside subjects each of those individuals—and the entire community—to extraordinary risk of harm.
3. Our neighborhoods will be far safer, cleaner, and more livable if these same individuals have housing.
4. Now more than ever, we must continue to explore every viable option to put more roofs over heads -including the implementation of interim housing options for our homeless population.

I also agree that we should look to partner agencies (Santa Clara County, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Valley Transportation Authority, and Caltrans) for more locations. However, while the pilot projects could have an areas of at least 1/2 acre and be set back certain distances from homes, parks, and schools, I would hope that smaller areas and areas with a smaller buffer could be used in the future. For example, relatively flat Caltrans land at the northwest corner of Moorpark and Winchester could be used for housing but it is only about 17,000 square feet, or 0.4 acres. I can think of many Caltrans facilities near transit that otherwise sit unused but are generally smaller than the 1/2 acre limit or may be within the 100 foot residential buffer.

I strongly disagree with the memorandum from Council Members Davis, Jimenez, and Khamis. I live in District 6 and attend church in District 2 at St. Julie Billiart. The church recently hosted a temporary shelter where I was able to meet some of our city's homeless residents firsthand. Based on that experience, and called to action by my faith tradition, I strongly believe that we need to act now to create as many homes and shelters for some of our city's most vulnerable residents. **Now is not the time for more study of the issue, task forces, or to have less housing with a smaller pilot program of just a single site.** We need more housing for more people and we need it now for the many people currently living on the streets. **If I were homeless, I would hope for swift action, not an extended timetable.**

Now is the time for strong leadership from our Mayor and City Council. I hope that the entire council will show this leadership and show that they support housing for some of our city's most vulnerable residents. While even the 10 site pilot project is a drop in the bucket compared to the number of unsheltered homeless individuals, it is far better than a single, smaller pilot project which would be a tenth of a drop in the bucket.

I support tiny houses in every council district and I hope they can commence construction of the first of ten or more pilot projects (at least one per council district) in my council district, District 6, first.

Greg Ripa
District 6 Resident

From: Lucy Valencia [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 7:19 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: City Council 8/29 Meeting

Dear San Jose City Clerk,

There is a high level of concern regarding the proposed District 2-Bridge Housing. Please help our neighborhoods stay safe and clean (free of garbage dumping). Our community, family and friends ask for you to please consider teaming up to support our District 2 Representative Sergio Jimenez. No sites to be considered in our neighborhoods.

There must be other city plans to place these Bridge Homes/Tiny Homes in city areas that do not put our families directly in danger, bring illegal drugs, violence, garbage and/or mental health individuals (with no supervision) into our neighborhoods. Plus, this proposal devalues our neighborhoods and properties, not to mention all other negative factors.

Please, we highly appreciate your consideration.

Regards,

Lucy Valencia
District 2 - Property Owner

From: thuy vu <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 6:09 PM
To: District4; District7; District9; City Clerk
Subject: Bridge Housing Opposition

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Thuy
Cottle to Lean

From: andrew fan [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 6:07 PM
To: District4; District7; District9; City Clerk
Subject: No to bridge housing

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Patrice Anderson Oak Grove

From: jerry booth [REDACTED] >

Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 2:22 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; BridgeHousingCommunities; City Clerk

Subject: Bridge Housing - Vote Aug 29, 2017

To the Mayor, BHC and District Council Members,

I purpose you vote for Sergios plan, "team Jinemez/Khamis/Davis" on Tuesday it makes most sense for the entire city.

If you choose not to vote with them, the next and only option is to use the D3 lot at Guadalupe and Taylor which is downtown, test one village in one site then if it works for one year as housing suggested see other lands or options.

J. Booth
D2, Resident

From: believe333 [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 2:06 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10; BridgeHousingCommunities; City Clerk

Subject: Bridge Housing Vote Aug 29, 2017

To the Mayor, BHC and District Council Members,

I purpose you vote for Sergios plan, "team Jinemez/Khamis/Davis" on Tuesday it makes most sense for the entire city.

If you choose not to vote with them, the next and only option is to use the D3 lot at Guadalupe and Taylor which is downtown, test one village in one site then if it works for one year as housing suggested see other lands or options.

P. Edgerton
D2, Resident

From: Robert Samson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2017 11:09 AM
To: District4; District7; District9; City Clerk
Subject: Bridge Housing

Dear Council members of District4 Lan Diep, District7 Tam Nguyen, and District9 Sylvia Arenas,

After reading over both Memorandums from the mayor and Council members Sergio Jimenez several time about Bridge Housing I as a tax payer believe the Memorandum from Council members Sergio Jimenez, Devora Davis and Johnny Kamis is the best direction we should go with as a city. Please support Council members Sergio Jimenez, Devora Davis and Johnny Kamis Memorandum on 8/29/2017.

Sincerely,

Robert and Mary Samson

From: Maynna Yang <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, August 26, 2017 5:16 PM
To: District4; District7; District9; City Clerk; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo;
BridgeHousingCommunities
Subject: about Bridge Housing Communities (BHC)

I totally agree with Sergio's memo. As a serious car accident victim last year, I knew how crazy some drivers are when they drive along monterey rd. Thinking about most homeless who do not have a car, I can imagine how dangerous for them just walking to the tiny home in bernal/monterey. It is absolutely a unsafe site for anyone. If you care the life of the homeless, you should not choose any site along monterey rd.

sincerely,
Maynna

From: believe333 [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 26, 2017 4:04 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Bridge Housing

To the Mayor, BHC and District Council Members,

I am a resident of District 2. I want to voice my opposition to the proposed Bridge Housing Communities pilot program. This program is not adequate or appropriate for the purpose of housing the homeless. This temporary program will not lead to long term success - there is no rationale that homeless people living in this type of "housing first" pod housing will ever attain the ability to earn living wages allowing them to stay in the San Jose area. Let's look for real homeless solutions which invest in drug & alcohol treatment, job training programs, mental health assistance, (open a new Agnew's) subsidized housing or even relocation services for those people who do not want to stay in one of the costliest areas to live in the US. These solutions should include some type of contribution from those helped whenever physically or mentally possible - no free handouts to able bodied adults and no one benefiting from these programs without adherence to rules, regulations or restrictions attached to those receiving assistance.

This Bridge Housing program does not seem to include any of the parameters as stated above. Find other programs which are sure to be better returns on investment.

Furthermore, District Council Members who have responded to neighborhood opposition to the BHC, and whose locations were disqualified should NOT be voting yes on this proposal. To do so would be hypocritical, would it not? Homelessness is a City- wide issue and should be solved with City- wide participation.

All District Council Members, including Mayor Liccardo, should be in attendance at the 8/21/17 Bridge Housing Forum at Hayes Mansion at 7 pm. Residents would like to see more transparency from the City and community input sought by the City before programs with such potential for negative impacts on our neighborhoods are forced upon us.

We should be investing in long term, comprehensive programs instead of a "5 year temporary" and experimental plan which the City of San Jose is not even mandated to implement. LISTEN to what your constituents are saying in all areas of the City and DO NOT VOTE YES on this proposal!

P. Edgerton
D2, Resident

From: Mila Heally [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 26, 2017 12:04 PM
To: BridgeHousingCommunities; District5; District2; District3; District 10; district1@sanjoseca.ig; District7; District8; District9; District4; District 6; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; City Clerk
Subject: BHC - Important considerations after new the memos

Dear City Leaders ,

After reading the new memos including city councils and housing staff I believe in the following solution to find a common ground between the homeless needs, housing and neighborhoods.

I would accept the housing staff report but I would consider the memo that was proposed by city councils Jimenez, Khamis and Davis and reject the memo proposed by the other city councils at this first moment of implementing for this pilot program.

Housing staff reports says that their recommendation is to go with 2 sites max, and it will be too difficult and even costly to move ahead with the original plan as proposed for a pilot.

The sites on the list are no good locations except for the site at District 3 at Guadalupe and Taylor.

Councils Jimenez, Khamis and Davis's memo recommends to add the following community requests:

- More community outreach
- Lower the site to one good location in commercial or industrial area
- Finding a really good location for the program
- Being more cost effective about locating the site near established programs and services for homeless

Why this memo that listens to the housing staff memo is a better solution?

It increases the chances of success of this program using a good location near already established services that will be more cost effective versus just focusing into having a community in district. This will be very costly since a lot of services will need to be paid by the state and require high maintenance in the future without providing variety for different types of issues that caused homelessness.

What can be considered from the other city council's memo?

We have a lot at the **District 3 at Guadalupe and Taylor**, which is a commercial zoning lot and public land. So it meets the recommendation from city councils Jimenez, Khamis and Davis

memo, and also the other city councils memo about saving funds using public land. And it will be located out of the residential neighborhood areas.

This lot is also cost effective because it is already paved, and has the services connected as the the other city councils memo recommends. It will help to save resources for implementing more BHC in the future in case the program is successful or having funds used towards transitional shelters and permanent housing.

Why this location is the best spot for this program?

1. It is close to a lot of services already available in the area for the homeless and others free of charge. This will save funds overtime.
2. There is a large population of homeless living in the area already, and less people will be sleeping at the streets in this area. They can have public bathrooms and showers available for them in this location too and also allow it to be a feeding zone.
3. It is walking distance for essential services and a shorter commute.
4. It is out of neighborhood areas in a commercial area.
5. No need to spend more time in the process finding sites for now and more resources can be spent towards developing the program.

Another option is to use the **FAIRGROUNDS** since it is closer to the downtown and services that are already available for them in the area versus expending funds having limited services on site only.

Implementing BHC in the all 10 districts is a very costly solution because it won't provide a wider range of services on site for them. Also limits the employment opportunities.

I believe that it would be better to invest the funds from the measure A into buy motels and hotels as a permanent housing solution or transitional shelters and do not spend much of the resources into temporary housing.

Also consider using funds into expanding programs since they address the causes of homelessness.

Please do not use neighborhood areas for these communities just because you wanted to have them in neighborhoods, consider locations that already have a wider variety of services established, and where you already have a larger concentration of homeless. This is a more thoughtful decision that will respect neighborhoods, provide more resources for homeless and save public funds overtime.

Yours,

Mila Heally

Please this article that explains that housing first for all homeless is not a good solution:

A 'Housing First' Solution Could Actually Stimulate Homelessness - By Ralph da Costa Nunez, PhD, President, Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/ralph-da-costa-nunez/is-hud-stimulating-homele b 10106572.html>

Recent weeks have brought devastating news for many of the shelters coping with a surge of homelessness in cities across the country: The federal funding they have relied on to house, feed, and care for some of the very neediest Americans is going away.

In New York City, well-established and respected shelter operators such as the Bowery Residents Committee, the Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service, and the Doe Fund are seeing their grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) slashed or zeroed out.

The same is happening to Camillus House in Miami, Florida; to Vincent Village in Fort Wayne, Indiana; to the Center for Women and Families in Louisville, Kentucky, and to the Institute for Human Services in Honolulu, Hawaii.

“This means that, come June, some 700 people who were receiving services to get off the streets will be sent back to the streets. Can you imagine that?” Ron Book of the Dade County Housing Trust told the *Miami Herald*. The Trust had applied for federal funding for 20 organizations; it won grants for only three.

What could explain HUD’s actions?

It’s not that the problem of homelessness has gone away. To the contrary, it’s worse than ever in some places—with tent cities springing up in places like Los Angeles and Seattle, the mayor of Portland, Oregon, declaring a state of emergency, and New York City’s shelter population hovers near an all-time high.

Nor is there a sudden cash crisis in Washington. The grants were awarded through HUD’s \$2.3 billion Continuum of Care program, which actually got a 5 percent boost in 2016.

No, what changed was the minds of HUD policymakers. They have become believers in the philosophy know as “Housing First,” which holds that moving people into permanent, independent housing as quickly as possible is the best solution for homelessness. So they’re dramatically ramping up funding for programs that follow that approach, and cutting support for traditional shelters.

“The government is now just giving vouchers out, which puts people in homes and the government pays their rent,” Denise Andorfer of the Vincent Villages told the Fort Wayne *News-Sentinel*. “But the behavior doesn’t change and most end up homeless again.”

“While transitional housing programs play an important temporary role for people experiencing homelessness, permanent supportive housing has demonstrably better outcomes at a lower cost,” HUD spokesman Charles McNally told *Politico* New York.

But prioritizing what he called “evidence-based interventions like permanent supportive housing,” this year’s grants “should help New York serve more people experiencing homelessness, and with better results,” McNally said.

He acknowledged that shifting priorities could put some shelters out of business. “McNally said HUD would provide guidance to projects that weren’t funded, to help them wind down and determine how to move their clients from transitional housing into permanent housing,” *Politico* reported.

The apparent basis for calling the money shift “evidence-based” is HUD’s Family Options Study. Following more than 2,000 families in 12 communities over three years, it has been described as the largest-ever research project comparing the effectiveness of different approaches to homelessness. An interim report based on the first 20 months’ experience was published in July 2015.

But the study is only half-finished. And its complex methodology—which focused on what programs families were offered, as opposed to what they actually used—makes its findings difficult to interpret. Certainly they do not come close justifying HUD’s robbing-Peter-to-pay Paul policy.

The solution that came out looking best based on the study’s preliminary—repeat, preliminary—results was permanently subsidized housing, i.e., an open-ended commitment that government will pay a portion of families’ rent. Of course, that approach gets steadily costlier over time, meaning the cost-benefit analysis at 20 months could look very different at 36 months or 10 years.

Nor is a large-scale expansion of permanent housing subsidies realistically on the table. Federal funding for public housing and Section 8 vouchers has been effectively flat for years. The Housing First programs to which HUD is giving grants provide temporary rent support, typically for two years or less. The Family Options Study’s interim report determined that temporary rent subsidies failed to significantly improve the lives of families who were offered them. They appeared less expensive than some alternatives, but the savings diminished over time as families lost their apartments and slipped back into homelessness.

Here’s more evidence HUD should be considering: Under Mayor Mike Bloomberg, New York City experimented with an aggressive housing-first approach from 2005 to 2011, using rent subsidies to move 33,000 people out of shelters.

But two things happened: families who were not equipped to maintain a stable housing situation began to bounce back into shelter (the return to shelter rate climbed to 60%) and instead of going down, the city’s shelter census actually increased. Officials found that families who had been living doubled up with relatives or in substandard apartments saw what they believed was an opportunity to improve their housing, and entered the shelter system to secure their place in line.

If the Housing First approach had that effect in New York, could HUD's increasing emphasis on the policy in recent years help explain the current surge in shelter populations across the U.S.?

HUD needs to remember that one size does not fit all. A rent voucher might well be the best solution for an otherwise self-supporting family that has suffered a temporary setback, such as an illness or lost job. But what drives most families into shelters are deeper-seated issues, such as a lack of education and employment skills, mental illness, substance abuse, and domestic violence.

A rent voucher by itself will not make those issues go away. Some families need the support, education, therapy, training, and safety that only transitional shelters can provide. Yet thanks to HUD's policy, many of those safety-net organizations must now scramble for alternative funding or contemplate the unthinkable.

When will we understand that there never was—or ever will be—one simple path to ending homelessness? Its causes remain multifaceted, requiring a combination of permanent housing, transitional housing, and emergency shelters with requisite services to fight that battle.

Miami's Camillus House stands as an example of a torn safety net. As reported recently in the *Miami Herald* "Shed Boren, Camillus' executive director, is stunned. 'I don't know what we're going to do to find the money to make up for this loss' he told the paper's editorial board.

"Camillus alone will lose 75 percent of funding for its Day Center, that represents \$346,000 of the center's \$461,000 annual budget. The center is an oasis for those without a roof over their heads, a place where they can shower, find counseling and a mail center, in addition to finding a meal — more than 300 are served each day. The loss of HUD money, Mr. Book said, will derail the county's master plan to do away with homelessness by December 2017. 'I don't think HUD realizes how impactful this cut will be for Miami-Dade,' he said."

With examples such as this it is fair to say that HUD—in the name of housing the homeless—has paradoxically adopted a policy that could stimulate homelessness. By withdrawing the very funding that supports this nation's homeless safety net, HUD is leading the nation down a perilous path.

Follow Ralph da Costa Nunez, PhD on Twitter: www.twitter.com/ICPH_homeless

From: Terry Eto <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 8:39 AM
To: District4; District7; City Clerk; District9
Subject: Support for JIMENIZ/KHAMIS/DAVIS PROPOSAL

I am taking the time to address a problem that affects all the residents of San Jose. As an elected official, who represents the people of San Jose, I strongly hope you realize that the city's proposal to build tiny homes for the homeless would cause serious repercussions for years.. The people of San Jose have already voice their displeasure of such an idea, through neighborhood meetings and meetings with their District representatives. Please support the Jimeniz/Khamis/Davis proposal which better addresses the homeless problem.

This the first time I have written such an email because this issue is so important.

Sincerely,

Terry S. Eto
Tuyet Phuong residents of San Jose over 25 years.

From: Sharon Haneman < >
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 10:39 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Bridge Housing

Please vote to include criteria for the "tiny homes" to be away from parks, schools and residential neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone
Sharon Haneman

From: Elvera Faria <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 12:30 PM
To: District4; District7; District9
Cc: District2; District 10; District 6; District1; District5; District8; District3; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; City Clerk
Subject: City Council Meet 8-29-17 Bridge Housing - Voting

Dear Mr. Diep, Mr. Tan and Mr. Rocha:

I am writing this letter to let you that I approve of the Memo released on 8-25-17 by Mr. Jimenez, Mr. Khamis and Ms. Davis with regards to Bridge Housing. It was hard fight, but Mr. Jimenez and Mr. Khamis listened to their constituent's requests thus coming up with his new proposal

http://sanjose.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?meta_id=651877

Mr. Jimenez's memo clearly takes into account all of the concerns that the Dist. 2 and Dist. 10 residents expressed which are also the same concerns that your constituents have expressed. Mr. Jimenez asks that the City lots been thrown out and a SINGLE commercial lot be used. In addition we are coming to the realization that the cost of these tiny houses and using Gensler the most expensive architecture firm is absurd, hence Mr. Jimenez also listed in his Memo that after review if the costs of this outweigh the benefits it would be time to redirect funds and to other projects. This is what all your constituents have petitioned for, each one of you have constituents that are against building these in their neighborhoods. I have attached the links for each of you.

<https://www.change.org/p/city-of-san-jose-say-no-to-the-homeless-shelter-on-noble-ave-in-berryessa-san-jose>

<https://www.change.org/p/san-jose-planning-commission-4-story-162-unit-supportive-housing-complex-does-not-belong-in-a-residential-neighborhood/u/17095865>

<https://www.change.org/p/no-bridge-housing-community-in-thousand-oaks>

I would also like to remind Mr. Diep and Mr. Rocha that you both have sent out memos to your constituents, stating that BHC will not be coming to your district. You can keep your promise by voting on Mr. Jimenez's plan or you can upset your whole district and vote with the Mayor. In addition Mr. Tam your constituents are already upset with the 2500 Senter Road project, do you think they would be pleased if they found out you rejected Mr. Jimenez's plan which would keep BHC out of residential areas? **Please remember that your job is to represent your constituents, not the Mayor and not Google.**

As I understand it if the Jimenez/Khamis/Davis memo doesn't prevail each district will have a BHC. Per the Mayor's proposal they will start with 3 or fewer city wide and then subsequent

developments in other sites to follow. Look at Mayor's proposal where there is information on homeless concerns and # of abatements...I calculated them in order of highest to lowest for you:

- DIST.----- Number of concerns--- Number of abatements

1.	Dist3-----	850-----	271
2.	Dist7-----	638-----	380
3.	Dist9-----	473-----	22
4.	Dist6-----	467-----	117
5.	Dist2-----	309-----	32
6.	Dist10-----	299-----	31
7.	Dist5-----	299-----	62
8.	Dist4-----	280-----	35
9.	Dist1-----	94-----	26
10.	Dist8-----	78-----	18

It is clear that the Mayor is trying to move more homeless from Dist. 3 aka Google Effect with his 1 BHC in each district, while Sergio calls for 1 main commercial location. **Do all of you trust the mayor to make those decisions based on the numbers we have now?**

I hope you all find it in your hearts to do the right thing tomorrow and vote and agree on the Jimenez/Khamis/Davis memo which is the only plan that makes sense and is fair on behalf of EVERY District. Do not let the Mayor make this decision for you or your constituents as it is your job to represent YOUR constituents.

If for some reason the Mayor's plan prevails you all need to fight for the 1st pilot BHC community to be in Dist. 3 since they are the District with the highest number of homeless concerns and homeless individuals. In addition District 3 already has the perfect piece of land which is already paved and ready to go, please reference apn#259-06-067. This piece of land is also conveniently close to the police station and not in a residential area.

Sincerely,
Elvera Faria
Dist. 2 Resident

From: Cheryl Allen-Hunter <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 12:07 PM
To: District4; District7; District9; City Clerk
Cc: District2
Subject: Request Your Conscientious Support & Vote for Constituency Buy-In of Memorandum of 8/25/17 from Council Members, Jimenez, Khamis & Davis.

Honorable Council Members Lan Diep, Tam Nguyen, and Donald Rocha,

I am a resident of District 2 and have lived in the City of San Jose for well over 25 years. Initially my same address fell into District 7 when Council Member Iola Williams held the district seat.

I am concern with the inadequate assistance and services to help the homeless recover and be re-intergreted into the wholeness of a healthy lifestyle and community life. Mayor counseling and medical services need to be available right now, along with police, blight mitigation and safe and secure temporary housing. Yet, providing health care enhancing services should not negatively impact on the health and stability of residential neighborhoods but only add to the quality of life here is the City of San Jose.

The Memorandum, of 8//25/17, initiated and signed by Honorable Council Members Sergio Jimenez, Johnny Khamis and Devora Davis regarding Bridge Housing, is in need of your conscientious support. Let us provide wise, humane emergency services that is truly caring and sustainable for all here in San Jose.

The Memorandum referred to above is the only plan that is fair to all residents, including of course, those most in need of high quality, concentrated assistance and service. It insures more constituency buy-in and committed involvement, as well, more monies directly provided for the needy to upgrade their personal being, allowing them, then to proceed responsibly and not be over-whelmed by accountability. Those individuals, already in a healthy responsible mode, we can find appropriate and safe housing and make that happen with all the necessary follow-through and mentoring, needed.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate you taking my call this morning, listening, and reading my concerns, through emails.

Cheryl

From: Londyn Avery <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 11:55 AM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District5; District1; District3; District8; City Clerk; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; Jones, Chappie; Carrasco, Magdalena; Peralez, Raul; Arenas, Sylvia

Subject: Opposition to Memorandum

Councilmembers,

I would like to voice my objections to the Memorandum signed on 8-25-17 regarding actions related to the AB2176 Bridge Housing. In your Memorandum, you supported maintaining original site criteria and continued to push for a Bridge Housing Community (BHC) to be located in each Council District. You failed to provide evidence that spacing BHCs across the city would benefit the homeless tenants. What evidence is there to support 10 small BHCs as opposed to 1 centralized BHC as recommended by Councilmembers Jimenez, Davis, and Khamis? As a registered nurse who understands the services and cost required to support housing for homeless, I think you can better help BHC tenants by focusing on providing resources to 1 centralized BHC as opposed to spreading resources thin across 10 sites, particularly without a valid reason for doing so.

I was further disappointed to see that you cite the cost of homelessness as evidence to support your suggestion. Once again I must point out to you that operating 1 centralized BHC is much more cost-effective than opening 10 BHCs across the city, particularly when each site is meant to be short-term. The money saved by using a centralized site could be used to provide resources to BHC tenants and could fund long-term housing solutions for BHC tenants.

Please reconsider your position and instead support the Memorandum signed by Councilmembers Jimenez, Davis, and Khamis.

Sincerely,
Londyn Avery

From: Bobbi Yodz <[REDACTED]>
To: "district4@sanjoseca.gov" <district4@sanjoseca.gov>; "district7@sanjoseca.gov" <district7@sanjoseca.gov>; "district9@sanjoseca.gov" <district9@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; "district6@sanjoseca.gov" <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <district5@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; "mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov" <mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov>; BridgeHousingCommunities <bridgehousingcommunities@sanjoseca.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 11:24 AM
Subject: Council vote on 8.29.17 Re: BH

Councilmembers Diep, Nguyen and Rocha,

I am appealing to each of you to publically get on board with a sensible plan to address housing for the homeless and support the 8.25.17 Memo issued by Jimenez, Khamis and Davis. The majority of all district constituents do not want BH in residential areas...period. We would also like to see more time and neighborhood conversation devoted to the proposal before we move forward. There is no benefit in fast tracking this (as the council seems to have been doing) especially when the risk of failure will have major consequences to the Council. Take the time to form the Citywide Task Force as is being suggested and focus on the Scope in the Jimenez, Khamis & Davis Memo.

Mr. Jimenez's memo clearly takes into account many of the concerns that Dist. 2 residents expressed which are the same concerns that your constituents have expressed. He asks that the City lots be thrown out and a SINGLE commercial lot be used. Mr. Jimenez has stated that he supports NO RESIDENTIAL areas be considered. Mr. Jimenez also stated in his Memo that, if after review of the costs involved, the costs outweigh the benefits it would be time to redirect funds on to other projects. Let's make sure we put the right plan into place, not just any plan.

Some of you have sent out memos to your constituents stating that BHC will not be coming to your district. You can keep your promise by voting on Mr. Jimenez's plan or you can send the message that you are not interested in representing the people you serve, as a vote for the Mayo's Memo will indicate. Please remember that your job is to represent your constituents, not the Mayor. .

Do the right thing, support your constituents, do your job and vote on the Jimenez/Khamis/Davis memo which is the plan that makes the most sense at this time. Please do not disappoint the neighbors in this city.

Sincerely,

Bobbi Yodz

District 2 Resident

Homeless City Clerk Letter

We are sensitive to the homeless problem in our city, but we feel that site selection criteria must consider the impact to established neighborhoods. We feel it is inappropriate to place Bridge Housing in proximity of established neighborhoods, schools, parks, children's play areas, etc., due to the potential risk to the safety of children and families.

Per the City of San Jose 2017 Homeless Census and Survey, 49% of the homeless are drug or alcohol abusers and 33% have psychiatric or emotional conditions. No amount of vetting can guarantee that the Bridge Housing will be 100% free of these issues. In addition, a facility like this will be a draw to homeless nearby, which will further increase the danger risk to residents.

The additional boundary criteria proposed by the Housing Authority will provide a buffer to our neighborhoods. These criteria are: The Homeless Bridge Housing must be 100 feet away from adjacent residential uses, 150 feet away from schools or activated neighborhood parks, and 100 feet away from major creeks and tributaries and their riparian corridors. **These criteria must not be removed from the criteria used for selecting the building sites for the Homeless Bridge Housing.** In addition, property within a flood zone shall not be considered appropriate for Bridge Housing.

In addition, we strongly recommend that the city ordinance code pertaining to location of medical marijuana facilities (1,000 feet away from parks, libraries, community or recreational centers, public and private preschools, elementary schools, secondary schools or child day care centers) be adopted for Bridge Housing selection. This is because of the high percentage of drug users among the homeless. Even liquor sales must be a further distance away from areas used by children,

There is another very serious problem that placing Bridge Housing creates when it is placed in the heart of a neighborhood. The character of the neighborhood changes with housing that is not appropriate to the existing neighborhood. Property values of the homes will erode. **This is a given.** No one particular neighborhood should have to bear this burden, nor should the city set itself up for a class action suit.

Recognizing that there is a homeless problem, a single pilot site (not ten sites) would make far more sense and be fiscally more responsible. This facility should be placed on commercial or industrial property. Within the entire city of San Jose, there must be many appropriate sites.

We strongly support the Memorandum from Councilmembers Jimenez, Davis, and Khamis, dated August 25, 2017, titled: Actions Related to the AB2176 Bridge Housing Communities (BHC).

We strongly OPPOSE the Memorandum from Mayor Liccardo, Vice-Mayor Carrasco, Councilmembers Jones, Peralez and Arenas, dated August 25, 2017, titled: Actions Related to the AB2176 Bridge Housing.

So called "Community and Neighborhood Leaders" do not represent the collective voice of an entire neighborhood. No councilman may chose a site without input from all the neighbors affected. He

may propose a site, but the neighborhood residents shall vote upon this site and approve or disapprove it.

[Redacted]

Fred Runco

[Redacted]

Eva Runco

Date: 8/28/17

CC: Mayor & City Council Members

From: Laura Monczynski < >

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 4:36 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; City Clerk; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10

Subject: NO to housing first in neighborhoods

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

There is nothing compassionate about sticking someone in an emergency sleeping cabin in a residential neighborhood far from services to address the various underlying causes of homelessness.

I urge you to vote no on the Bridge Housing Communities proposal.

We all agree that there is a homeless problem. With deinstitutionalization in the 80s and de-funding of mental health services, many people were thrown out in the streets. There are many people who need full time intervention, and this involves more than a roof over one's head.

Sites have been proposed far from existing services. Having housing near transportation is not the same as having housing near services. Very few people are willing to take a bus to a paid job, so it's highly unlikely that people will regularly take a bus to voluntary programs.

Housing First has already been tried in San Jose. It is called Donner Lofts and it is a disaster. People are in need of services to address their underlying problems, and without those needed services it becomes a police issue, further straining an already strained police department.

Housing First is a euphemism for Housing Only, and that is not enough.

It is widely known that what is received for free is not valued and respected and maintained which is why there are even small responsibilities and contributions associated with gimmes. A free ride doesn't work.

People with mental illness need full-time mental health services and close monitoring of medication. People with addiction services need full-time rehabilitation services. People out of work need full-time vocational training and job placement services. And those in different situations can have a full-time volunteer position picking up litter, removing graffiti, or cleaning up homeless encampments as service in exchange for housing.

This is a model which gives no incentive for rising above homelessness and keeps people dependent.

Jennifer Loving measures success by how long people stay in the free housing provided for them. I would measure success by people who rise up above homelessness and can stand on their own two feet.

There is high risk of attracting other homeless individuals to San Jose when word gets out about free services without responsibilities or expectations. According to Ray Bramson from Housing, already one-third of the homeless here were already homeless when they came to San Jose. A few months back my boss was wondering why he was suddenly seeing a lot of new homeless people downtown. He didn't know that there had been an article in the Mercury News just two or three days earlier about providing housing for the homeless.

A homeless person in a site without services is just a homeless person in a house. We need to encourage independence and dignity for those who are capable, and full-time residential services for those who are not capable.

Residential areas are not equipped to handle the needs of the homeless. There are already problems with litter and blight and safety issues. And there are no services in residential areas.

Please focus on services to help people address the underlying causes of homelessness. Please place housing bundled with serious services in areas with existing services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Laura Monczynski
District 2

From: Jeannie Wong < >

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 3:15 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District1; District2; District3; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10; BridgeHousingCommunities; City Clerk

Subject: NO! NO! NO! to Bridge Housing Communities District 2

Not in my neighborhood where I live for almost 30 years.

It has nothing to do with not being compassionate for those in need.

Placing a homeless camp next to our neighborhood is just wrong.

Would you like it in your own backyard???

NO! NO! NO! to Bridge Housing Communities District 2

From: J <>
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 3:11 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Bridge Housing Communities - Please support Housing Department's new criteria

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members,

I'm writing to you concerning the Bridge Housing Communities projects (AB2176) being proposed on vacant, City-owned land (Agenda Item 4.2 on the Agenda for the August 29, 2017 City Council Meeting).

I respectfully urge you to please support one of the follow.

1. Please support and accept the Housing Department's new criteria, which recommends that additional criteria including a 100-foot setback from adjacent residential uses, 150-foot buffer from schools and neighborhood parks, and 100-foot setbacks from major creeks, tributaries, and their riparian corridors, be considered when choosing potential Bridge Housing Communities sites. I very much appreciate Housing Department officials, Council Member Rocha, and others for taking community feedback into consideration when implementing and recommending this new criteria, especially given the fact that there was no criteria or consideration for surrounding residential, park, and school uses in the original list of potential Bridge Housing Communities sites.

2. I also support, and respectfully ask you to support, Council Members Jimenez, Davis, and Khamis' memo asking other Council Members to accept the Housing Department's staff report, but eliminate all vacant, City-owned sites to be used for Bridge Housing Communities. While I fully support the Housing Department's new site criteria, I don't support the placement of Bridge Housing Communities in any residential neighborhood in San Jose. Again, while I fully support the Housing Department's new site criteria, I don't believe the distance away from homes, schools, parks, and waterways goes far enough. I don't believe any residential area in San Jose, with close proximity to homes, neighborhood parks, schools, libraries, etc., is an appropriate place for Bridge Housing Communities. I fully support, and would respectfully urge you to support, Bridge Housing Communities being placed on commercial and industrial properties away from residential areas. I think a single, pilot site on a commercial or industrial property away from residential areas would be a great start. I fully support this and respectfully ask that you consider this as well.

Along the same lines, as I understand it, while this tiny homes concept and where to place them is considered more of an experimental idea, I would also urge you to please consider the possibility that this particular idea may simply not be feasible and appropriate. I fully support and appreciate the City looking into creative ways to help our most vulnerable residents, but if vacant, City-owned sites in residential neighborhoods aren't appropriate places for these types of communities, and do not have the support of the residential neighborhoods, I think the Bridge Housing Communities program should be reconsidered. Again, I fully support these communities being placed on commercial and industrial properties, but do not believe these communities are appropriate in the middle of, next to, or near residential neighborhoods. I respectfully ask that you please consider not placing these communities in residential neighborhoods.

Again, I respectfully urge you to please support and accept the Housing Department's new criteria reducing Bridge Housing Communities sites from ten to a maximum of two, or support and accept Council Members Jimenez, Davis, and Khamis' recommendation, and eliminate all Bridge Housing Communities sites in residential neighborhoods.

As elected officials representing the voice of San Jose residents, I respectfully ask that you please support one of the two above options. While the majority of San Jose residents appreciate and support the City's efforts in providing housing for our vulnerable homeless population, San Jose residents have clearly and overwhelming expressed, through packed and overflowing community meetings and by reaching out to various media outlets, that they do not support Bridge Housing Communities, unless criteria is put in place (the new criteria implemented

by the Housing Department) and/or that Bridge Housing Communities in residential neighborhoods simply is not an appropriate approach. I respectfully urge you to please, please take this into consideration.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Roberts
Thousand Oaks and District 9 Resident

From: Mary Wood < m>

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 2:56 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District7; District8; District9; Rocha, Donald; District 10

Cc: City Clerk

Subject: BHC support

Please support the Housing Department's recommendation to revise site criteria for bridge housing to include setbacks from playgrounds, schools, and riparian corridors. I agree that the City Council has an obligation to address the problem of homelessness, but you also have an obligation to protect the taxpayers whose interests you were elected to represent. This is not an either/or issue. There are many sites suitable for bridge housing. Residential neighborhoods near parks, schools, etc., are not appropriate locations. I implore you to protect all neighborhoods by voting in support of the Housing Department's revised criteria.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Mary Wood
Beechmont Ave

From: Sarah Hsu <
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 2:10 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Fwd: Concern about the new plan on Bridge Housing

Hi Sir/Madam,

As you may already know, there was Bridge Housing proposed on 100 sites in San Jose, and many of them are close to school, library and residence area. In Response to the concern and petitions from neighborhoods, the city modified the selecting criteria, to add buffer to residential property. That is why many of the sites which are close to residential area are off the list.

However, we read the memo linked below, where Sam Liccardo wants the tiny homes in every district and our city council people have 60 days to find the sites. In this memo,

http://sanjose.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?meta_id=651877

In this memo, there is nothing about the consideration on the new criteria about the buffer from residential property for any Emergency Bridge Housing Community. Can you please clarify if this means some of the sites that are deleted from the previous list is back to it again?

There are so many people are raising concern about it.

Thanks,
Sarah

From: Julie Heaton < >

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 1:43 PM

To: District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10

Cc: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; City Clerk; City Clerk

Subject: 8/29/17 Council agenda item 4.2

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I read the following email that was sent to Messrs. Diep, Tan and Rocha and have to say I agree with every point made. In short, I agree with the memo dated 8/25/17 to the Mayor and City Council authored by Council Members Jimenez, Davis and Khamis (the "Jimenez-Davis-Khamis recommendations") wherein they recommend "eliminating all vacant City-owned property from the list of potential BHC sites and consider a single pilot site on commercial or industrial property away from residential areas." I also appreciate the suggestion of creating a comprehensive community outreach program and a task force on homelessness to get the San Jose residents engaged and involved in the planning process. It is clear from some comments on Nextdoor and at the recent D-2 meeting that several people have excellent ideas for helping the homeless and would probably be thrilled at being part of the solution. I urge all of you to vote in favor of the 8/25/17 "Jimenez-Davis-Khamis recommendations" as stated, when you convene at the Council meeting on August 29, 2017.

Thank you for your consideration.

Julie Heaton

Resident of D-2

From:

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 9:29 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: bridge housing Brahnam and Monterey

To City Clerk, I am very concerned about the proposed Bridge Housing at Branham and Monterey. My concern is for the health and safety of the children and families in the neighborhood as well as the homeless who would be residing on this corner. There are two schools and two parks and a library across the street. Branham and Monterey is a high traffic area with the railroad tracks right there.

I have read about the increase in crime associated with "tiny house" developments: guns needles, prostitution and seen the debris/garbage that accumulates in the homeless areas. I think there needs to be a change in the criteria of placement of tiny houses and even a better solution than tiny houses. I think if they are going to go up then placing them in an industrial area with bus routes nearby. Looking into privately owned land also. I want my neighborhood to be safe.

Barbara Poppe, (coordinator of federal homelessness during Barack Obama's presidency), she thought the money could be better sent on building permanent affordable housing rather than the tiny houses. The Santa Clara Valley needs affordable housing and job development. This is a better solution.

I think permanent affordable housing is a better solution or even something like a center or dormitory style housing with services on site like food service, job development/placement, money management/financial planning, rehab services for drugs/alcohol et. and pre-requisites for receiving services to show they want to take responsibility for their lives. Dormitory style housing or permanent affordable housing can help more homeless people, not just 25.

Even if you put a roof over someones head they still have to eat and drink. The homeless will still be looking for ways to get money for food like recycling or worse committing a crime. At a dormitory, meals can be supplied. Maybe even some basic type of medical aide.

Let's not just "do something, let's do something right", Respectfully submitted, Joanne Roc, concerned citizen

From: thuy vu []

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 10:23 PM

To: District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: NO to Bridge Housing in D2

Dear Mr. Diep, Mr. Tan and Mr. Rocha: I am writing this letter to let you that I approve of the Memo released on 8-25-17 by Mr. Jimenez, Mr. Khamis and Ms. Davis with regards to Bridge Housing. It was hard fight, but Mr. Jimenez and Mr. Khamis listened to their constituent's requests thus coming up with his new proposal http://sanjose.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?meta_id=651877 Mr. Jimenez's memo clearly takes into account all of the concerns that the Dist. 2 and Dist. 10 residents expressed which are the same concerns that your constituents have expressed. He asks that the City lots been thrown out and a SINGLE commercial lot be used. In addition we are coming to the realization that the cost of these tiny houses and using Gensler the most expensive architecture firm is absurd, hence Mr. Jimenez also listed in his Memo that after review if the costs of this outweigh the benefits it would be time to redirect funds and to other projects. This is what all your constituents have petitioned for, each one of you have constituents that are against building these in their neighborhoods. I have attached the links for each of you. <https://www.change.org/p/city-of-san-jose-say-no-to-the-homeless-shelter-on-noble-ave-in-berryessa-san-jose> <https://www.change.org/p/san-jose-planning-commission-4-story-162-unit-supportive-housing-complex-does-not-belong-in-a-residential-neighborhood/u/17095865> <https://www.change.org/p/no-bridge-housing-community-in-thousand-oaks> I would also like to remind Mr. Diep and Mr. Rocha that you both have sent out memos to your constituents, stating that BHC will not be coming to your district. You can keep your promise by voting on Mr. Jimenez's plan or you can upset your whole district and vote with the Mayor. Please remember that your job is to represent your constituents, not the Mayor and not Google. I believe 2 of you have terms that are up in December 2018, the same time the Mayor is up as well. He is not well liked by constituents in any district, just look at the comments on Next door's article stating that he is up for re-election. He also seems to think that no one will run against him, quite frankly I believe he is a bully. I would guarantee if either of you wanted to run against him in 2018 you would have shoe in with the constituents of all districts by making a stand against him now and voting with Mr. Jimenez. I hope you find it in your hearts to do the right thing tomorrow and vote on the Jimenez/Khamis/Davis memo which is the only plan that makes sense and is fair on behalf of every District.



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THOUSAND OAKS



[Final Decision Meeting: Tonight
7:00 PM @ City Hall](#)

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City of San Jose: Say NO! to the homeless shelter on Noble Ave in Berryessa, San Jose

D2 resident,
Thuy

From: Alfonso Flores []

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 1:33 AM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; BridgeHousingCommunities <BridgeHousingCommunities@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Bridge Housing Communities - 8/29/2016 City Council Agenda 4.2

Members of the City Council:

I strongly believe that the Bridge Housing Communities as proposed by the City Housing Department, in its current form which appears to be lacking in direction and clarity, intent on using our neighborhood as experiments in solving our complex homeless problem, is not the right solution. I do not doubt the Department's sincere intention to solve this pressing issue; however it does not address our neighborhood concerns.

Our fears are not unfounded. Kim Welsh, Deputy City Manager/Director of Economic Development, in a memo on 6/5/2013 to the City Council, re: Temporary Closure of Wool Creek Drive, said:

"Homeless encampments are often a haven for the criminal element, people who are avoiding law enforcement, engaging in prostitution, or people dealing and using drugs. There are also those people who have mental health issues or substance abuse issues which often draws a police response due to their behavioral outburst. One of the main concerns for these encampments is there are very serious health and sanitation issues. Along with the dealing and use of narcotics in these areas, public safety personnel are always very vigilant looking for discarded hypodermic needles which are a danger in many ways."

I believe that no one should be subjected to a form of living on the street. However, I also believe that putting Bridge Housing Communities next to our neighborhood, or any neighborhood for that matter, exposes the neighborhood "to attracting criminal elements of our society". This juxtaposition is what I have a problem reconciling.

There are many questions that remain to be answered:

How do we make sure that necessary services, like drug rehabilitation and mental services, are offered to the homeless who need these services?

How do we ensure that this program does not attract more homeless people from other regions coming to our area that may drain our limited resources?

How do we make sure that the homeless who are already local to our area are served first, considering that they may not have identification with them?

How do we ensure that when the money is tight, that these services will not be taken away from our homeless citizens?

Respectfully,
Alfonso

From: CAROLYN ACCETURO [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 6:21 AM

To: District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; vicemayoremail@sanjoseca.gov

Subject: BHC Item 4.2 on 8/29/17 Council Agenda

1. Before discussion on this item, is it possible to highlight and explain the "Staff Report" that was accepted in Sergio's memo, under recommendation item 1? What exactly are we accepting? And by the way, who comprised "the staff"? Does it contain the same information as the BHC memo from Jacky Morales-Ferrand dated 8/18/17? *Please clarify at the Council Meeting, thank you.*

2. If you accept the Mayor's memo; to site a "tiny homes" development in each District, to hide the homeless, you will ultimately have 11 San Jose "jungles". Is this the future face of San Jose?

3. In Jacky Ferrand's 8/18/17 memo, the spread sheet of 99 potential sites shows 25 sites that are "TOO SMALL" to be a BHC site. Question: why are these sites on the spread sheet to begin with - to take up space? Didn't staff have a minimum qualification for size, PRIOR to field investigation? Yes, they did: (ie. "A vacant or minimally developed paving only) site of at least 0.50 acres." Doesn't staff possess measuring wheels? The spread sheet was a sham and I know it and my neighbors know it. Please don't ruin South San Jose where I live.

4. I urge you to **please vote yes to support Councilmembers' Jimenez, Davis and Khamis' recommendation; to "Eliminate all vacant City owned property from the list of potential BHC sites and consider a single PILOT site on commercial or industrial property away from residential areas"**.

5. Did the City possibly put the cart before the horse? Wasn't a feasibility and cost-benefit study done PRIOR to siting "tiny homes"?? At least Sergio addresses this in his 8/25/17 memo, under the parameters for the proposed Citywide task force on homelessness. 1.5 million dollars a year seems like a large amount of money to me, and it is coming out of my pocket.

Sergio's item ii makes sense: "Upon review of the findings from the taskforce, Council shall make a recommendation as to whether the benefits of a temporary housing facility pilot program outweigh the cost of the resources and staff time necessary to implement it and if necessary, redirect funds to other projects". Thank you Sergio. We would have until February of 2018. Let's keep Sergio's statement in mind, before this BHC project proceeds too far along the pipeline to be retrieved with grace.

Thank you for the work you do and thank you for listening.

Carolyn Acceturo
District 2 constituent

From: Pat [mailto]

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 6:49 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: I oppose existing BHC pilot program as-is and regarding today's vote.

I am a resident of San Jose who lives near the border of District 10 and District 2. But, I along with many others in my community who live near the border of District 2 and District 10 oppose the BridgeHousing location in District 10(Monterey/Branham) just like other residents in different other districts have been opposing them.

District 10 location on Monterey/Branham is so close to Public Library, Davis Intermediate School, Residential housing & Public Park in addition to rail tracks, Monterey road where cars pass at high speed and known accident prone zone, that it is mind boggling that the location is even considered by any of you.

Along with that, I want to voice my opposition to the entire proposed Bridge Housing Communities pilot program. This program is not adequate or appropriate for the purpose of housing the homeless. This temporary program will not lead to long term success - there is no rationale that homeless people living in this type of "housing first" pod housing will ever attain the ability to earn living wages allowing them to stay in the San Jose area. The Donner apartment in San Jose is an example

Let's look for real homeless solutions which invest in drug & alcohol treatment, job training programs, mental health assistance, subsidized housing or even relocation services for those people who do not want to stay in one of the costliest areas to live in the US.

In the worst case, if a pilot program has to be considered for the BHC, then I support Sergio Jiminez's memo/proposal about the pilot program instead of Mayor Liccardo's program and I hope you also listen to the people of City of San Jose and vote for Sergio Jiminez's memo instead of Mayor Riccardo's memo.

I hope that you will listen to our voices and stop this disaster of an experiment at the cost of our taxpayer's money, peace and lifetime investments in our properties.

Please don't mistake this as a case of "Fine as long as Not In My Backyard".

Thanks and Best Regards.

To: Honorable Mayor Sam Liccardo
& City Council of San Jose, California
RE: **Bridge Housing Communities Projects in San Jose**

August 28, 2017

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Members of the San Jose City Council,

You are to be commended for the leadership and vision that you have shown in creating the Bridge Housing Communities initiative. Please continue your focus on this low-cost, high-impact approach to addressing homelessness. In fact, as one of the national leaders involved with these kinds of projects since 1999, I have been following your progress since you began working months ago. Creating these kinds of village-based projects may be new for some people, though most of us tend to love such modest, human scale places. Yes, some will react and defend their present sense of scale and value, even if the most vulnerable among us remain un-housed. However, the end result of success is always outstanding, and the benefits are undeniable.

This is what we know:

- Village projects result in measurably safer local conditions. Both of the earliest villages in Portland have been monitored by Portland Police and have been found to have among the lowest crime rates in the whole city. This effect includes a radius beyond the immediate site.
- The cost of managing a village can be as much as 30 times lower per person, per night, than a typical tax-supported shelter. Villages can be nearly self-supported at a rate of around 4 dollars per night. That figure does not include the cost of a service provider, however, which has become more important.
- Villages are improvements in numerous respects. 1- While shelters separate couples and families, villages keep couples and families together. 2- Shelters force people to abandon their belongings and pets, while villages do not. 3- Shelters only allow people to enter at the end of the day, and turn them out quite early in the morning, often despite weather conditions. 4- Villages help people stabilize and have time to prepare for job searches, applications, interviews, and personal care. There are more favorable comparisons that can be made.
- Villages are mostly propelled by social capital and natural capital, and so can be broadly supported by community involvement and various kinds of contributions. In fact, the "caring factor" tends to ensure that fewer problems will occur, while more solutions will emerge.
- Villages consume less energy and produce less waste. In fact, as car-free, "walkable and talkable" environments, Villages have the lowest carbon footprint of all comparable neighborhoods in a region.

Please keep up the good work. Though design matters, how you engage your communities is key a factor in the process of ensuring buy-in, ongoing community support and involvement, and overall success. If you find that you would like help navigating the challenges entailed in any city's first efforts at such place-based innovation, please do not hesitate to call us.

We are always happy to help.

Mark Lakeman

Mark Lakeman
Founder, the City Repair Project & The Village Building Convergence
Founder and Design Lead, communitecture

From: Yen Ngo

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 8:31 AM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District7; City Clerk; BridgeHousingCommunities

Subject: Homeless Housing in District 7

We strongly protest against the city's homeless housing proposals (1896 Senter Road, SJ CA and Roberts Ave/Vintage Way SJ CA) for the following reasons:

1. They are too close to our schools (G Shirakawa Elem School, Yerba Buena HS and RF Kennedy Elem School). It is well known that mental illness and drug addiction / Substance abuse are major issues among homeless. The city's proposals will endanger our children.
2. They are right next to our parks. Our neighborhood has had so much problem with the homeless population, e.g., the "Jungle" (Senter / Story), and Coyote Creek. To build a homeless permanent housing here will worsen this condition.

Sincerely,

Yen Ngo
Winifred Dr
San Jose, CA 95122

From: Tuan Nguyen < m>

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Tuan Nguyen
Winifred Dr
San Jose, CA 95122

From: Trish <>

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 8:32 AM

To: District1; City Clerk

Cc: District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10; BridgeHousingCommunities

Subject: Bridge housing council meeting

To Mayor Liccardo and City Council

I am writing to ask you to consider D2 Sergio Jiminez recommendations for approach to emergency housing for homeless

The current plan for the use of city land with current criteria is premature and the sites are not safe for such a vulnerable population as homeless.

There are many successful models in other states (such as Quixote villages) in the Seattle area.

The current sites (esp Bernal and Monterey) are not suitable.

There are fatality accidents every year in this area.

In order for this project to be successful it needs on site services safer area. Not in close proximity to school and school bus stops. Please know that land can be leased and donated and also county lands should be considered Please be mindful and not hasty in moving forward with this much needed project.

Patricia geyer carlin

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kathleen Sandys <
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 8:56 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Bridge Housing

I am writing to express my **extreme disapproval** of the proposed bridge housing sites and criteria. I am frustrated that Mayor Liccardo and others are intending to not following through with the Housing Department's recommendations regarding updating the criteria for bridge housing sites (namely 100 feet from schools/parks).

I urge the council to please reconsider adopting the Housing Department's recommendations.

Regards,

Kathleen Sandys
95136

From: iq4rent sc <>
Date: August 29, 2017 at 9:34:14 AM PDT
To: " >
Subject: Fw: 8/29 Council meeting

Please make sure this is added to the public record.

All of us organizers sat in city hall yesterday agonizing over whether or not we could in good conscience ask our unhoused and formerly unhoused friends to come speak today knowing the hateful things they'll be subject to. We wondered if we spoke to Sam if there was a way to make it easier/quicker for unhoused people to speak, but the answer was clearly no. We also asked him to keep us safe and he said just as many people felt they weren't safe from us during the BAHN meeting.

We decided we would only ask those who could handle the extreme conditions and make sure we told them exactly what they were getting into and make sure we were there to support them. And then the incident with the security guard happened.

How can we ask unhoused and formerly unhoused folks to attend a highly charged meeting full of horrible vitriol when we don't feel our mayor or some of our security will keep ALL people safe? We can't. And that's not fair that the people who should be there the most are essentially being silenced out of the meeting because it's unfair for anyone to ask them to experience more trauma.

I do hope you'll address this in your comments--the lack of comments from the group most directly affected by this meeting--and why.

Please see enclosed letter to Walter Lin who oversees security and the pattern of abuse.

Regards,
Shaunn Cartwright

From: iq4rent sc
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 12:22 AM
To: Walter.Lin@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: 8/29 Council meeting

Hi Walter,

Just wanted to address some concerns I have regarding today's council meeting. It will very likely be one of the largest we've ever had and well, Lori doesn't do well under those conditions. She is the only guard who removes families with small children from the chambers if she thinks they're being too loud. As I've said before, she's rude to folks and rude to media and there's likely to be a lot of both today in a highly emotional meeting.

Also, there will be unhoused folks there who are fragile and have suffered extensive trauma. These people need to be treated with understanding, not harshly or further traumatized. If a situation does arise, please allow us to help.

Lastly, a young male security officer in a gray uniform repeatedly kicked an unhoused man last night at city hall. A housing advocate confronted him and he was backed up by an older white male officer who was balding and wearing a blue uniform. It's all on video and posted on multiple Facebook sites and sent to many councilmembers if you'd like to view it.

This behavior is completely unacceptable and I'd like to know what steps you're going to take to remedy the situation. This aggressive behavior towards unhoused folks is the same behavior we experienced from Lori during Occupy and I find it terribly troubling that over a decade later the same issues persist. I've seen Wayne, John and Isaiah handle unhoused folks many times and at no time have I seen them be disrespectful or abusive.

I look forward to your response.

Regards,

Shaunn Cartwright



JP DINAPOLI
COMPANIES INC.

August 29, 2017

Honorable Sam Liccardo and San Jose City Councilmembers
200 East Santa Clara, 18th Floor
San Jose, California 95113

Re: Museum Place Development

Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers:

Today you will be considering approval of the DDA for the Museum Place project. This is a very innovative mixed used project with excellent architectural design. We believe it will be a fine addition to the City's Downtown if its development can be realized.

I am writing you to inform you that we are planning a high-rise development on the adjoining property at 200 Park Avenue. It is a challenging site to develop with a tall building, given its small footprint and the need for adequate parking. Nonetheless, we are studying high-rise design options, which we understand the City has encouraged the current owner to consider.

If we are able to move forward, we want you to understand that a high-rise building at the 200 Park Avenue site will, by default, obscure the views from some parts of the Museum Place project. This needs to be stated to you, the developer and the public in advance of your consideration of the Museum Place project. We don't want to hear that a future homeowner or tenant of Museum Place has objections to high-rise development along the west side of the block.

We also want to be assured that the Paseo between 200 Park Avenue and Museum Place will be kept open as a public pedestrian easement and emergency vehicle access in perpetuity. We understand that the 40-foot No Build Zone will assure that there will be no design or building restrictions encumbering the 200 Park site. Since we are at the beginning of our design efforts, it is critical that the property enjoy the same conditions as it did when that area was a City right of way.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

John B. DiNapoli
President

From: Denise Florio <
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 10:37 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: Bridge Housing Communities

Dear Mayor Liccardo,

I was disappointed when I read your memo indicating you are not supporting the new recommended criteria from the housing department concerning the bridge housing sites. The members of the housing department are the ones you tasked with this important project and they are the ones who have listened and responded to the desire of the people. Their recommended changes should be accepted by the city council.

I am writing to ask that you please reconsider supporting the new criteria that the housing department developed. The new criteria would help ensure bridge housing would be placed in **appropriate locations** in the city. The initial criteria is not extensive enough to serve the needs of ALL of San Jose residents and your recommended minor adjustment to that criteria is not sufficient to protect all of our interests.

You said in your memo that the projects in Seattle are worth modeling. I looked at all of the tiny homes projects in Seattle and they are all located in mixed used areas. None are right in the middle of single family home residential communities. You also indicated Seattle started small. Why then do you insist on one location per district? As we are all aware, open land in our city is at a premium. It is very possible that there are districts that will not have an appropriate location for a tiny home project.

I live in district 9 near thousand oaks park. If the criteria is not revised as the housing department is recommending, it puts the thousand oaks city owned property back into consideration. As I am sure you are aware, that property sits right in the middle of our single family home residential neighborhood. I am not saying, "not in my backyard". What I am saying is these sites should be developed in mixed used areas that consist of a variety of structures, businesses and residents. Just like Seattle. I would be ok with this project just outside of our tract of homes, even just across the street. But to place a project like this right in the middle a single family home neighborhood, next to our neighborhood park where we go for our outdoor recreation, that would fundamentally alter the look and feel of the neighborhood. My neighbors and I bought our homes with a reasonable expectation of the type of neighborhood we would reside in. We have invested our life savings into these homes. I do not think it is serving ALL residents of San Jose to force this type of landscape change on us. Especially when there **are alternatives**.

I ask that you please consider our very reasonable request to keep our neighborhood as we bought it. Accept the revised criteria set forth by the housing department. Please do this to serve ALL of the residents of San Jose.

Thank you for your consideration,

Denise Florio

From: Victor Magallon < >

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 10:19 AM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

Subject: Homeless Housing near Thousand Oaks Park

I am writing this email to vote against homeless housing units near Thousand Oaks Park. I fear that with the homeless units, there will be more trespassing on private property and increased drunk use. At the end of Harvest Meadow Court there's a driveway where kids go to and hop the fence. They go there to do drugs/smoke out. There will be increased traffic if the units are approved.

I live close to the proposed site so I am very concerned especially about these issues.

August 28, 2017

Mayor Sam Liccardo, Mr. Khamis District 10, Mr. Sergio District 2, and the entire City Council

Cc: Bridge Housing Committee & All Other City Associates in favor of Tiny Homes for Homeless Project

Re: The Proposed Bridge Housing Project Now Scheduled to be built in District 10 and 2 at the corner of Branham & Monterey Hwy and at Bernal Rd & Monterey Hwy

Please do not approve this project as some sort of temporary cure to supposedly help the homeless in our City. As you informed everyone at the Hayes Mansion meeting last week the Homeless problem needs to be addressed. This Tiny House Project is not the answer. What you propose is merely a bandaid and show of some small effort that will have no real effect on the large number of homeless. The few dozen homes (if you call them homes) will do nothing to make a dent in their need for housing. What it will do is make a very large negative impact on the residential community surrounding them.

I live near Branham and Monterey and feel the negative financial impact that will be imposed on all the current homeowners living near this homeless camp, and that is actually what it would be more like than a home community, would be of great proportions. I have been a licensed real estate agent in Santa Clara County for decades and know that the loss of equity that will be imposed on the existing homeowners will be devastating. No potential homebuyer would rather buy a home near a homeless camp than in a neighborhood where there are no homeless issues. I can foresee existing homeowners in that area wanting to move after a homeless camp is put in their backyard. Once they start putting their homes for sale you have the unbalanced availability of homes creating the old "Supply and Demand" negative end result with more homes for sale in one area causing a reduction in sales prices. That coupled with the fact that buyers would not pick that area as their first choice given the proximity to the homeless will further drop the property values in those neighborhoods. The property values will continue to spiral downward making this a very unfair situation put on the areas that you choose to punish when you pick the sites for your experimental TEMPORARY project. I fear their home values would never recover from your unfair decision to impose this loss on this neighborhood.

How do you decide which homeowners should suffer the consequences of loss of property value while letting the rest of the homeowner's in the City retain their full property values? A project like this should only be considered in areas without residential homes nearby. Your 100-150 ft setback guidelines may as well be nothing as they will still be in site having the same negative impacts. Either put it in the fairgrounds or a similar more commercial area where the children and parents will not have to suffer the consequences. Do we really want our children to think this is an accepted lifestyle? What are we encouraging them to become? The library and the school crossing guards at that intersection now prove it is too close to the children. We feel it would not be safe although you say it will be supervised, by whom and how often? Will there be a security guard there full time? Even though you say it is for only four years, we have no guarantee. If building insufficient housing for the homeless is the only resolution you can come up with, then put one tiny house in every residential community including on the streets you live on. There will be no financial recovery from the loss you will impose onto this community. Please do not approve anything associated with this kind of unfair resolution. Come up with a plan better than this. A plan that only helps 50 homeless by taking down the property values of

hundreds of homeowners is not an acceptable plan. You are suppose to be a legislative body that represents the community and we are begging you to not destroy our home values.

There are many other reasons I do not think this is a good idea:

It will bring more homeless to San Jose once other town's homeless hear San Jose is giving tiny homes to the homeless

Many homeless are homeless because of drug addiction and alcoholism and with the inability to work they are forced to commit crimes for money to exist

Many homeless spend their days begging in the streets and we do not want that in our neighborhood streets

Many homeless as you pointed out at the meeting have mental issues and the news shows a large percentage of murders are committed by people with mental issues

You will have to have portapotty's or similar facilities for their sanitary needs, and this will be an eye sore for anyone driving down Monterey Rd or Branham Lane as will the entire project

This would be an invitation for many of the other homeless living in the area to come to this homeless camp to use their facilities bringing more homeless into this area

These homeless will be walking down Branham lane to get to Safeway grocery store for their dietary needs, and a large amount of homeless pushing their carts down Branham Lane will further detract from the neighborhood.

I am aware that Oregon suffered a lot of rats and other negative impact from their homeless community when they tried a similar housing project. This will have an effect on our nearby homes.

These are just some of the reasons I feel a project like this will not work in a residential neighborhood.

Have you considered the Airport area, or Curtner & Almaden Expressway area, where there are large lots that could be considered away from our residents and schools and parks, such as Hayes Mansion Park just hundreds of feet from this proposed homeless community. If the City does not own a proper lot, purchase or lease one away from our homes. I can foresee a lot of lawsuits against the City if you insist on downgrading the value of residential homes by putting homeless nearby. I hope you will save the City a lot of money and frustration by not trying to impose such a project on us. Look at the bigger picture and try to find jobs for the homeless, house them in huge buildings, apartments, or in rural areas. At least if homes get built nearby after the homeless community is established, the new homeowners know what they are getting. Tiny homes are more like campers without the kitchens. They are not residential housing and should not be represented as such. If you have grant money put it to good use creating permanent solutions not a temporary one that could cause heartache to so many in San Jose. Whatever you decide to do make sure it is fair to all of San Jose and distribute the outcome evenly throughout our great City. Thank you, Mr & Mrs Charles Martarano, Branham area homeowner

From: Julia Szabo < >

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 11:18 AM

To: City Clerk; Liccardo, Sam

Subject: NO to Homeless Bridge Housing on Branham and Monterey

Dear Mayor Liccardo,

Our Homes are right behind the fence of the proposed Homeless Shelter on Branham Ln. and Monterey Rd. and we regularly walk to Schools, Library and Edenvale Park. We have already dealt with homeless issues on that land: they were throwing rocks across the fence where our children were playing, roaming our neighborhood and stealing from our garages and creating noise disturbance.

The proposed Homeless Shelter will amplify the above problems and will put our children's and families' SAFETY at constant and great RISK!

Therefore we respectfully ask you to NOT place Homeless Bridge Housing on Branham Ln. and Monterey Rd..

Sincerely,

Julia Szabo
Resident of District 10

**Resident Comment for Agenda Item 4.2 on August 29, 2017 City Council Agenda
From Mrs. Teubert 29+ years living in San Jose Resident**

Branham/Monterey site (Why is the land on this corner being cleared before you vote?) or any site in a neighborhood

Are you willing to have this community in your neighborhood?

If not, why has it been proposed for ours?

What effect will this proposal have on the safety of our neighborhood and the value of our properties?

What effect will this proposal have on decreasing the homeless population in San Jose?

How will this community contribute to San Jose?

Which community will your vote favor?

From: Huy Tran < >

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 12:36 PM

To: Agendadesk

Cc: District1; District3; District4; Nguyen, Laura; Torres, Omar; Huynh, Bruce; District 6; Moua, Louansee; Le, Stacy; Jackie; District 10; Le, Candace

Subject: Bridge Housing

To our Esteemed Mayor and Councilmembers,

My name is Huy Tran. I currently serve on the Housing and Community Development Commission, but I write to you today in my personal capacity.

Besides serving as a member of the Housing Commission, I graduated from Santa Clara Law and was sworn in to the Bar in 2012. Now I am a partner in a private law practice here in downtown. I also serve on the board of two non-profit organizations, volunteer to plan community events such as an annual Halloween haunted house that is free for all to enjoy, and help educate people about their employment rights at weekly clinics hosted by Santa Clara University.

I have also been homeless. It was during a time when I was lost and needed something to give meaning back to my life. Fortunately, it was for a brief period (maybe a few weeks?), because I was lucky enough to be introduced to State Assemblyman Ash Kalra, who took me in barely knowing who I was. I can't imagine where I would be if I had not found stable housing.

I write today in support of the original proposal to have each District host a Tiny Homes Village because it is the right thing to do. As people, we have a moral obligation to provide for those who have nothing. As a city, we should bear that burden equally because even if homelessness is not a problem for one neighborhood, one district, or even one city to solve, we should not push off or delay good solutions.

Bridge Housing is a good solution. Homelessness has many causes, but ultimately works in a cycle where a person who becomes homeless will have their circumstances worsen over time. Mental illness, drug addiction, deteriorating physical health, all of these issues magnify over time as a person remains without permanent housing or stability. Utah tested out a new approach to homelessness a few years ago where the homeless would be housed before being given services (called "housing-first"), and it has been wildly successful. Utah saw a 72% reduction in its homeless population between 2005 and 2014. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/inspired-life/wp/2015/04/17/the-surprisingly-simple-way-utah-solved-chronic-homelessness-and-saved-millions/?utm_term=.8d0fb77e88f5. Getting treatment to those housed in these homes also became easier because they could be found in one location.



[The surprisingly simple way Utah solved chronic](#)

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www.washingtonpost.com

The story of how Utah solved chronic homelessness begins in 2003, inside a cavernous Las Vegas banquet hall populated by droves of suits. The problem at hand was

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There has been a lot of pushback to this proposal, and I believe it is due to misinformation and fear. While I understand the concern of residents who are thinking about safety, aesthetics, and transparency of the process, safety, aesthetics, and transparency can be resolved. Community input and collaboration between the city and residents can produce viable solutions that keep our neighborhoods safe and clean without ignoring the more than 4000 homeless people who currently live in our streets, or pushing them to a corner of the city where we continue to ignore them rather than welcome them back into our communities.

As a side note, the conversations around solutions to homelessness are vital, and obviously emotional. However, the worst has been listening to people who were opposed to Bridge Housing out of an irrational fear. Some told stories of being crime victims, but had nothing to prove or show that a homeless person committed the crime. Others decried the homeless as filthy without understanding they have no place to clean themselves, use the bathroom, or store their things. Still more spoke as if they were experts on resolving homelessness, arguing that the homeless should be treated and given jobs before housing, not even considering what happens when the homeless leave their jobs or the centers where they get services (here's a hint: THEY ARE STILL HOMELESS).

Listening to these discussions has been a stark reminder that we need to open our hearts. The silver lining to hearing these discussions was meeting some of the homeless who came to advocate for themselves, and to hear from residents who believed that this solution should be considered, but lamented that the original idea for each District to share equally in venture was lost. I sincerely hope that you, our representatives, can show the same compassion that Ash did when he took a chance on me. Your example can hopefully move the discussion away from fear and towards our humanity. Huy Tran

From: Erpelding Family [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 10:26 AM
To: District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Bridge Housing Communities

Dear Honorable Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers Jones, Peralez, Diep, Carrasco, Nguyen, Arenas, and Rocha:

We are residents of District 2 and urge you to accept and adopt the actions outlined in the memorandum from Councilmembers Jimenez, Davis, and Khamis dated August 25, 2017; Subject: Actions related to the AB2176: Bridge Housing Communities (BHC).

The outlined actions will assuage our concerns and the shared concerns of many of our neighbors. Although we are in District 2, District 10 has proposed a BHC site that borders District 2. Building homeless housing at the corner of Branham Lane and Monterey Highway is the wrong location, and frankly not safe, for our community. Children of Hayes Elementary, Davis Intermediate, and Oak Grove High School walk to school through this intersection on a daily basis. Edenvale Library, which is used by many of these children and also senior citizens, is diagonally across from the proposed homeless housing site.

It is an unfortunate reality that many of our homeless need mental health care, and an individual's unstable nature can lead to public outbursts, drug usage, urination, and sexual manipulation or violence in front of our community's children. Violence is our worst fear and it is not unfounded. Recently a 13-year-old boy was stabbed by a homeless man outside the Millbrae Public Library. (<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2017/06/09/boy-stabbed-outside-millbrae-library-suspect-arrested/>)

It is understood that homelessness is pervasive throughout San Jose, but to concentrate them in residential communities will only increase the likelihood of unsafe interactions. We do not want to expose our children and seniors to the dangers that the proposed concentration of homeless will cause.

Helping the homeless in our area is needed. We see the need every day on our way to work and driving our kids to and from school. But helping them must be done in a prudent manner that keeps our children and elderly safe.

Sincerely,
David & Grace Erpelding

From: ketan navadiya [REDACTED] >

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 2:07 PM

To: BridgeHousingCommunities

Cc: District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10; Liccardo, Sam; Jimenez, Sergio; City Clerk

Subject: Re: Against Bridge Housing

Thank you for the response. Here are my further comments:

1. Why is the cost so high for these pods? Many of the other cities that have tried this approach had it built for less then \$3000.
2. People/Offices that are responsible for running this project should come up with concrete site selection criteria and get public input. I would say at the very minimum, it needs to be out of residential area.
3. Are these tiny homes really going to solve homelessness? I think people who are pushing hard for this are ignoring the fact that this is not a true solution. Before Tiny home approach is taken, we should step back and look at the bigger picture. We should do more out reach on figuring out the true cause of homelessness. I here its cost of living in bay area which maybe true but if cost of living goes up and you cant afford to live in the area than we need to educate them to move to cheaper area where they can live comfortably. If you start tiny homes than you might be encouraging others to become homeless because the reality is that cost of living is not going to go down anytime soon.
4. We need to get social programs in place that really help the people that need help.
5. There should be a way to figure out if the person really needs help or he/she is being lazy and wants to just have handout given to him/her as thats what our government seems to be doing. Having checks and balances in place makes sure that you won't see homeless number raise when you make the news on how amazing of program you have in place to house homeless people.

thanks,
Ketan

On Tue, Aug 29, 2017 at 1:57 PM,

BridgeHousingCommunities <BridgeHousingCommunities@sanjoseca.gov> wrote:

We appreciate your email and feedback. The Housing Department recently turned in a City a City Council memo on Friday, August 18, 2017, that was distributed to the San José Mayor and City Council regarding new site selection criteria for Bridge Housing Communities. This item will be heard at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 no earlier than 4pm. (Item 4.2 on the Council Agenda).

The Housing Department has created www.sanjoseca.gov/bridgehousingcommunities on its website where an overview of the project and progress updates can be found. Again if you have additional ideas for potential sites or wish to submit your comments about how the sites should

be selected, developed, or operated, please continue to
email: bridgehousingcommunities@sanjoseca.gov.

From: ketan navadiya <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 7:14:55 PM
To: District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10;
Liccardo, Sam; Jimenez, Sergio; BridgeHousingCommunities; City Clerk
Subject: Against Bridge Housing

To Elected Officials of San Jose,

I have tried to help many homeless people because my story is not any better than the stories of these homeless people. I am fortunate enough to be in position that i am in so i try to help as much as i can but my experience has been that most of them do not want to be helped as far as making changes in their life goes to prepare them to get a job either it be by seeking specific job training or just working at fast food place. As someone stated in the meeting held at Hayes Mention by Sergio, some of these homeless population does much better than hardworking, tax paying citizens because they do not have expenses and no tax to pay. Its the life style some choose for themselves. I have made this below comment before and it was not well taken but will make it again. If you are fortunate enough to be in the United States, there should be no reason why you are homeless (except for very minor percentage of people who were mentally ill before becoming homeless). The reason for me making this statement is that the government has various different programs in place to help people if they sick assistance. Instead of these programs being used for the people that need help, they are being abused by people who don't want to work. We need checks and balances to make sure programs are being used for what they are meant to be used for to stop wasting tax payers money. The homelessness problem at least in bay area is created by these IT companies who make billions of dollars. Why doesn't the city hold them accountable? Also people should start move out of the area if they can no longer afford to leave in an area. Its called living within your means. For example i left my family in chicago for good opportunity here because i knew being in this area will be good for me and my family. I moved here only because i could afford to. With all that being said, city should take the 1 billion allocated for this project and buy bunch of houses in kansas city where a single family home sales for around 25K. This option will be much cheaper and its path to home ownership. Also build up infrastructure to support those that need extra help with the other funds or start nonprofit businesses to give them jobs locally.

Thanks, Ketan Navadiya

From: Vilas Shinde [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 3:10 PM

To: District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10; BridgeHousingCommunities; City Clerk; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

Subject: Current BHC plan opposition

To the Mayor, BHC and District Council Members, I am a tax paying resident of District 2. I want to voice my opposition to the proposed Bridge Housing Communities pilot program. This program currently may not adequate or appropriate for the purpose of housing the homeless. This temporary program may not lead to long term success - there is no rationale that homeless people living in this type of "housing first" pod housing will ever attain the ability to earn living wages allowing them to stay in the "**expensive**" San Jose area. Let's look for real homeless solutions which invest in drug & alcohol treatment, job training programs, mental health assistance, subsidized housing or even relocation services for those people who do not want to stay in one of the "**costliest**" areas to live in the US. These solutions should include some type of contribution from those helped whenever physically or mentally possible - no free handouts to able bodied adults and no one benefiting from these programs without adherence to rules, regulations or restrictions attached to those receiving assistance. This Bridge Housing program does not seem to include any of the parameters as stated above. Find other programs which are sure to be better returns on investment. Furthermore, District Council Members who have responded to neighborhood opposition to the BHC, and whose locations were disqualified should NOT be voting yes on this proposal. To do so would be **hypocritical**, would it not? Homelessness is a City- wide issue and should be solved with City- wide participation.

Further the number of sites were reduced from 99 (minimum 1 per District) to max of two due to various conditions. Now this is being indicated to be a "**Pilot**". So if this is pilot, and if pilot is success how is BHC team going to find new sites later on (given that no other sites could be found in most other districts with current criteria). Definitely sites won't pop-up later on in all the districts if team could locate just 2-4 which met the criteria. So basically whats the use of pilot based on existing site selection criteria if no new sites would be found using current criteria. Either the criteria will need to be changed or pilot is failure.

The sites ideally should be near job opportunities. With Google village type of activities in downtown, it might make more sense for homeless to be near job opportunities rather than away. Further Google and other companies in the region should also be requested to come up with plan for homeless rather than it being only city led plan.

We should be investing in long term, comprehensive programs instead of a "5 year temporary" and experimental plan which the City of San Jose is not even mandated to implement. As a tax paying resident, I and lot of D2 residents are opposed to current plan, so we expect the City council members to **VOTE in opposition of this proposal!** BHC team should go back to drawing board and come up with better plan rather than hurrying up without considering tax paying residents feedback.
D2 Resident,
Vilas Shinde

From: Mila Heally <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 1:31 AM

To: District4; District2; District3; District 10; District5; District 6; BridgeHousingCommunities; District7; District8; District9; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District1; Bramson, Ray; City Clerk

Subject: BHC - City Council Meeting - City Owned Commercial Lot

Dear City Leaders and Ray,

The remaining lot from D3 is commercial so it does meet the criteria for a commercial lot instead of a residential lot.

It does have sanitary sewage already passing on the lot, so it meets the criteria.

It is also already paved. If you need one site to run the pilot this is the one.

Yours,

Mila Heally

From: Peter Comcast <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 5:43 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: homeless bridge housing

Dear Folks,

I am really concerned that homeless housing is coming near me!

I do not believe you have thought this through properly!

**Who is paying for capital installation.....we the taxpayer
The homeless pay no taxes and have no income...who pays for their
utilities, upkeep maintenance... we the taxpayer!
Who cleans up their trash? Who suffers from property damage, crime
,drugs and loss of property values?.. we the taxpayer**

The homeless need workfare not welfare!

**This bridge housing will only attract more homeless to San Jose as
they figure out this is a good deal for them, compared to other cities
in the area!**

So it will not solve the homeless problem only make it worse!!!!

It is a really stupid idea!!!!!!

**We need workfare not freebie welfare, the homeless will not be
responsible taxpaying homeowners if they get this bridge housing
without responsibility!!!**

**If they screw up and damage/destroy the housing who will evict
them? And who will pay the clean up costs?**

**I would rather have my streets and potholes repaired than
bridgehousing!!!!!! Lets get our priorities straight!!**

**Remember we elected you to act in our interest, not against our interest
and community lifestyle!**

Best regards Peter Dean

From: Erpelding Family < >
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 12:50 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Bridge Housing Communities

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Sincerely,

David & Grace Erpelding

From: Andrea Huynh <>
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 12:26 PM
To: District4; District7; District9; City Clerk
Subject: Fwd: A proposed Solution to the micro-housing issue

Dear District leaders,

Below is the email I sent today to the Mayor, County Supervisor and Mr. Jimenez. Please reconsider having micro-housing placed in the midst of neighborhoods with schools. Below is a solution to consider instead. We want to help the homeless but aim for a long-term solution that actually helps everyone in the community.

Sincerely,
Andrea Auduong
District 2 Resident

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Andrea Huynh** <>
Date: Tue, Aug 29, 2017 at 12:15 PM
Subject: RE: A proposed Solution to the micro-housing issue
To: dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org, mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov, "Jimenez, Sergio" <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>

Dear San Jose Civic Leaders,

I have written you before and thank some of you for responding. Tonight is the BHC Meeting and I wanted to make sure my proposal is considered and read by you, which is aimed at a long-term solution, not just hiding our homeless in expensive portables with no running water or electricity. In other words, expensive "cardboard boxes". This is not a wise stewardship of our citizens' hardworking money paid to the county to help our communities.

Please consider looking at vacant office buildings situated away from schools and buildings. These buildings already have electricity and water and a safer place for the homeless. These buildings will be used as a temporary dormitorium where each individual that agrees to stay will be assigned a case worker, be assessed and put on a path out of homelessness. All of the county's agencies are scattered throughout the county. By making them accessible under one roof, the homeless actually have a higher chance of being able to access all the resources they need to get out of homelessness.

Resources and volunteers/employees:

Consider giving huge tax breaks to companies and corporations who can provide resources/building space/etc. Professionals get tax breaks for teaching courses such as programming, technology, automechanics, food service, sanitation, etc. any kind of skills to

these individuals to get them out of homelessness. Start a campaign of "Programming ends Homelessness", "_____ ends homelessness", etc. Corporations and companies get tax breaks for hiring individuals who successfully finish program and certify those skills.

Employees: City can provide paying jobs to community while ending homelessness. Individuals who stay at this center also use their time to give back by cleaning bathrooms, serving food, maintaining the grounds. These individuals can also be coached/mentored by professionals to do such handiwork.

Graduates from the center who successfully finish their program give back by mentoring other homeless individuals off the streets.

Volunteer facilitators to teach self-reliance: My church has detailed course material (free) on self-reliance: www.srs.lds.org. This of course has spiritual/religious references, but the basis for self-reliance can be applied to anyone. The topics include jobs, employment, small businesses or starting one, education and finances.

Graduates are those who successfully gain skills to get a job and secure housing.

Donations/money to run the center:

Donations to agencies would remain in force. Where the agencies currently are located should remain the same so that they can help the homeless and refer to the center.

Community donations: tax breaks to those who donate furniture and goods to support program.

Work in tandem with Savers and other non-profits like churches to get goods and resources.

Channeling Panhandling to resources: Put up catchy signs at street corners where panhandling is existent. "Do you need food? Clothing? Shelter? Come to _____. We can come pick you up. Call _____. Want to donate to end homelessness? Please visit _____.org to donate. Tax deduction receipts given." Those that panhandle really need resources. The sign can direct the needy to the center donations that route.

These solutions do not mean that community members stop giving goods or work with soup kitchens that reach out to homeless. Those will still benefit the cause. My proposal is to provide an avenue to actually help a homeless person stay off the streets and get real help, not just another fish for the day. This will eventually end homelessness and eliminate the excuse that someone living in one of the richest countries in the world should ever be living on the streets.

Please consider this proposal. Contact all the people you know to give you numbers on costs and viability of this program. Please acknowledge once you read this email. I want to make sure my voice is heard.

Thank you,

Andrea Auduong
District 2 Resident

From: ketan navadiya < >

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 12:14 PM

To: District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10; Liccardo, Sam; Jimenez, Sergio; BridgeHousingCommunities; City Clerk

Subject: Against Bridge Housing

To Elected Officials of San Jose,

I have tried to help many homeless people because my story is not any better than the stories of these homeless people. I am fortunate enough to be in position that i am in so i try to help as much as i can but my experience has been that most of them do not want to be helped as far as making changes in their life goes to prepare them to get a job either it be by seeking specific job training or just working at fast food place. As someone stated in the meeting held at Hayes Mention by Sergio, some of these homeless population does much better than hardworking, tax paying citizens because they do not have expenses and no tax to pay. Its the life style some choose for themselves.

I have made this below comment before and it was not well taken but will make it again. If you are fortunate enough to be in the United States, there should be no reason why you are homeless (except for very minor percentage of people who were mentally ill before becoming homeless). The reason for me making this statement is that the government has various different programs in place to help people if they sick assistance. Instead of these programs being used for the people that need help, they are being abused by people who don't want to work. We need checks and balances to make sure programs are being used for what they are meant to be used for to stop wasting tax payers money. The homelessness problem at least in bay area is created by these IT companies who make billions of dollars. Why doesn't the city hold them accountable? Also people should start move out of the area if they can no longer afford to leave in an area. Its called living within your means. For example i left my family in chicago for good opportunity here because i knew being in this area will be good for me and my family. I moved here only because i could afford to. With all that being said, city should take the 1 billion allocated for this project and buy bunch of houses in kansas city where a single family home sales for around 25K. This option will be much cheaper and its path to home ownership. Also build up infrastructure to support those that need extra help with the other funds or start nonprofit businesses to give them jobs locally.

Thanks, Ketan Navadiya