

Re: Opposition to tiny homes project in south San Jose (hellyer/ Bernal/ Monterey road)

Vidya narasimha murthy

Tue 4/21/2020 10:45 AM

Greetings Mayor & City council,

The city's website was broken yesterday for several of us for whatever reason. Hence, I am sending you my concerns again.

Thanks

Hope you and family are safe and healthy during these testing times.

This email is expressing my extreme reservations as a concerned resident of the Basking Ridge community (District 2) since 2010. I own a home in this community for more than a decade and a resident of San Jose since 2010 and have paid property taxes to the City amounting to more than \$100K. This is regarding a news article in San Jose mercury news regarding building of tiny homes for COVID-19 positive homeless patients at a site in south San Jose (Hellyer Avenue).

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2020/04/10/after-backlash-san-jose-drops-top-priority-site-for-homeless-housing-from-consideration/>

I wish to express my following concerns regarding the concerned member in the SJ city housing council:

1. It appears the City and Mayor is using the aegis of the COVID-19 epidemic to advance the tiny homes project for homeless people in the south San Jose area (Hellyer Avenue site) without considering wide opposition to this project from members of the Basking Ridge community. Why is there no public hearing process being followed to understand the community side of the argument?
2. Back in August 2017, D2 council member Jimenez had authored a memo to eliminate the use of a city owned parcel (right across from the current proposed Hellyer avenue site for tiny homes) for the Bridge Housing Community project. Please note here that the Basking Ridge community members expressed severe opposition to this project through phone calls, emails, Nextdoor posts, Facebook comments, and petitions. Why is this back door approach being taken to introduce the tiny homes for COVID-19 positive homeless people at the same location one more time that was considered against the large scale opposition by the community at large? Why does this location in south San Jose D2 keep coming up as a potential location always? There are multiple open areas in other Districts of San Jose and I would like to know why they are not being considered?
3. This site is within a 2 mile radius of Rita Ledesma Elementary school. How is that even justified from a CDC guideline perspective to have COVID-19 positive homeless patients in such close proximity to young children and high risk seniors living in this community.
4. As a hard working tax payer and home owner, opening a homeless shelter this close will do irreparable damage to my

home value and equity. Why isn't the same shelter being considered in other high value neighborhoods like cupertino and Palo Alto?

5. This site is right by the coyote creek trail and we already have numerous homeless folks as well as drug addicts polluting the trail/coyote creek water and harassing residents walking the trail. With a homeless shelter coming, this is only going to get worse.

We request you to consider all the above concerns immediately and remove the Hellyer site and Monterrey/bernal site from the proposed homeless shelter sites. We urge you to take an action that is favorable to the majority voice of the Basking Ridge community.

Appreciate your prompt response in this regard.

Thank you,

Vidya Murthy

Fw: OPPOSED- 80 tiny homes in South San Jose/ NO transparency but rush to build

Scott Johnson

Tue 4/21/2020 10:41 AM

Mayor Licardo,

I have agreed with many of the actions and plans you have done during the pandemic. I am deeply disappointed and frustrated with the expedited process in building these homes in my community. I am not opposed to a thorough and complete process in evaluation where the community has input on the process. However, along the way there were concerns about this location and the screening of who will be living in these home. We were told that it would not move forward without community input and outreach.

My main concern is what is the restrictions and what are the stipulations for residing in these homes?

RESTRICTIONS:

I am hopeful you will not be allowing sex offenders, violent offenders (parole and probation) and severe mental health (people who are a danger to themselves and others) from being considered for these residences.

STIPULATIONS:

Once residing at these locations what are the rules for continuing to stay there. This is important as if they are being disruptive to the community there should be a process for them to be removed. This process should be communicated and clear to not only anyone living there but to the community near this location. As a side note, the location has guarantee security for 1 year and then it is re-evaluated. It seems these locations should have 24 hour security during the time they are allowed in these locations and it seems the 1 year is just to appease concerns temporarily.

After following this project over the last several years the timing and rush to do this leaves a poor opinion with the project and reasons. The explanation now is that it needs to be done for COVID-19, The interesting part is in the article for the mercury news it states they will be used for quarantine and housing for Covid-19 but in Councilmember Jimenez newsletter it is said they will not be. Either way this pandemic seems like an excuse to build what the City Council has wanted to do. Placing 80+ people in homes condensed and sharing space is not the answer for preventing the spread of COVID-19. It seems it will only create a potential for spread in the community it is placed into.

As a volunteer for multiple organization in this area the negatives to the families who are residing in this lower middle class area are high. It seems in the zest to rush to place houses the lower middle class neighborhoods are continuing to carry the burden. I don't see these projects getting placed in Almaden, Rose Garden and Evergreen Hills.

Sincerely,

Scott Johnson
Resident/ Active volunteer

Renee Johnson
Resident/ Teacher

Tiny Homes In District 2 on Bernal / Monterey Rd. Of San Jose

Junk To

Tue 4/21/2020 10:26 AM

I oppose. I bought my house last year because I love this area. I oppose the city plan to build tiny homes in our neighborhoods. Our family and neighborhoods safety is my priority. All of our neighbors are concern these tiny homes for the homeless / Covid-19 housing jeopardized our kids, family, and community safety. Please house them elsewhere. Not in our neighborhoods!!!

Thanks,

Thanh-thuy Reid

Tiny homes Proposal - Monterey & Bernal - 8.2 20-489 Action - Council Meeting Today

April 21, 2020

Santiago, Maria

Tue 4/21/2020 10:09 AM

Dear Council Meeting Members:

It was recently brought to my attention that the City of San Jose is proposing to yet again place tiny homes off of Bernal and Monterey. We have already expressed our concerns as neighbors of this community to dismiss the proposal back in 2017. I don't understand why we are being faced with this challenge again, especially during these stressful and uncertain times.

My family and I live about 1/4 mile from the proposed site. We purchased our home back in 2003 and have lived here ever since. We take pride in keeping our community clean and safe, so that our children can grow up in a place where they don't have to fear walking to the park or riding their bikes on the weekend. I have two young boys ages 11 and 12, whom unfortunately have seen homeless people in our neighborhood ranting and raving in the parking lot of our local grocery store, at the corner street light, walking down Bernal Road because of their drug use. Sadly, my boys have come to fear them. This should not become the new norm for our children. We've worked hard to show our children a better way of life.

The proposal to put tiny homes in our community will increase crime, drugs and possibly bring the spread of COVID-19; not to mention a large decrease in property value. As tax payers of this community, we should have the right to vote against this proposal as it will only hurt our community not better it.

If you truly represent the people of San Jose, I implore you to stand against this and vote NO on agenda item "**8.2 20-489 Actions Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant from the State of California**" at today's meeting.

Sincerely,

Maria Santiago/Manuel Santiago

From: Lisa Barney

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:58 AM

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

Subject: Comment for today's meeting

Hi,

I am a resident of District 2. I am in favor of the proposed housing project for Bernal/Monterey. After reading Sergio's description of how the site will be safely managed and protected, it makes sense to build them here. It actually sounds like a well planned program. I would much rather have an organized clean place for our homeless citizens than having them suffer under bridges.

Thanks,

Lisa Barney

From: Moses Chan

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:56 AM

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

Subject: Actions Related to the Temporary Sheltering Operations and Services for COVID19 Emergency Response

I am writing to oppose the building tiny homes to house the homeless at the corner of Bernal and Monterey Hwy.

I am a resident of this area and have a young family. I am fearful that these would bring more crime to our neighborhood.

We have a safe neighborhood with many young families.

There are no services in this area for the homeless. There are no bus services for the to work or access services. There is no where's for them to go if they stay here.

I am afraid for the safety for my family.

Please consider to relocate them somewhere else where they can get proper support!

Sincerely,
GC Chan

From: David Nettemeyer

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:52 AM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; Morales-Ferrand, Jacky <Jacky.Morales-Ferrand@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>; Cranford, Sandra <Sandra.Cranford@sanjoseca.gov>; Hadnot, Rhonda <rhonda.hadnot@sanjoseca.gov>; Reed, Jim <Jim.Reed@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortbal, Jim <Jim.Ortbal@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Council Meeting 4/21

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

Following up on my other emails in regard to the vote on "**8.2 20-489 Actions Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant from the State of California**", I would further like to address councilmember Jimenez's email and memorandum that was sent just last night, for the first and only outreach this year from him and the City about this fast-tracked project.

My previous email questioning if the site is **NOT** intended for currently confirmed positive COVID-19 individuals still stands or whether this will be **mandated** that no confirmed positive COVID-19 individuals will be housed here.

If it is mandated that they will not be housed here, then why is the City using these funds for the development? Correct me if I'm wrong, but is the City just exploiting the deregulated state so they can fast-track this development because they can?

I would like to point out that the way the City has rushed this, is exploiting the deregulated state, and is using the guise of COVID-19 to fast-track this tiptoes on the lines of unethical practices. Personally, I would be ashamed to have my name attached to a 'Yes' vote for this.

Next, in regards to councilmember Jimenez's memorandum. Will there be parking at this location? From what I can tell, there is no space for parking here. Is the City planning on tearing out the trees to fit this? His memorandum only answers a small fraction of the questions that were presented to the City in my previous emails.

Finally, I have sent this, and multiple emails to all the proper addresses to have it recorded. I currently do not see my emails associated with the meeting, or that of fellow community members who have emailed the proper channels. I hope that the City will associate all emails with the meeting today so all councilmembers are completely aware of the concerns the community has. I also hope the community will see the eComments that were left on this agenda item, even though it is having server errors right now.

Again, I implore you, as a representative of the people, to stand against this and vote no on agenda item "**8.2 20-489 Actions Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant from the State of California**" in today's meeting until the City has a real understanding of how they can fully support this location, meet all regulatory standards, and provide the proper services to help resolve California's current homelessness crisis.

Best Regards,
David Nettemeyer

From: karen mutsch
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:41 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Tiny Homes on Monterey and Bernal

[External Email]

Dear City Clerk:

I am in opposition to the tiny homes in this location. I am a senior citizen and by putting those with the virus so close to my home it puts me at higher risk. There is also no place for them to shop once they are well. It is not close to anything except homes and a gas station. Our home values with decrease and the crime rate could increase. I am totally in opposition to this location.

Thank you,
Karen Mutsch

From: Mai-Anh Nguyen

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:15 AM

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

Subject: Item 8.2 20-489 Action Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant from the State of California

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you to express my concerns regarding the item 8.2 20-489 Action Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant from the State of California which will be discussed at the Council Meeting on 04/21/2020 (today).

1) The Monterey and Bernal Avenue site is too close to schools such as Ledesma, Baldwin, Bernal, Stratford, Los Paseo, Valley Christian, Charter School of Morgan Hill, etc. There are many bus stops from school district when students line up to be picked up in the morning and to be drop off in the afternoon. Many students walk home by themselves. The closest bus stop is 1-2 blocks away from proposed shelter location. As a parent, I no longer feel that it is safe for our children to walk home from the bus stop.

2) I am a physician who has a small office in a medical complex in South San Jose. Few years ago, the landlord allows the opening of an office which provides services and support to homeless. Since the office is open, it attracts many homeless people who camp in the parking lot, sleep in front of many medical offices, broke in to my office (twice within a month), walk around with knife, litter the medical complex, etc. Within a month, all doctors report a reduction of at least 50% of their patients who no longer feel safe to come to the medical complex for services. We put metal bars on our doors and windows to prevent break in, we increase the numbers of hours/ day for Security Guard to patrol the complex, we enroll in STOP program to request more patrol from police department, we put gates around the building and lock them after business hours, etc. In many occasions, I had to call the police because I felt threaten by homeless people to walk around with knife. My patients, my staff and myself no longer feel safe!

3) The proposed shelter location is too closed to residential neighborhoods. I am very concerned about the safety of our children and senior citizens. As a community, we work really hard to keep our neighborhoods safe and quiet for our family. It is no doubt that the shelter location will disrupt our community,

For the above reasons, I implore Council Members to stand AGAINST and to vote "NO" on the item 8.2 20-489 Action Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant from the State of California until the City has a real understanding and plan on how they can fully support this shelter location and provide proper services to protect our neighborhoods and schools.

Thank you for considering this email!
Please be safe and healthy!

Mai-Anh CHTN Nguyen, O.D.

From: Stevan Silva
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:01 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Please say no to Agenda item 8.2 20-489 Today

Dear Representatives,

In regards to agenda item "8.2 20-489 Actions Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant from the State of California" I implore you to vote no. Council Member Jimenez sent the community an email re: the Monterrey Bernal site and I would like to respond with a few questions / concerns. I will add my concerns aligned to the description that was provided in the note. Thanks again for your service and I hope we can count on you to voice our concerns as American citizens and members of your city.

- **Title of email: Housing solutions to stop the spread of Coronavirus**

- My concerns / questions

- The Covid 19 pandemic is starting to be curtailed in CA. The overall cases have plateaued and we expect with additional community measures we will be able to limit the spread of the virus in the next few months.
 - How is developing an entire new community / housing project going to be ready in time for the majority of cases we are seeing right now?
 - How long will it take for this community to be put in place? And if it is for the pandemic will it be removed after Covid 19 is no longer an issue (next 12-18 months once a vaccine is available)?
 - We all deserve answers to these questions and although I want to help the homeless situation as much as possible I want us to implement solutions that are a good use of funding and have a lasting impact. If this is temporary solution then it shouldn't require this much tax dollars. If it's a longer term solution then it should be proposed to the community and allow us to discuss / debate the validity of the solution since I believe this has been vetoed in the past.

- **Proposed solution: The site will likely house up to 80 individuals in a manner that is compliant with social distancing: separate sleeping quarters with individual bathrooms and shared kitchen facilities with limited access to a safe number of residents at a time.**

- My concerns / questions

- The amount of funding we are discussing to house 80 individuals temporarily during this crisis seems a bit extreme. Based on a recent [KTVU article](#) the mayor was quoted in saying "there are 1,123 rooms available for occupancy countywide."
 - How does investing on housing for 80 people make sense when we have space in hotels for these individuals?
 - I am extremely confused how one thing relates to another. This measure does not seem like it will actually help with this crisis. It also doesn't seem like more temp housing is actually needed in Santa Clara county based on the mayors comments. Although we should def play a part in helping "house our most vulnerable residents all the while helping to stop the spread of the deadly Coronavirus", this community seems like it's a long term investment that has not been vetted with the community.

- **Proposed site: The Monterey Road and Bernal Avenue site was chosen from a list of vetted BHC locations. The site will be enclosed and buffers will be constructed to create separation from neighboring businesses and residences.**

- My concerns / questions

- You mentioned another site (Felipe Avenue near 101 & 280) that is still under construction.
 - When was construction started? And when is the construction planned to be completed?
 - As mentioned above the Covid-19 crisis is most likely to last for the next few months and it doesn't seem like construction would be done in time to help with this crisis. Based on the VTA notice it seems like these communities take 1+ year to build.
- The planned site is on the shoulder of an off ramp onto Bernal rd. Not sure if you visited the site but I have never seen a housing community being set up in such an area. There are literally 5 other off ramp locations nearby that are as large if not larger. I drive that road almost everyday and it's literally on the shoulder of the road.
 - How was this site picked and how will there be all the proposed enclosures / buffers you mention above with such a small site? How will this not be visible for the traffic that goes by every day?
 - How will community members get groceries and essential needs without being exposed to others?

In closing, if this is actually a longer term solution for housing the homeless then please let us take the time to discuss the validity of the proposal before proceeding. Based on the Mayors recent comments we are not lacking support right now so not sure what problem this is solving. It seems like the Covid-19 pandemic is being used as an excuse to push forward this project, which has been previously adamantly opposed to.

Thanks again for your service,

Stevan

From: Ramsey

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 8:07 AM

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

Subject: 8.2 20-489 Actions Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant from the State of California

City Clerk

I am writing to OPPOSE this action to build a tiny home neighborhood in the clover leaf in D2.

This area is unsuitable for a multitude of reasons:

- Mobile homeless population is at risk given the high speeds of a 4 lane highway (55 MPH, often exceeded). If just one gets run over, there will be lawsuits against the city.
- No series including hospital, bus service, food services
- The area is too noisy with cars speeding around at all times of night, it's not humane to the homeless.
- It's within half a mile of multiple neighborhoods -- my neighborhood and many other voting residents who strongly OPPOSE.
- I'm also concerned that homeless who contract CoVid will not be adequately cared for. And if a CoVid hotspot forms in the area and residents die or get sick you open the city up to potential lawsuits.
- We residents made our voices heard two years ago that we didn't want this initiative in this location, do not use the CoVid crises as an excuse to fastback this.

I implore you, as a representative of the people, to stand against this and vote no on agenda item **"8.2 20-489 Actions Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant from the State of California"** in the April 21st meeting until the City has a real understanding of how they can fully support this location and provide the proper services to help resolve California's current homelessness crisis.

From: KAREN LATTIN

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 8:05 AM

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

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

Subject: Support Councilmember Jimenez Memorandum related to Item 8.2

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

I am a resident of Los Paseos Neighborhood (near Bernal and Monterey) and a co-founder of San Jose Residents for Housing Solutions, a local group in District 2 that advocates for many different housing solutions to address homelessness. I am writing in support of Councilmember Jimenez's Memorandum, ACTIONS RELATED TO THE HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

I generally support the concept of Bridge Housing and have continued to stay involved with the current San Jose BHC program, including attending the last two BHC Advisory Group Meetings for the Mabury location. I firmly agree with all of Councilmember Jimenez's recommendations.

Of particular importance is the recommendation to limit Bridge Housing Communities and other emergency interim-housing developments to one per Council District unless respective Council representative is open to more locations. First, this was the original intent of the the BHC program and it allows for equitable distribution of interim housing solutions throughout the City. I agree that the site selection process should be reopened, previous sites re-evaluated and additional sites investigated. It is important to spread these out throughout the City until their impacts can be effectively evaluated and mitigated, if necessary. Only one of the sites currently in play for BHC in District 2 should be considered at this time. The Mabury location has simply not been fully running for long enough to understand the long-term impact, both positive or negative. And I believe enhanced services have been incorporated there to ensure the success of that development. Therefore, his recommendation on enhanced services is absolutely crucial to making this development a success. You will gain broader support by adopting the recommendations included in his memorandum.

I strongly urge all of the City Council to vote in favor of including Councilmember Jimenez's recommendations in any action taken on 8.2 agenda item.

Sincerely,

Karen Lattin
San Jose Residents for Housing Solutions

From: Olivia Ratliff
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 8:00 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Tiny Houses - Communal Living

I implore you, as a tax paying, voting representative of the people, to stand against this and vote no on agenda item **"8.2 20-489 Actions Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant from the State of California"** in the April 21st meeting until the City has a real understanding of how they can fully support this location and provide the proper services to help resolve California's current homelessness crisis.

For example, have the questions below been addressed and if so, I implore you to release the answers with the facts not fluff.

Questions on Tiny House Implementation:

1. Have the results been reviewed as to what has happened in Seattle, Washington before taking this leap?
2. Is this truly an answer or another extremely expensive band-aid?
3. What is the reason these are homes being located at a site with no services available to the residents?
4. If someone tests positive and they do not want to move to this commune, are they forced or passed by? What about their rights?
5. Is testing positive for Covid-9 the only criteria for residency?
6. Will others that are not positive be relocated as well, putting their health at risk?
7. What official medical body determines the acceptance of the tenants?
8. How often are the residents checked in case of passing (AKA death) or recovering and therefore no longer meeting the Covid-19 criteria for occupancy?
9. Are medical personnel on hand or assigned to monitor the health of residents to determine hospitalization needs should they arise?
10. Are residents required to leave the tiny house once they no longer positive for someone else to occupy that is Covid-19 positive?
11. If resident is positive and has children or other family members, are those family members housed with those testing positive?
 - a. Is so, then what happens to these family members if the infected person passes away?
 - b. If they are not allowed to move with the parent or infected person, what happens?
12. How are the houses furnished or are they empty shells that are furnished via the tents, etc. currently used by the resident?
13. What are hygiene facilities available to the residents?
14. Will police patrol be increased to assure other businesses and residents are not impacted by solicitations for funds or trespassing on property?
15. Are there any limitations applied to the occupants? i.e.: curfews, monitoring?
16. What assurances are in place for the other residents for their safety?
17. Are the police staffed to respond to disturbances, should they occur to protect all the voting constituents in this area.
18. Will the residents only from District 2, and will each of the other Districts follow suite?

Best Regards,
Olivia Ratliff

From: J Kinker

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:50 AM

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

Subject: Bernal Tiny Homes

To The City Clerks Office

We are long time homeowner in Los Pasaos. This proposed site will be about a 1/2 mile from my house. The Covid-19 virus can be airborne for up to 3 hrs, How do you plan to protect existing residents. Along with the Covid-19 how do you plan to protect residents from the increase in crime and drugs. This is a Reckless and I would say Criminal decision and I Strongly Oppose this site. Jim Kinker

From: Jeffrey Wong <

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:20 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item 8.2 20-489: Actions Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Councilmember Jimenez, and other City Representatives,

While we appreciate recognizing the severity of homelessness and the difficulty in finding a set of solutions that is suitable for the city and the larger community, we are deeply concerned to hear about plans to not only build tiny homes/bridge housing communities so close to our Basking Ridge community, but to fast-track the process without the typical due process and community input

We are further alarmed to hear that these BHC may be used to specifically house Covid-19 patients. With parks and an elementary school within our community, we are considerably worried about the potential for either those who may be sick, or have a criminal history or be addicts to be in such close proximity not only to our community, but also the very parks and schools that our children and elders frequent on a daily basis. While the majority of those who are homeless do not fit into these categories and may be upstanding citizens in their own right, the lack of communication and community input into this process is concerning.

In addition, our proximity to the Coyote Creek trail provides additional concern, as we've already had a fairly large homeless and addict population living along the trail and being a nuisance to those trying to use it. We are worried that having BHC so close to this part of the trail will exacerbate this

Many of the families who have chosen this community to call home have done so because it is a serene, family-oriented, and stable neighborhood. Please consider the impact to our close-knit community of allowing an influx of high-turnover residents into a relatively small plot of land so very close to our neighborhood. Many of us have worked our entire lives to be able to afford to settle down into this community; it is not fair that we must deal with these types of issues on a seemingly yearly basis

We understand that Covid 19 is a serious threat to all those who inhabit this area and we greatly appreciate your efforts in supporting shelter-in-place and other measures. However, this is a decision that will impact our families and community for many generations to come. As long-time residents of District 2 and San Jose, we implore that you reconsider the options for developing BHC and addressing homeless in a way that will not negatively impact law-abiding, tax-paying citizens of this community. Thank you for your time and consideration

From: Moses Chan

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:20 AM

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

Subject: Actions Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant from the State of California.

Mayor Liccardo and Mr. Jimenez,

We live in the Silverleaf area. It is a nice community with young families.

We strongly oppose building bridge housing at the corner of Bernal / Monterey Highway for the following reasons:

1. The area is inadequate for the homeless. There are no bus services or support services catered to the homeless.
2. The area is near schools
3. The area is near homes
4. Other sites (like the fairgrounds) are more suitable for the homeless.

The main reason is this measure to build these homes is done without consultation with the community. You are using the excuse of COVID-19 and shelter in place to push your agenda without approval from the residents in this area. We have opposed this before and will continue to oppose this.

We hope you will take notice and stop this.

Sincerely,

M Chan

From: A Wong <

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:17 AM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; Morales-Ferrand, Jacky <Jacky.Morales-Ferrand@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; Cranford, Sandra <Sandra.Cranford@sanjoseca.gov>; Hadnot, Rhonda <rhonda.hadnot@sanjoseca.gov>; Reed, Jim <Jim.Reed@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortbal, Jim <Jim.Ortbal@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: No to Bridge Home in my neighborhood - District 2

Dear City Officials,

We have been long time residents in district 2 and we strongly oppose building Bridge homes for homeless and Covid patients in our neighborhood (Both the Hellyer and Monterey/Bernal sites).

Both locations in the district are very remote for anyone who would need help (Transit & Support). The closest supermarket from hellyer is more than 30 mins walk. The hellyer location is also situated in a very family-oriented neighborhood with an elementary school within it, and multiple parks where young children play.

We are deeply concerned that building in this location will expose children not only to those who may have a criminal history and/or intent, potential drug users, or others who may not otherwise integrate well into our family-oriented neighborhood but also Covid 19 patients now. This action is a lose-lose choice as it dumps people who need help far away from help and also put the current neighborhood at risk. As the Governor stated, there are other workable options such as hotel rooms and convention centers to provide temporary housing. By doing so, it will resolve the temporary housing crisis and will also help the hotel/event industry.

We would also like the city to release detailed plans of the project. How many units will it build? How many people will be in the tiny home. And most importantly who will be placed in the tiny homes? What vetting will there be to ensure that those who would be given residences are sober, law-abiding members of society? What protection will be provided for those who live nearby, especially for families and children who use nearby parks and schools? What will the turnover be for those who are living in these tiny homes? What compensation would the city provide for all the long-time residents of this neighborhood who specifically chose this area for being a quiet, highly-stable, family-oriented, low-turnover neighborhood and who would have to deal with sizeable drops in property values and a major influx of people into a small plot of nearby land?

At this point, there is no true evidence that the tiny home approach is an efficient way to solve homeless issue. **It is also very unfair for people in district 2 to fight for this proposal every year and also very unfair for district 2 to have 2 sites on the list this year. We strongly against build tiny home in our neighborhood. Thank you for your time and consideration!**

From: Hotmail

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 12:15 AM

To: City Clerk; CouncilMeeting; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; Cranford, Sandra

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

Subject: Tiny home

[External Email]

Hello, I just want to share my opinion regarding Tiny homes.

Tiny homes is not the solution to homelessness. I totally disagree with this idea. What tiny homes will bring is more homeless people, more danger to our kids, and more trash to our neighborhoods. The value of our properties will decrease. This project is tax payers' money thrown to waste. If the plan is to provide temporary shelter to homeless during COVID there are better places to shelter them at a less cost compared to tiny homes, like Convention Centers, schools, community centers, just to mention a few of them. All of these are buildings that already exist and are not being used during this stage, so let's give them a use! Once COVID is over buildings could go back to serve for the purpose they were built for.

During this difficult time the City needs to continue using money wisely more than ever.

Thanks,
Araceli Austria

From: Helen Blain
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 12:15 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Opposition to Tiny houses in District 2

On Saturday, San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo joined county leaders and Gov. Gavin Newsom in Campbell to announce nearly 16,000 hotel spaces secured statewide for unhoused people during the coronavirus crisis. The county said 236 homeless people have been placed in hotel rooms so far, with 277 in shelters, and Liccardo said there are 1,123 rooms available for occupancy countywide. <https://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/south-bay/santa-clara-county-says-it-has-housed-all-35-homeless-people-who-have-tested-positive-for-covid-19/2275387/> Despite this announcement, the City is rushing forward to build housing at the corner of Bernal and Monterey Rd. WHY? This site was not satisfactory a year ago; it is not satisfactory now. The State of CA has given funding to the City of San Jose which has not been used. Just because more money is available through FEMA does not mean the City can move forward in ramrodding this project through when we the residents of District 2 have said “no”! I care deeply about the plight of the homeless and have been involved in finding solutions since a September 2017. I want them to receive services and have access to transportation. This location conducive to neither. I also care deeply about my neighbors and the vulnerable population living here in District 2. I believe there is a huge risk of combining the unhoused segment of the population with those of us who are sheltering in place because we are vulnerable to this viral illness. Finally, if Mayor Liccardo and Governor Newsom are right, there is ABSOLUTELY NO NEED for this development at this time. I oppose this development and will hold you accountable in future elections.

Sincerely,
H A Blain, MA, MFT

VOTE NO

Christopher Kalinowski

Mon 4/20/2020 11:43 PM

I implore you, as a representative of the people, to stand against this and vote no on agenda item "**8.2 20-489 Actions Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant from the State of California**" in the April 21st meeting until the City has a real understanding of how they can fully support this location and provide the proper services to help resolve California's current homelessness crisis.

Regards

Christopher Kalinowski

Proposed building homeless shelter near Monterey and Bernal Rd

tram pham

Mon 4/20/2020 11:23 PM

Dear Councilman,

I am a resident near Monterey and Bernal Rd. I'm against the proposal of building homeless shelter near my area. As you know, there is Metcalf Park just one block away from the proposed homeless shelter building site. Many families take their young children to this park daily to play at the play ground and walk the trails. With the homeless shelter being built so close to this residential area, the young children in the neighborhood are at risk of exposure to drugs, crimes and violence. While I applaud your efforts to help the poor, please put more efforts and resources into providing a safe, healthy environment for the young, innocent children so they can have a chance for a bright future and become productive citizens of our country.

Thank you,

Tram Pham

Needless stress re: Tiny Homes

Murgesh Navar

Mon 4/20/2020 10:10 PM

Dear City Council members,

1. This is a time of severe stress for all of us. Your primary duty should be to spend your time on issues that may reduce this immediate stress - reduce infections and restart the local economy. You must not add more stress to the public by raising controversial proposals like the building of Tiny Homes for the homeless. This is the time for quick emergency measures. The hotels/motels are not fully occupied. Use this space to place the homeless to provide immediate cover. Let us come back and debate the long term solutions when civil society is fully functional.

2. The city will likely start seeing a compression of sales revenues, and property taxes will follow if the economic downturn persists. No one has great insight into how the local labor market will adapt coming out of the current crisis. So this is not the time to expend time and resources to solve "yesterday's: big problem. Problems much larger than the current homeless may already be baked in but not yet visible. So we must all wait for scale of the current problems to become evident. A band aid is best for now i.e. rent hotels instead of making 15 year commitments.

-murgesh

Housing solutions/ No on Bernal and Monterey

Maribel FERNANDEZ

Mon 4/20/2020 10:43 PM

Please don't let them use this location, there are many other options like hotel rooms, fairgrounds, stadiums, convention centers etc to provide temporary housing during Covid crisis.

Maribel

Re: San Jose Bridge Housing on Monterey and Bernal in District 2

Puneet Mathur

Mon 4/20/2020 10:42 PM

Respected Mayor, District Representatives, and Officials,

I am a concerned citizen of District 2 who has bought house in the community keeping in mind the heavenly environment it provides to raise young children. I am a proud father of 2 young boys who love to go out and run around the neighborhood without any fear. Given the current times, they have been video chatting with their friends and showing them the beauty of the neighborhood and the friendly neighbors who will wave them when they cross by their homes.

With the current COVID-19 situation which has costed us 1000+ lives in California and 4000+ positive cases, we do understand and appreciate necessary steps city has taken to flatten the curve, however taking an rapid decision to pick a site in District 2 around Monterey Rd and Bernal Ave. seeme unjustified and overwhelmingly unreasonable. Your actions not only put a flourishing community at stake, they also raises a lot of questions concerning to families in the neighborhood-

1. How is City going to ensure the residents of these Tiny Homes remain within the boundry lines of their community especially if someone do get infected what is City's response in such cases
2. These 80 homes are going to attract a lot more homeless people from across thee Bay and we are already seeing tents, carts popping up in neighborhood. What is City's responsibilities to curb homeless people creating nuisance in the community
3. Will City remove these Tiny Homes post COVID-19 situation is over? Why City is picking up this site when 16,000 hotel rooms have been identified for homeless residents
4. Majority of homeless people come with high degree of addiction, and it is natural these addicts will have negative impact on community, especially young ones who are more prone for such lures. Will City take responsibility for that? If while playing in a park a kids steps on the needle and get infected, will City take responsibility fo that?
5. What is City's plan for rehabilitation for such people or this becomes a burden for the community?
6. Why City isn't considering finding a better location in downtown San Jose where these people can find commute options and more possibility to find a job

I understand you have a meeting coming up tomorrow at 1:30 to discuss, but I do believe this decision to pick site in District 2 seems to be taken with a very myopic view and lacks long term planning. I urge each of you to please keep the community health, young children in the vicinity, and schools closeby in mind.

Council Member Sergio - we re-elected you with high confidence that you will look into the interest of the community and find a right balance with City's objectives. Trust you will ensure the same.

Thanks,
Puneet

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Puneet Mathur

Do not bring crime,drugs and disturbance to our 'hood

Olga Buyanovskaya

Mon 4/20/2020 9:59 PM

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>> Hello,

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>> Our family supports the petition against constructing homeless facilities at the corner of Bernal road and Monterey road.

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>> 1. The approach is doomed to fail: it can not house thousands of homeless people we have,

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>> 2. The location is too close to residential area and particularly to our house - these people will bring drugs, crime and disturbance to our neighborhood,

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>> 3.This is a waster of taxpayer money as the costs are really high

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>> 4. Consider other options that are far from transit and support services (Stadiums, convention centers)

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>> Thank you,

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>> The Buyanovsky family

For City Council meeting on April 21, 2020

Elena Shur

Mon 4/20/2020 9:53 PM

Dear Sir or Madam,

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Instead, work with San Jose motels and find one or two spacious enough to accommodate 80 people. People will have proper washing facilities and will be away from danger, and can be supervised with even more success.

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Elena Shur

Tiny house Bernal and Monterey

J Gill

Mon 4/20/2020 9:

04/18/20

I have been a resident in South San Jose for the last 10 years. I am home owner, property tax payer and more importantly, A VOTER. The location of homeless camps organized or random in the South end of San Jose shows a complete lack of support for the hard working tax paying community that YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT.

This is an unacceptable action and will be opposed by your constituents. It is obvious already that our local government is looking the other way when the open spaces are growing with homeless camps in the highway 85/101

area. Garbage is strewn everywhere.

The homeless problem needs to be addressed and pushing out of downtown to the South end of San Jose is moving the problem, NOT SOLVING IT!

i expect my elected representatives TO DO BETTER.

20-489

Sarah

Mon 4/20/2020 8:53 PM

Hello,

I am unfortunately doing this short notice or I would be able to draft a more through response. I am NOT in support of this location!!! I live off of Bernal Rd. I own a home. I work in the public sector and serve some of those that would likely utilize this site. I don't want them in my backyard. I specifically bought a home on the edge of the city for peace, quiet and safety. Putting this there would jeopardize all of this! I have seen what the neighborhood around HomeFirst looks like. Who stays on the edges after they get kicked out. I have worked with those with Adobe services. Proper measures are not taken for others safety. I have seen the impact and know the individuals. Sure, put in more housing but do it where there already is an impact. Further up Monterey or off of Oakland road. Downtown areas. Put it somewhere that is more industrial NOT where you are going to be jeopardizing the peace, safety and value of what some of us have worked so hard for!!! PLEASE! I am a San Jose local and worked so hard to get where I am at today as a home owner. It's not that I don't understand the value of the support to the homeless. It's that I too deeply understand the struggle of serving the homeless as I have done it for years. Seen how much it fails even when the plans seem great!

Thank you for your consideration,
Sarah

Oppose to homeless tiny homes construction at Bernal/Monterey ramp and at Hellyer Ave

korosh younesi

Mon 4/20/2020 8:46 PM

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I am a resident and house owner at Basking Ridge area. My wife and I have signed the petition in [CHANGE.ORG](#). I just wanted to send an email directly to you and reach our voice to the district and say that we believe that these tiny homes should not be constructed near to our neighborhood. A public elementary school is located in our neighbor hood and We think that construction of tiny houses near to the school, it will make serious concerns for our children. Of course, I understand that providing residential homes for homeless people is a great effort but the current location should be changed. I know, tomorrow, a meeting is going to be held for this issue at the city. Please consider our concerns.

Best regards,

Basking Ridge neighborhood resident

Kourosh Younesi

Please don't bring a homeless community with Coronavirus patients near my home

Stevan Silva

Mon 4/20/2020 8:38 PM

Dear City Clerk,

The homeless community on Monterrey and Bernal for coronavirus patients should not be allowed to proceed as planned.

Please let me add some details and reasons for my petition as I know we are dealing with a pandemic during this time.

I live in 38 Southpine Ct San Jose that is part of the district you serve. I bought my home about 1.5 years ago to live with my wife and 2 kids. When I chose to live here I invested my life savings to buy a home in a place that was safe and would be a worthwhile investment. I believe this community will thrive and grow with the additional investments that are taking place in San Jose including the +12k in property taxes I paid this year. In other words I want to live in an area that is safe for my children and won't devalue or become dangerous due to city / district initiatives that have not been properly disclosed to me.

Please don't allow this to take place near my home where my wife and 4 yr old son and 2 yr old daughter live. Please don't proceed with an initiative that the community has soundly rejected in the past. The proposed site is on an off ramp on the shoulder of the road. I have never seen any residences built in a space like this and there is constant traffic flowing by this site coming from 101 and 85.

In closing, my wife is healthcare worker at Stanford Hospital. She sacrifices her and my family's lives every day she goes to work to help patients. She does this knowing that although she puts herself in peril her home is a safe haven that she can come back to and sleep safely at night. Please don't take that away from her and my children.

I truly appreciate your service and ask that you please reject and discontinue the proposal to add tiny homes less than **1 mile** from my home. I humbly await your response and support.

Best,

Stevan Silva

8.2 20-489 Actions Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant from the State of California

Julia Hall

Mon 4/20/2020 7:47 PM

Hi All,

I am emailing you today to let you know that I strongly am opposed to the placement of the bridge homes (tiny homes) for Covid-19 positive homeless people on Bernal / Monterey Rd. As a resident of Los Paseos for almost 10 years now I am worried about what it will do to our community that many of us have built up and have protected over the years. Placing homeless people in close proximity to bars, a bus pick up for school children, railroad tracks with a train that passes through many times a day is reckless behavior on your part. I know there is a homeless crisis, but this is not a viable solution. You are putting in danger those that already reside in District 2. Using the guise of Covid-19 is an excuse and should not be used to lever your decision to silence those residents that have fought this back in 2017. It's all too convenient on your part to now have it become under the radar of so many residents that currently live here. Who are you really looking out for- not those that elected you into office. There is no qualification process to place the individuals into these homes, as well as no resources to help them. By placing the homelessness here you are making it a district 2 problem when the drugs, crime etc rates go up. You essentially are making the residents of district 2's problem when these issues arise as we currently don't have the support of the police force as it is, as they also are stretched thin. As a resident of district 2 I can not stand up and support such an ill decision when I have a family of young children and home to protect. Again I ask that you please do not continue to move forward with this proposal and find another solution as it falls too close my home. As a representative of the people I encourage you to stand against this and vote no on the agenda item 8.2 20-489 Actions Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant from the State of California in the April 21st meeting until the City has a real understanding of how they can fully support this location and provide the proper services to help resolve California's current homelessness crisis.

Julia Hall

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The Honorable Sam Liccardo

Mayor, City of San Jose

200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor

San Jose, CA 95113

RE: Request for HHAP Funding to Build Tiny Homes on Wheels

Dear Mayor Liccardo,

The purpose of this letter is to request that the San Jose Conservation Corps (SJCC) be included as a recipient of Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP) funding to build tiny homes on wheels. SJCC has been instrumental in advocating for the legalization of these units, both with the City of San Jose and the County of Santa Clara, and has helped to define this new class of portable dwelling unit (PDU).

SJCC, a safety-net high school and paid job training program for young adults ages 18-27, has spent the last two years developing the tiny homes on wheels' model in order to house the 30% of its students that are housing unstable. We have built seven units to date and have the expertise and experience to scale our production. The workforce development component of our affordable housing model deepens the impact of our program across our community.

Thus, we are respectfully requesting to be considered for a \$4M contract with the City of San Jose to build 100 tiny homes on wheels over the next 12 months that can be placed in backyards or in clusters on public land. We can build them for between \$25,000 to \$50,000 per unit depending on size and amenities. We would recommend our best value package at \$40,000 per unit.

SJCC is a licensed **California General Building Contractor** (License #812939) and a licensed **California Vehicle Manufacturer** (License #96892) with the Department of Motor Vehicles, which is required to build and sell tiny homes on wheels. SJCC also partners with the National Organization of Alternative Housing (NOAH) for third party certification.

Historically, SJCC has built ten single family homes in San Jose and assisted with the construction of nearly 200 units of multifamily affordable housing with nonprofit development partners. We have managed multimillion dollar contracts with the City of San Jose, including a \$3M contract with the Environmental Services Department.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, corpsmembers, and students, we appreciate your ongoing support of our young women and men. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you or your designated staff to discuss this further.

Thank you for your consideration of our request!

Sincerely,

Dorsey Moore

Executive Director/CEO



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From: Roma Dawson
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:41 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda Items 8.2 and 8.3, April 21 Council Meeting

I strongly support the staff recommendations outlined in items 8.2 and 8.3. While I deplore the lack of public process, I understand why it is necessary at this time.

Please also support Councilmember Jimenez's recommendations contained in his memo for 8.2. It is very unfair that the more affluent districts have not accepted their fair share of affordable projects over the last 30 years. That has had enormous unintended consequences.

Mayor and Councilmembers, I thank all you for your hard work and dedication during this time of crisis.

With respect,
Roma Dawson

From: Samantha anderson

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:22 AM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; Chaparro, Isela <Isela.Chaparro@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; Morales-Ferrand, Jacky <Jacky.Morales-Ferrand@sanjoseca.gov>; Hemphill, Kelly <Kelly.Hemphill@sanjoseca.gov>; Cranford, Sandra <Sandra.Cranford@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Cortese, Dave <dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org>

Subject: Emergency Order and Shelter Crisis Declaration for COVID-19 Emergency. Meeting to be held 4/21/20

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By using a motel, they will be provided with a shower, hot meal.

Why risk the homeless of contracting COVID-19 or other contagious diseases and attracting criminal activities to our community?

Regards,

B. Hinmon

D2 Acts & SJ Action

From: jerry booth <

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:40 AM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; Morales-Ferrand, Jacky <Jacky.Morales-Ferrand@sanjoseca.gov>; Hemphill, Kelly <Kelly.Hemphill@sanjoseca.gov>; Cranford, Sandra <Sandra.Cranford@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Cortese, Dave <dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org>

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J. Booth

D2 Acts & SJ Action

From: Mike Azimi
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:42 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Actions Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance
Dear City Clerks Office,

As a resident of the Metcalf Community, I would like to offer my concerns and possible temp solutions to this important issue in our city and specifically in our neighborhood.

My understanding there is going be a discussion about building temp small dorms (tiny homes) within our residential area to house mentally ill people who are on the street and those who are not able to access to housing. We are very concerned about this project as the location is not safe for both the residents and those who are going to be housed.

It is too close to Hwy and dangerous, the mentally ill homeless population potentially will carry the COVID-19 with no supervision walking around the neighborhood will put our residents and families at risk. Unfortunately, some of those who are under substance and using drugs will bring the criminal activities to our neighborhood, this also will affect our residents and families and will put us at higher risk.

I would like to suggest to our honorable Mayor Mr. Sam Riccardo and our respectful Councilmen to consider a simple solution for the interim and give our community more time to help each other for much more effective and permanent solutions to address this homelessness issue.

Simple solution ... why not follow the Gavin Newsome plan for housing homeless populations in motel/hotel rooms?

What is the total cost of this tiny home project? \$17,000,000 ?

Currently, Motel 6 in Santa Clara offers rooms for \$72 dollars a night, I am sure if the city work with the Motel management they can even get us better pricing.

How many people on the street will this project be able to house? I don't know, I am guessing, maybe 100 or 200!

$\$17,000,000 / 100 = \$170,000$ per person.

$\$170,000 / \$72 = 2361$ Days of free room for each person on street. (Homeless), if we room 2 individual per room, 200

$2361 / 365 = 6.4$ Years of free housing,

This simple solution can provide the 200 people on street (Homeless) with the room and clean shower for more than six years, still have time to come up with the permanent solution, please do not rush on this project, this will put the residents of our community at risk of contracting COVID-19 or other contagious diseases and attracting criminal activities to our community.

Thank you very much for your consideration and for listening to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Mike Azimi

From: Manuel Reyes
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:33 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Homeless shelter SSJ - Oppose

Hope all is well. I bought my house 22 years ago in the Santa Teresa Bernal area. I have worked all my life to try and keep it. I have a family and raising here because I love this are. This move without the public's approval to Fast track a homeless shelter to the Bernal monterey area is very disappointing and unacceptable behavior from elected officials.

We elected Sergio to look out and fight for our neighborhood. This move to bring the homeless here and put my family's life at risk. This is unacceptable and outrageous! You do not have my approval or your constituents approval to move forward with this dangerous plan to our neighborhood.

What are you going to do for us?

Los Paseos resident for 22 years
Manuel Lopez

From: Natalia Amatuni

4.21.2020

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Sir/ Madam

We are completely the proposal to locate a shelter for positive Covid 19 homeless people at the Monterey road/ Bernal road.

City is going to bring new residents which would include those with mental illness and drug addictions, as well as former prison inmates who are infected with Covid 19 to the residential neighborhood.

We are going to get a population that is not good for the neighborhood where our teenagers walking our dogs along the creek and we are not a gated community and with mentally ill people the rule of law works differently so you are putting us, your tax payers, at high risk ; we will be never agreed with.

Mentally ill people are more likely to be a victim of a crime and to create a crime themselves and lack of mental health facilities is the problem here. In addition majority of Community mental health services likely to be cancelled now so why don't you bring these population to where they already been to?

Or open a shelter into the commercial, not residential area where residents will be exposed to them?

Who will secure us? Are you planning to monitor an area? My aunt just came two weeks ago from abroad to the San Francisco airport, she was asked to stay home for two weeks and no one checked how she got from the airport home and if she actually quarantined.

I would like to show up on City Council meeting to protest a proposal to allow a homeless shelter to open at the Bernal & Monterey area, drug use and crime that comes together with it will make it unsuitable for the residential neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Natalia Amatuni.

From: Jonathan Fleming

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 12:00 PM

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

Subject: Public Comment - 8.2 Actions Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant from the State of California

Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

Bridge housing, aka Tiny Homes, have been attempted since I was Chair of the Neighborhoods Commission Ad-hoc on homelessness back in 2016. We created specific requirements for BHC's to be successful, specifically in-depth Community outreach so existing neighbors do not feel like this is forced upon them, and as research into homeless housing shows to improve community relations so the neighbors feel like they are a part of the BHC.

BHC's under AB2176 have largely failed to be constructed in San José. Now, under the guise of the Coronavirus and COVID-19, residents feel the City is forcing this upon us because all regulatory steps, including zoning and general plan compliance, have been removed:

1. No CEQA
2. No Community Outreach
 - a. Last City Council meeting, Councilmember Jimenez stated he would host a meeting on this BHC, but here we are voting on it and no meeting has taken place
3. No Housing Commission Input
4. No Planning Commission Input

Is this project at Monterey and Bernal intended to limit the spread of COVID-19 in healthy individuals or is it intended to house those who have tested positive for COVID-19? We have conflicting information from our Mayor and from our Councilmember on that issue and the Community needs answers. Again, this is why several rounds of Community Outreach and meetings are necessary to get the facts.

If this project is intended to allow residents to isolate and shelter in place, this facility will fail.

1. Shared bathrooms
2. Community Kitchens
3. Tiny and cramped living spaces where someone cannot possibly be expected to stay for months without damaging mental consequences
4. Will take too long to construct
 - a. Between 20 – 40 bathrooms need to be constructed with water and utility connections

City administrators have wanted BHC's and tiny homes for several years now to no avail and are using this crisis to build a permanent facility because all barriers have been removed, most specifically representation of the people. This is not about COVID-19. Councilmember Jimenez is "supportive" of this project even though the process has violated our rights and protections.

I oppose this permanent political project when a temporary solution is required.

Respectfully,
Jonathan Fleming

From: Mike Azimi
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:52 AM
To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Actions Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance

Dear Councilmen,

As a resident of the Metcalf Community, I would like to offer my concerns and possible temp solutions to this important issue in our city and specifically in our neighborhood.

My understanding there is going to be a discussion about building temp small dorms (tiny homes) within our residential area to house mentally ill people who are on the street and those who are not able to access to housing. We are very concerned about this project as the location is not safe for both the residents and those who are going to be housed.

It is too close to Hwy and dangerous, the mentally ill homeless population potentially will carry the COVID-19 with no supervision walking around the neighborhood will put our residents and families at risk. Unfortunately, some of those who are under substance and using drugs will bring the criminal activities to our neighborhood, this also will affect our residents and families and will put us at higher risk.

I would like to suggest to our honorable Mayor Mr. Sam Riccardo and our respectful Councilmen to consider a simple solution for the interim and give our community more time to help each other for much more effective and permanent solutions to address this homelessness issue.

Simple solution ... why not follow the Gavin Newsome plan for housing homeless populations in motel/hotel rooms?

What is the total cost of this tiny home project? \$17,000,000 ?

Currently, Motel 6 in Santa Clara offers rooms for \$72 dollars a night, I am sure if the city work with the Motel management they can even get better pricing.

How many people on the street will this project be able to house? I don't know, I am guessing, maybe 100 or 200!

$\$17,000,000 / 100 = \$170,000$ per person.

$\$170,000 / \$72 = 2361$ Days of free room for each person on street. (Homeless), if we room 2 individual per room, 200

$2361 / 365 = 6.4$ Years of free housing,

This simple solution can provide the 200 people on street (Homeless) with the room and clean shower for more than six years, still have time to come up with the permanent solution, please do not rush on this project, this will put the residents of our community at risk of contracting COVID-19 or other contagious diseases and attracting criminal activities to our community.

Thank you very much for your consideration and for listening to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Mike Azimi

Devang Soparkar

Mon 4/20/2020 6:29 PM

Dear San Jose City Council -

My family and I would like to add our opposition to the Tiny homes plan that is currently being ramrodded into our neighborhood - D2 San Jose. Please do not use COVID-19 emergency and emergency powers to push this plan. The Tiny homes initiative is extremely expensive and cannot resolve the homeless problem while bringing dangers closer to other peaceful neighborhoods. More specifically, the project fails to address the root causes of homelessness in mental illness and addiction.

We have been living in South San Jose for last 8 years and paying all property taxes regularly. It took years of effort to build this beautiful neighborhood. We would appreciate if you please do not disturb this well established neighborhood.

Thanks

Devang

2 Tiny home communities in South San Jose

Esther Andrews

Mon 4/20/2020 10:14 PM

Dears,

I am joining the thousands of people who live here and oppose having 2 Tiny Home communities at such a proximity to their homes.

We all worry about the value of our homes that we worked so hard for. We are worried about level of crime going up. We worry about the consequences of having these communities in our midst.

How come 2 tiny home communities for the homeless are build in such a proximity to each other? Are there other areas that will be hosts to such things? How about your neighborhoods? Are you going to have this right in your back yard?

Here are some reasons having those tiny home communities are a bad idea:

- 1) There are many other options like hotel rooms, fairgrounds, stadiums, convention centers etc to provide temporary housing during Covid crisis
- 2) These locations are far from transit and support services
- 3) There is no evidence that this approach will be successful in solving homelessness e.g. it cannot house the thousands of homeless people we have
- 4) The costs are really high and this is a waste of taxpayer money
- 5) Special interests (like Google development in Downtown) are trying to shove this problem down the throats of D2 residents that will have to suffer the long term negative consequences

Please reconsider this travesty.

Thanks,

Esther Andrews

From: HARDIK MAHANT

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 8:48 AM

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

Subject: Comments for Agenda Item # 8.2.20-489

Dear Council Member Team,

I belong to the Metcalf community and as a unanimous decision by this community and the surrounding ones, i oppose the City's Decision to build tiny homes near our community. Many of us have communicated the same information via change.org and also on the City's website under the respective article.

We believed in Sergio's leadership to help and protect our community but we're seeing it going in the opposite direction, putting our neighborhood in the risk by bringing crime, drugs, and diseases to our community. Moreover our property values are going to be affected.

We already have a lots of problems due to the homeless people living on the streets of Monterey, Bernel, Monterey Plaza and other nearby neighborhoods. We see trash, robberies, break-ins and much more due to the same.

With these factors considered, we, the residents of Metcalf, unanimously are against the decision of the City to build this housing in this area.

Thank you!

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