

## PUBLIC COMMENT

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### Public Comment on Item 8.2

Public Comment from Liz Soehngen

I'm a homeowner in District 3 and I SUPPORT building tiny homes for unhoused residents in our city. This pandemic has brought the housing crisis here beyond any reasonable argument that we can continue to neglect our most vulnerable neighbors.

Support a tiny house village in San Jose!

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Public Comment from Binh Nguyen

Dear City Clerk Office,

I'm a long-time resident of the Metcalf Community, recently learnt of the Homeless Housing at the corner of Monterey & Bernal. I was outraged to learn that such a major decision affecting its neighborhood, including mine, was conceived in your office under the cover of Covid-19 without involving discussion of the affected parties.

This housing project would undoubtedly negatively impact the security around my neighborhood. There is real potential of the congregation of drug addicts, criminal activities that would threaten the daily lifestyle of member of this community. My 13-old daughter frequent taking walks around this area and she will not be able to continue this lifestyle when its security is disrupted by this project.

I'm strongly appeal to the office to put a halt to this project until another suitable location is found.

Regards.

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Public Comment from Diana Rendler

Hello,

I live and go to school in downtown San Jose and I SUPPORT building tiny homes to immediately shelter unhoused people. This crisis calls for emergency measures for the health and safety of all residents. I urge you to support Tiny Home villages in San Jose!

Thank you.

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Public Comment from Carolyn Bauer

I support this item with the caveat that ALL districts should be building at least 1 of these in each district in order to spread the wealth of resources each district has.

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Public Comment from Ian Pham

Please Mayor Sam Liccardo! For my children's sake, do not bring the mentally unstable to our neighborhood.

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Public Comment from Katrina Kay Velasco Education Specialist / Especialista de Educación KIPP Heartwood Academy

Hello! I am a constituent that votes in local elections. I live on Coltwood Drive in District 8, and am also emailing on behalf of the rest of my family who are also constituents. We SUPPORT building tiny homes to immediately shelter unhoused people. This crisis calls for emergency measures for the health and safety of all residents. I urge you to support Tiny Home villages in San Jose!

Public Comment from Tirsh Carlin Metcalf

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Dear city council and mayor Liccardo.

An additional question in light of new information from today, Evans Lane is an ideal location and this has been identified for transitional housing several years ago and nothing has been done there for some reason. It is accessible to so much support that would be necessary for our currently unhoused. Second harvest food bank and other medical support services are close by. Why are we placing 80 homes or 80 people on such a small spot as Bernal and Monterey? And why are we having a second location within 10 miles of the first also in district 21 Evans Ln. is ideal to start? I would support 20 people that are not covid positive at Bernal.

Every district needs to participate

Thank you

Public Comment from Moiz Haidry

I oppose building of tiny homes in Monterey/Bernal. I am a resident of Silver Leaf and I am afraid of increase in crime and loitering in the area, as well as the safety of the homeless in this high traffic area.

Thanks

Public Comment from Mohit Jaggi, Resident D2

My dear Leaders,

An overwhelming majority of residents of several neighborhoods in D2 had opposed this for very good reasons 2 years ago and a petition opposing this has more than 3000 signatures. It is disappointing to see our elected leaders continue to ignore our concerns and try to sneak this bad idea under the guise of Covid emergency. As far as Covid is concerned, Governor Newsom has procured 15000 rooms in hotels but only 4000 are filled. What difference is a plan spending 10s of millions to house 40-80 people going to make?

As a data technology professional, I work with data very often. I have looked for research on this topic and there is no evidence that this type of approach will benefit the homeless. On the contrary there is evidence that a homeless shelter in residential areas increases calls to police, increases blight and crime and degrades nearby home values (which will reduce government property tax earnings).

I implore you to empathize with the residents and the taxpayers whose tax money will be wasted on this expensive boon doggle.

Public Comment from Mrs. P.

Please ask the council members to amend the proposal, so they can accept the funding, but use the funds slotted for the Monterey/Bernal site to another program or site.

Thank you,.