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From: Peggy Martinez []
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 10:31 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Tiny homes BMC Proposal

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> December 11, 2017
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> The homeless in our area continue to enter our community scoping our homes and property. Over a month ago SJPD arrested a few on our property, one of many instances reported.
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> Larry and Peggy Martinez, and family-
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> Peggy is retired federal employee (USDOL OFCCP)
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> We have our right to finally live our dream of being retired in a safe community.
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Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:40 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: FW: BRIDGE HOUSING - Public Comment to be added to agenda for Dec 12th

Dear City Clerk,
I sent the email below prior to the cut off time and as of yet I don't see it added to the letters from the public. I would like you to make sure it gets added.
Thank you,
Elvera

From: Elvera Faria
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 9:43 AM
To: sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov; ragan.henninger@sanjoseca.gov; sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov; helen.chapman@sanjoseca.gov; dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov; christina.garavaglia@sanjoseca.gov; tam.nguyen@sanjoseca.gov; louansee.moua@sanjoseca.gov; sylvia.arenas@sanjoseca.gov; patrick.mcgarrity@sanjoseca.gov; magdalena.carrasco@sanjoseca.gov; huascar.castro@sanjoseca.gov; johnny.khamis@sanjoseca.gov; denelle.fedor@sanjoseca.gov; shane.connolly@sanjoseca.gov; chappie.jones@sanjoseca.gov; jerad.ferguson@sanjoseca.gov; christina.pressman@sanjoseca.gov; lan.diep@sanjoseca.gov; charisse.lebron@sanjoseca.gov; donald.rocha@sanjoseca.gov; jacklyn.joanino@sanjoseca.gov; raul.peralez@sanjose.ca.gov; Christina.m.ramos@sanjoseca.gov; district1@sanjoseca.gov; district2@sanjoseca.gov; district3@sanjoseca.gov; district4@sanjoseca.gov; district5@sanjoseca.gov; district6@sanjoseca.gov; robert.lopez@sanjoseca.gov; district7@sanjoseca.gov; district8@sanjoseca.gov; district9@sanjoseca.gov; dave.sykes@sanjoseca.gov; jacky.morales-ferrand@sanjoseca.gov; district10@sanjoseca.gov; mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov; cityclerk@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: BRIDGE HOUSING - Public Comment to be added to agenda for Dec 12th

This letter is to inform you that I as well as many residents in my area are opposed to Bridge Housing. Some reasons for this that you all should consider:

1. Cost – the cost of these tiny homes is a mis-use of taxpayers money when there are less costly alternatives

2. Timing – The Housing Department has been working for 2+ years on this project and forgive me if I am wrong, wasn't the whole point of these sleeping cabins to be cost effective and to be put up quickly

3. Segregation and Safety – have any of you that are in favor of these sleeping cabins passed by or taken a look at some of the locations that the housing department is proposing? Inside a Cloverleaf is not safe and how will that help those living in them when you are segregating them from the general population. There will be a stigma attached to those living in these tiny homes. Attached is a picture of

one of the proposed sites, would you feel comfortable living inside a cloverleaf?

4. Location – a lot of people are comparing this to what Portland did with Dignity Village, attached is a photo of where Dignity Village is located, as you can see it is NOT in a residential area, it is next to a recycling plant and a correctional facility.

5. Shelter Crisis – The whole point of declaring a shelter crisis was to evade building codes so that you could house people quickly. If this gets approved City Council is to come back and meet again in Spring of 2018 to discuss community outreach etc. with that being said we will have gone one more rainy season without anything being done. The fact that Nora Campos bill expires soon thereafter, these tiny homes are not the answer. Oakland put there's up with $500,000 in 3 months by using pre-fab tuff sheds, in addition they were put in the location where homeless were already camping, they did not bring them into residential neighborhoods.

While I am opposed to the Mayor's memo regarding Tiny Homes I do know that something needs to be done regarding the homeless in our community therefore I am asking you all to read thoroughly the Khamis/Rocha memo and go with their solutions. They are cost effective and can be implemented in a timely fashion given the state of our "shelter crisis".

Sincerely,
Elvera Faria
District 2 Resident

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Subject: Tiny Homes Project

To Whom It May Concerns

My name is Flora Choi. My family is living in a house on Silver Leaf Road. We really worry about our living area being surrounded by lots of homeless people.

We do have sympathy on these people. We also want to help them. However, when we have to live everyday surrounding by lots of homeless people in our residential area, **the fright is real!** When people has no money, they will steal, rob and also begging on the street. There may also be drug problem and mental problem.

Please put yourselves in our side and think for the situation. Would you want to have your children to grow up in an area surrounding by homeless people?

We do not want these tiny homes to be built near Bernal and Branham because these areas are residential and also close to school. Please take the project to a place where is not close to the residential area.

PLEASE, PLEASE CONSIDER THE SAFETY OF ALL THE CHILDREN IN SAN JOSE

Thank you for taking the time to read this email! These are the voices from a father, a mother and a grandmother.

Flora Choi

From: Elle A [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 7:58 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: BHC City Council Meeting 12-12-17

Please include this in the “Letters from the Public” section of the 12-12-17 City Council Agenda Item 4.1.

Dear Councilmember,

I’m am writing to call attention to two fundamental flaws in the current Bridge Housing project. First, the BHC program will hurt the fastest-growing unsheltered population in Santa Clara County. Second, acceptance of Housing Department recommendations would drain funds from more cost-efficient, more effective, and more humane programs that currently help our homeless populations.

As a resident of San Jose, I take pride in the diversity of our city; however, the design of the BHCs fails to reflect the diverse nature of our homeless population. BHC sleeping sheds are designed only to accommodate 1-2 people, neglecting one of our most vulnerable populations: families. According to the Santa Clara County Homeless Census, the number of sheltered chronic homeless individuals saw some improvement, doubling from 8% to 14% from 2015 to 2017. In that same period, the number of UNSHELTERED homeless families QUADRUPLED from 7% to 28%. As indicated in the Housing Department’s recent memorandum, funds will be taken from Rapid Rehousing and other programs that accommodate a wide range of homeless populations, including families with children, and instead directed into a program that serves a narrower population. To pull funding from programs like Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing that could help address this explosion in the unsheltered homeless family population is shocking. It is even more concerning that the Housing Department's defense of pulling funding from more inclusive, supportive, and cost-effective solutions to the homeless crisis is simply "to take advantage of new legislation."

It is clear that BHCs are not the best solution for our homeless crisis. In their memorandum, the Housing Department acknowledges that the BHC offers less amenities and support than Rapid Rehousing and Motel Leasing programs (which are also significantly less expensive). Furthermore, its claim that the BHCs will support more individuals is predicated on the belief that it can move these people into more permanent housing; however, ironically the funding for BHCs would come from those currently designated for Permanent Supportive Housing (as indicated in their memo). BHCs are therefore a short-sighted solution that provides immediate relief to the small number of initial residents, but will likely experience little turnover and become a dead-end as the BHC itself will result in less of the permanent supportive housing it intends to transfer its residents into.

BHCs are not the best solution to our homeless crisis and can ultimately hurt vulnerable subpopulations by pulling funding from other homeless programs. I am appealing to you to please reject the Housing Department recommendations and instead support the Memorandum signed by Councilmembers Rocha and Khamis. Let’s pour our resources into more effective, cost-efficient, and humane solutions like Rapid Rehousing, Master Leasing, and Permanent Supportive Housing.

Sincerely,
Danielle A.

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Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Khamis, Johnny <johnny.khamis@sanjoseca.gov>; Rocha, Donald <Donald.Rocha@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Re: BRIDGE HOUSING - Public Comment to be added to agenda for Dec 12th

Elvera - you are SPOT ON! I would like to know who the other two candidates were, and the process in which Block was chosen and what was the city's prequalification that the city used for his selection? Who gave final approval to Block?

Stan thinks the non profit developer, First Community Housing, for the Second Street container project I forwarded to all earlier today, might have been a good candidate for this facilitator position - as a non profit he would not stand to benefit in any way.

Seething mad and about to blow a gasket.....

From: Elvera Faria <
To: "Morales-Ferrand, Jacky" <Jacky.Morales-Ferrand@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; "johnny.khamis@sanjoseca.gov" <johnny.khamis@sanjoseca.gov>; "donald.rocha@sanjoseca.gov" <donald.rocha@sanjoseca.gov>
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Thank you!
Elvera

From: Morales-Ferrand, Jacky [mailto:Jacky.Morales-Ferrand@sanjoseca.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 6:01 PM

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No - he doesn't have a conflict of interest. He has a background in both affordable housing development and homelessness. That doesn't constitute a conflict of interest.

1. The development in your community is an affordable housing development that is proposing to have a set-aside for formally homeless people.
2. Bridge Housing Communities is an interim temporary housing project that will provide housing for 100% formally homeless people.
3. He is not an employee of Charities.

4. He does not have a financial interest in Bridge Communities. This means he is not going to benefit financially from the City building a BHC. And he is housed - so he personally isn't going to live in a BHC.
5. He is a consultant and provides consulting services to a wide range of organizations.
6. His previous position is as the ED for ALF - an organization that is committed to engaging people in a dialogue to solve tough community problems. I would encourage you to review their website to obtain a better understanding of the work they do. This would provide you with a more in-depth understanding of his facilitation background.

Are you objecting because you would have liked to have had us pick someone who does not have a background in affordable housing or homelessness?

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So then there is still a conflict of interest as he is facilitating on a highly controversial project for Charities Housing in our area as well. So now we are paying him to sell us on the idea of Bridge Housing?

Elvera Faria

From: Morales-Ferrand, Jacky [mailto:Jacky.Morales-Ferrand@sanjoseca.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 1:58 PM
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HI Elvera,

Chris Block **is not** the current executive director of Charities Housing. He is the PAST director but is working as a facilitator for them. Dan Wu is the executive director of Charities Housing. Please see the attached link. He is also not doing it for free. We will be executing a contract for under $10,000.

http://charitieshousing.org/about-us/management-profiles/

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You can see that Charities already has Blossom Hill Rd on their website as a future development despite the fact the CUP hasn't been approved yet.
http://charitieshousing.org/our-communities/in-the-pipeline/

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Subject: Tiny Homes

I am one of many in my community that do not want these built in our district. We have many valid reasons as to why these are a very bad idea. Here are a few:

- There is no adequate safety precautions being put in place for females staying in a tiny home
- There is no mental health help available to any addicts or formal addicts that may have negative reactions while in the tiny home community
- There are no jobs being created or offered to these homeless to limit theft or break-ins in the area as a means to gain money for wants and needs
- There are no background checks to be sure anyone who is not allowed within miles of a school or childcare facility is not allowed to stay in a tiny home (The nearest home with a child near the Bernal cite is 100 feet. The child's parent has a car park assigned by the apartment complex that puts her car within 85 feet of the corner of the Bernal cite lot. There are also several childcare facilities nearby as well.)
- There is no added protection in place for those getting gas at the Shell gas station on the opposite corner of the Bernal site.

All of these problems listed for the Bernal site are also present at many of the other proposed sites in our district. Please re-evaluate this Tiny Homes for the Homeless plan and start on a more secure and lasting solution for our homeless. Often a roof over the head is not the most dire need.

Thank you,
Brandy Turk
District 2

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Subject: Emergency Bridge Housing (12/12/2017 City Council Agenda Item 4.1)

Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

I urge you to support the Emergency Bridge Housing direction proposed by Councilmembers Rocha and Khamis at your hearing today.

In Silicon Valley we perform experiments, quickly assess the data, and take action. If an experiment appears headed for failure, we move on to other solutions. Clearly, the EBHC 1.0 roll-out was a disaster. With no messaging available on fundamental items like site staffing and client selection criteria, neighbors feared the worst. Hindsight shows residents had good reason be be afraid, as EBHC 1.0 was not scaled to enable the staffing levels needed for success.

Whatever you decide today, I urge you to seek solutions that:

- Focus on highest probability of success
- Provide best value
- Leverage outside dollars and resources
- Are scaled for success (wrap-around staffing)
- Don't distract Housing Staff from successful projects
- Anticipate residents' concerns and address them

If you must continue with EBHC 2.0, please be laser-focused on success. Consider just one site, with 40-60 homes, and wrap-around staffing to make it both successful and a good neighbor. The eyes of the nation will be watching (again), let's get it right this time.

Regards,

Dave Noel
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San Jose

12/10/17
Re: Dec 12th Council Agenda Item 4.1 - Bridge Housing Communities

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members,

We are a community group that includes service providers, professionals and laborers both working and retired, students, teachers, members of faith and other communities working together, whether housed or unhoused.

We support your effort to move forward on Bridge Housing (BHC), Safe Parking and other immediate interim housing programs to help those who live outdoors. Recently, you have endorsed a plan to build 1300 permanent supportive housing units for extremely low-income residents of San Jose in the next 5 years. Given the recent Homeless Count and Census showing that 4300 people are unhoused, we need to find ways to keep thousands safe and healthy while waiting for a house. Staff's plan is completely inadequate in meeting the current need.

Building on "three or fewer" sites doesn't come close to preserving the intent of your recent Shelter Crisis Declaration nor does it conform to your mutual decision to site BHC in all council districts. We understand that the intent of reducing the number of sites is a response to some neighbors pushing back against a proposed nearby tiny homes village, but we must do more. Overall, we need to provide immediate housing alternatives for 600 or 1600 in 2018 - not 60. AB2176 gives us the short-lived luxury to develop interim housing quickly. We cannot squander this by creating pilots. Additionally, staff plan for BHCs and other immediate intervention options have unnecessarily high costs attached to them.

Your 12.8.17 memo speaks to the need to involve community partners in the effort to design and implement bridge communities. We agree. Only with the whole community behind this, will this be successful. The Village Coalition, a nationwide group of successful village operators, reports that the community-first model ensures safe, secure and healthy communities. They are universally supported by surrounding neighborhoods using a proven method. The key is creating awareness of the issue, an understanding of need and solution options –all up front. This is done by sharing the vision of a village and the benefits to both villagers and residents of the surrounding neighborhood well in advance of choosing a site. After that, neighbors of any potential sites become a real part of how the village will be designed, built and operated.

Only with the support of community members, like faith and other organizations, members of social, civic and business clubs, school, police, fire and other public officials and residents – in short, the entire community – will a village program work. It's not an easy task, but it needs to done citywide and within each district to succeed. There are no shortcuts – a site selection process that engages a handful of district leaders, will enrage those in neighborhoods near proposed sites once the process leaks out - dividing neighbors, blocks and even families.

It has been proven, when neighborhoods are aware and engaged projects work. We all value a process that includes knowledge of the issue, transparency and inclusiveness – with the goal to build trust in government. This is especially important when dealing with extremely vexing issues like this. We strongly urge that the engagement plan needs to follow evidence-based, best practices of village-building, which in essence is community-building. Even though we are all the same except for our housing status, integrating a new, seemingly different population of unhoused within the larger community is a challenge, but is one that must be done if San Jose is serious in solving the problem of homelessness.

The BHC program success will serve as precursor to building transitional, shared, accessory-dwelling and permanent supportive housing developments, all recently or soon to be adopted policy here. This community-building model is essential to San Jose's smooth transition to a new and diverse housing landscape. We need to show that every voice counts, all ideas have merit, and everyone needs to be in the room, for this and other housing programs to thrive. We pledge to work with you to do this hard work, convene these meetings and spend the time needed to make this vision work.

Respectfully,
Jonnette Villgomez and Patrick Train
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My name is Jennifer Roberts, with the Thousand Oaks Park Conservancy Project. I respectfully ask for your support of the Thousand Oaks Park Conservancy Project's goal of preserving Thousand Oaks Park's oak woodland. Both portions of Thousand Oaks Park, including the natural, open space portion of the park currently on the City's list of potential bridge housing community sites, have been identified as a natural community, specifically an oak woodland, by the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan, in which the City is a participant. Once predominant throughout Silicon Valley, the vast majority of the valley's oak woodlands were wiped out due to agricultural and residential development. According to the San Jose General Plan's Biological Resources Report, oak woodlands comprise only 7% of all land in the General Plan study area, with 95% of all oak woodlands located outside the urban growth boundary. This report confirms that the existence of an oak woodland located on the valley floor, let alone within the urban area, is extremely unique and rare. Not only is Thousand Oaks Park's oak woodland unique and rare, but historically significant as well. It also has substantial environmental value because of its location next to a riparian corridor.

The Thousand Oaks Park Conservancy Project has partnered with the San Jose Parks Foundation, with the goal of raising money for park improvements on the natural, open space portion of the park, which will include educational signs informing park visitors of its uniqueness, and the historic as well as environmental importance of oak woodlands. The Conservancy Project, with assistance from the Parks Foundation, looks forward to continuing our work with the City Arborist to designate both portions of Thousand Oaks Park a heritage grove.

We are extremely grateful for the support of Councilmember Rocha and numerous conservation organizations, including the San Jose Parks Foundation, and would greatly appreciate your support, Mayor Liccardo and City Council members, of the Conservancy Project's goal of preserving the rare and historically, as well as environmentally, significant oak woodland located on both portions of Thousand Oaks Park. Thank you very much.

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