

From: Alie Victorine
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 1:47 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Jonathan Velasquez ; Neecha Sandoval ; Bruce Victorine
Subject: Agenda Item 8.4 5/12/2020

Regarding City Council Agenda 5/12/2020

Item 8.4 Actions Related to Temporary Sheltering Operations and Services for COVID-19 Emergency Response.

To: Honorable Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers

It has come to our attention that the City is opening refurbished trailers for individuals and couples who are currently without shelter in the east parking lot for Kelly Park which is the entrance to Happy Hollow Zoo. While we applaud the efforts of the city to take such bold measures during this health emergency, we are highly concerned about the impact to Kelly Park, but most especially San Jose's beloved Happy Hollow Zoo. Happy Hollow Park and Zoo is the second most visited attraction in all of San Jose, with over 488,000 visitors in 2019, and accounts for approximately 43% percent of all PRNS revenue. Happy Hollow has a rich tradition of providing family and community educational opportunities and needs to be supported and protected in these difficult times

We strongly urge the City to develop a sensible timeline for the duration of these shelters that will not impact Happy Hollow's reopening. Therefore we feel that this timeline should have an exit plan that is triggered by the reopening of Happy Hollow Park and Zoo as allowed by the State and County. We are in full support of Councilmember Maya Esparza's recommendations as outlined in her Memorandum to the Mayor and City Council dated May 8, 2020.

As active D7 residents we strongly urge the city to carefully weigh the impacts of this temporary sheltering program on Happy Hollow Park, as well as our community and district.

Thank you,

Seven Trees Neighborhood Association

Jonathan Velasquez, President

From: Cheryl Klynn
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 3:17 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Trailers at Happy Hollow

Regarding City Council Agenda 5/12/2020

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To: Honorable Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers

I understand that the City is opening refurbished trailers for individuals and couples who are currently without shelter in the east parking lot for Kelly Park which is the entrance to Happy Hollow Zoo. I appreciate the efforts of the city to take such bold measures during this health emergency, I am deeply concerned about the impact to Kelly Park, but most especially San Jose's iconic Happy Hollow Zoo. Happy Hollow Park and Zoo is the second most visited attraction in all of San Jose, with over 488,000 visitors in 2019, and accounts for approximately 43% percent of all PRNS revenue. Happy Hollow has a rich tradition of providing family and community educational opportunities and needs to be supported and protected in these difficult times

I request that the City develop a sensible timeline for the duration of these shelters that will it doesn't impact Happy Hollow's reopening. I feel strongly that this timeline should have an exit plan that is triggered by the reopening of Happy Hollow Park and Zoo as allowed by the State and County. I fully support of Councilmember Maya Esparza's recommendations as outlined in her Memorandum to the Mayor and City Council dated May 8, 2020.

Respectfully,

Cheryl Klynn

From: davide@vieiracorp.com

Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 4:01 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Liccardo, Sam <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; Perez, Raul <Raul.Perez@sanjoseca.gov>; Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: City Council Agenda 5/12/2020: Item 8.4 Actions Related to Temporary Sheltering Operations and Services for COVID-19 Emergency Response

Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

Happy Hollow is a city and regional treasure. I enjoyed it as a child, as did my children and hopefully my 9-month-old grandchild will in the near future.

Setting up temporary trailers to house our unhoused neighbors vulnerable to COVID-19 is the right thing to do. However, there needs to be an exit plan to move those individuals and couples into other accommodations and the trailers removed before Happy Hollow is set to reopen in accordance with county and state guidelines. The plan needs to be agreed to and in place before the trailers are inhabited, just to ensure that everyone is on the same page. No plan – no trailers. Councilmember Esparza's recommendations laid out in her May 8 memorandum seem like a good place to start.

Regards,
Davide Vieira

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

I appreciate the reasons why so many former FEMA trailers were moved this March into the parking lot at Happy Hollow: we are in a COVID-19 emergency and we had an immediate need for temporary housing for people sick with the virus. My concern is that I've heard that there may be some thought of using the trailers for a longer term, perhaps as housing the homeless and perhaps stretching on for years.

Several decades ago, I served on a committee here in San José to help master plan Kelley Park. We on the task force realized the importance of providing adequate parking so that the park could be accessible to families with young children, and all their supporting accoutrements -- strollers, snacks, changes of clothing, etc. I'm glad the plan was implemented: now, when my grandkids visit and clamber to go yet again to Happy Hollow, I really appreciate that, after visiting the park, I can just load them into their little wagon and trundle them across "The Bent Bridge" back to the car in the parking lot. But if that parking lot were to be given over to long-term housing, Happy Hollow will become inaccessible to us.

Please! Don't stumble into letting our "temporary emergency" extend on indefinitely; establish a process that will define an exit date. Please adopt Councilmember Esparza's recommendations.

~Larry Ames, longtime park advocate.

cc: City Clerk; City Mngr; PRNS Dir; Parks & Rec Cmsn Chair; Green Foothills; SJ Park Advocates.

From: Renee Weslowski

Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:44 PM

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

Subject: Item 8.4 Actions Related to Temporary Sheltering Operations and Services for COVID-19 Emergency Response.

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We strongly urge the City to develop a sensible timeline for the duration of these shelters that will not impact Happy Hollow's reopening. Therefore we feel that this timeline should have an exit plan that is triggered by the reopening of Happy Hollow Park and Zoo as allowed by the State and County. We are in full support of Councilmember Maya Esparza's recommendations as outlined in her Memorandum to the Mayor and City Council dated May 8, 2020.

As a life long member of this community, I strongly urge the city to carefully weigh the impacts of this temporary sheltering program on Happy Hollow Park, as well as our community and district.

Thank you,

Renee Weslowski

From: Aurelia Sanchez

Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 12:59 PM

To: Perez, Raul; Esparza, Maya; District5; District2; District8; District9

Cc: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

Subject: Interim Trailer Housing At Kelly Park

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

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On May 5, 2020, Councilmember Maya Esparza wrote a memo titled: Actions Related To Temporary Sheltering Operations And Services For Covid-19 Emergency Response. I support the memo and I hope the council does too. The City of San Jose needs a plan to remove the temporary trailers at the park when it is opened. I like many residents in our city enjoy and visit often Kelly Park and we need to think forward for when our state and city can resume normal operations.

Best,

Aurelia Sanchez

District 3 Resident

From: Teresa Ponikvar

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 9:07 AM

To: Taber, Toni

Subject: I support item 8.4

I support the plan for placing trailers for sick and at-risk unhoused community members near Happy Hollow. Please help keep the most vulnerable members of our community safe during this difficult time.

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Teresa Ponikvar

From: Yareny Millare
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 9:09 AM
To: Taber, Toni
Subject: Item 8.4

Hello,

I support the plan. We need shelter for unhoused people, do this now, people are more important than parking for the zoo.

Best,

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Yareny Millare

From: Rachel Wright

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:39 AM

To: District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo ; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni

Subject: I support trailers near Happy Hollow

Hi Councilmembers Esparza, Perez, Mayor Liccardo, and City Clerk Taber,

I am a frequent user of Happy Hollow with my 2.5 and 5.5 year old children. I heard that a parking lot near the zoo will be used for trailers for unhoused people who are especially at risk during this pandemic.

I SUPPORT THIS PLAN

Shelter for unhoused people is much more important than being able to park near Happy Hollow. I would prefer to raise my children in a society that cares about the basic dignity of everyone more than it cares about parking or recreational access.

Please support this plan now.

Sincerely,

Rachel

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Rachel Wright, Ph.D., MPP (she/her/hers)

From: Carol Stephenson

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:58 AM

To: District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo ; Taber, Toni

Subject: Support Item 8.4

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am very concerned about our unhoused neighbors during this health emergency. Shelter for all residents of San Jose is the highest priority for the wellbeing of us all.

I support Item 8.4 and urge you to do the same.

Carol Stephenson

From: Jacqueline Rivera

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 9:51 AM

To: District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Agenda Item 8.4: Actions Related to Temporary Sheltering Operations & Services for COVID-19 Emergency Response.

Good morning Mayor and Council Members,

I wanted to share my support for the plan of **90 emergency non-congregate shelter trailers in Happy Hollow**. These trailers have been sitting empty during the peak of COVID-19, with another wave of the virus coming we need shelter for our unhoused community urgently - do this now, people are more important than parking for the zoo.

thank you,

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Jacky Rivera (she/her/hers)

From: Scott Knies

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 9:19 AM

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

Cc: Liccardo, Sam <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; Jones, Chappie <Chappie.Jones@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Khamis, Johnny <johnny.khamis@sanjoseca.gov>; Diep, Lan <lan.diep@sanjoseca.gov>; Carrasco, Magdalena <Magdalena.Carrasco@sanjoseca.gov>; Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Peralez, Raul <Raul.Peralez@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Arenas, Sylvia <sylvia.arenas@sanjoseca.gov>; Morales-Ferrand, Jacky <Jacky.Morales-Ferrand@sanjoseca.gov>; Gutierrez, Autumn

Subject: Fwd: happy hollow

RE: City Council Agenda 5/12/2020 Item 8.4

Actions Related to Temporary Sheltering Operations and Services for COVID-19 Emergency Response

Honorable Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers:

As frequent Happy Hollow Park and Zoo users (recently with grandchildren in tow), we wanted to express our support for Councilmember Esparza's memo today that would require removing the trailers with the reopening of the zoo, and extending necessary cleaning/security services to the surrounding community that are likely to be impacted by the temporary housing.

While logistical triggers for security and "demobilization" are addressed in the staff memo, there are also unintended impacts to be considered and planned for, such as:

Community perception:

Word of mouth is one of the most powerful and hardest to control marketing tools that attractions like Happy Hollow must rely on. Through this channel, information that Covid-19 impacted unhoused individuals are living at the Happy Hollow parking lot will percolate and persist in the minds of the community. Managing the exit message is much harder. Additional marketing and communication support - possibly inclusive of additional funding and community meetings - will need to be implemented.

Control of area:

Experience shows that when an area is targeted for use in homeless services, the surrounding community also sees an increase in activity. The extended radius beyond the parking lot that will potentially be impacted will need to be identified and how the City will mitigate activity both during and after the installation. This will be especially important when the zoo reopens given the parking lot is separated from the park entrance by quite a distance. User safety begins at parking the car, then walking across a bridge with children. Visitors are already worried about vehicle and personal safety because of the distance and perception that there are no "eyes" on the parking area or walking path.

Thank you for your consideration and leadership during these difficult times.

Autumn Young

Scott Knies

San Jose residents

From: Barbara Marshman

Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:43 PM

To: 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>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; Sam Liccardo <sam.liccardo@gmail.com>

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

Subject: Council Agenda 5/12/2020, Item 8.4: Happy Hollow

May 11, 2020

From: Barbara Marshman, District 6 resident

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

This is my first communication to you all on a council agenda item since I abandoned my forum in The Mercury News two years ago. It involves what I consider to be two of the most important issues for the city: Housing the homeless, whose ranks now are likely to grow before they shrink; and preserving and nurturing city parks.

I support Councilmember Maya Esparza's memo regarding Item 8.4 on Tuesday's agenda, which calls for temporarily housing homeless residents in trailers on the East parking lot at Happy Hollow Park and Zoo.

The need for urgent action for the homeless in this Covid 19 emergency is obvious, and using the zoo lot temporarily makes sense. Happy Hollow will remain closed for months, perhaps many, under county health department orders. But the council has to set clear policy to prevent this land use, set under emergency circumstances, from easing into permanence.

Esparza wants a plan in place for moving the housing or placing its residents in more permanent situations when Happy Hollow is allowed to reopen. Most important, she urges setting a specific and clear trigger for the plan to kick in. Without it, the "decommission" the staff memo discusses will be a matter of conflict and debate down the line. Clarity now can prevent that.

Far from a luxury, parks will be ever more important to our mental and physical health as we build more affordable and workforce housing throughout the city. The Happy Hollow parking lot was built to meet growing demand at the zoo and improve its ability to pay its way.

I'm proud to live in the city of Destination Home and of Mayor Sam Liccardo and this council. Faced with this unprecedented public health crisis, you have really stepped up. I welcome affordable housing in my own Willow Glen neighborhood: Last year, when vocal residents fought plans for a regulated homeless encampment less than a mile from my home, I supported the proposal.

I believe San Jose has the strength to come out of this better than we were before. But we have to provide for homeless residents without permanently compromising city institutions that will sustain us, and future generations, in the long run. Esparza's memo offers a blueprint.

Sincerely,
Barbara Marshman

From: Christine Pepin

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 10:07 AM

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

Cc: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: May 12, 2020 -- Agenda item 8.4: ACTIONS RELATED TO TEMPORARY SHELTERING OPERATIONS AND SERVICES FOR COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

I am writing to urge you to adopt the resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute an agreement with Abode Services in the amount of \$728,855 to operate ninety (90) emergency non-congregate shelter trailers provided by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, located at a City owned parking lot at the intersection of Story Road and Remillard Court, to provide additional temporary sheltering operation services necessary for COVID-19 emergency response, with any necessary ancillary documents, retroactive to May 1, 2020 until October 31, 2020.

The City's homeless residents tend to have more underlying health conditions than the general public, making them more vulnerable to becoming ill from the COVID-19 virus. if they are not already contaminated. Moreover, the City's homeless shelters are either full or nearing capacity in the very near term, which could undermine the City's objectives to house this vulnerable population.

The City should do more to house its unhoused population and protect them from the COVID-19 pandemic. The City should make use of the almost 400 hotel rooms leased up and still vacant. Sheltering our unhoused neighbors is an obligation and a human right.

Thank you,
-Christine Pepin

From: Adrian Vasquez

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 10:37 AM

To: District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni

Subject: Item 8.4

I support the plan. We need shelter for unhoused people, do this now, people are more important than parking for the zoo.

Thanks,
Adrián Vasquez

From: Bill Rankin

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 10:43 AM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; Carrasco, Magdalena <Magdalena.Carrasco@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov>; Arenas, Sylvia <sylvia.arenas@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Trailers at Happy Hollow

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Council Members,

I'm very happy that the city is working towards finding homes for the unhoused. It is the right thing to do. In these unprecedented times, it is imperative that those people without homes have a safe and clean place to be. And for the time being, the location of the Happy Hollow parking lot makes sense.

But I am concerned about a few issues. As a trail advocate, I wonder if this will impact the expansion of The Coyote Creek Trail. In addition to protecting the people, we need to protect the park. There needs to be a plan in place to move the trailers out of the park when Happy Hollow opens back up. There needs to be some sort of a trigger or an indicator of when the emergency is over. And any agreement must contain language, specifically about what the emergency is, and what that will look like when it's over.

Thank you for doing the right thing to help these people but please take care to have an exit plan for when the time comes.

Bill Rankin

From: Mayra Cerda Klinkhammer

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 11:16 AM

Subject: Zoo Parking for unhoused people

I support the plan. we need for shelter for unhoused people, do this now, people are more important than parking for the Zoo.

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Thank you,

Mayra Cerda Klinkhammer

From: Kathleen Imamura

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 12:03 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@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>; Amy Pizarro; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Letter's from the Public, Agenda Item, 8.4

To all:

This email is especially directed to the one(s) who approved having trailers for homeless placed in the Parking Lot at Happy Hollow Zoo and Park!!

I was shocked after hearing that there would be and is now trailers physically in the parking lot of Happy Hollow Park and Zoo to be used for HOMELESS WITH COVID-19!!

WHO thought this was a good idea is beyond me!!

There are many points to this ridiculous idea among them listed below:

1. Children, families look forward to visiting Happy Hollow Park and Zoo year after year, especially those that have memberships ALREADY PAID, or FIRS TIMERS!
2. This is a MAJOR HEALTH CONCERN to anyone nearby. But, ALSO, OUR PRECIOUS ZOO ANIMALS!!
3. What if, (I don't like to be negative), A HOMELESS PERSON WITH COVID-19 CLIMBS OVER THE FENCE GETS INTO THE ZOO AND INFECTS OUR ANIMALS!!! Did you think about that???
4. The Happy Hollow Foundation was not notified, consulted with pro/cons about this crazy idea! These sponsors, donors, etc would not have even considered this!
5. There are PLENTY OF OTHER LOCATIONS within the WHOLE CITY/COUNTY (YES, try working together!!!) HOMELESS ARE NOT, I REPEAT, NOT BOUND by SAN JOSE vs SANTA CLARA CLARA! Example: WHY couldn't you put the trailers, since it's a parking lot example, in the SAN JOSE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS??? Another example: Golf Courses...some are City of San Jose OWNED!!!! There's NO animals/people around only lots of grass and BIG space.. .
6. These, with some work, YES, WORKING TOGETHER, as WE HAVE BEEN DOING, trailers CAN BE MOVED, to a more appropriate location.

Please, you can make this unhealthy, dangerous situation, RIGHT.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE to MOVE these TRAILERS IMMEDIATELY, before there could be a worse SITUATION.

DO YOU WANT HAPPY HOLLOW, PARK and ZOO TO REOPEN ASAP or NOT IS MY and MANY OTHERS QUESTION TO YOU ALL??

I would, respectfully request a response to this email.

Thank you.

Kathy and Brad Imamura

Homeowner, tax payers with grown children and grandchildren....

From: Tuấn ĐìnhJanelle

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 1:42 PM

Subject: I support item 8.4 to place trailers at Happy Hollow Parking Lot

Dear SJ City Council,

I'm writing to you in full support of item 8.4 on today's agenda regarding the proposal to place trailers at Happy Hollow parking lot that would support unhoused individuals. Our community is stronger when we stand together and we need for shelter for unhoused people. I urge you to do this now. People are more important than parking for the zoo.

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Best regards,

Tuấn ĐìnhJanelle

From: iq4rent sc
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 1:48 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: 8.4

First, I'd like to reiterate the point that it's egregious to me that you'd continue to have meetings about unhoused people while silencing their voices. To a large degree, they are unable to charge phones, stay on the phone for the hours it takes for their item number to come up, etc. And the council has done nothing to give them an alternative way to voice their concerns offline.

Secondly, I strongly oppose almost everything in Maya's memo. It makes absolutely no sense to me that it's taken nearly two months to "refurbish" the FEMA trailers--during a pandemic, when they are most needed. Is this another case of city hall overreaching, making sure there's a chandelier, chintz wallpaper and high thread count sheets when a roof, walls and a locking door would've been highly preferred by most unhoused people rather than feeling as if they'd been left to die on the streets?

Now that we're about to enter OUT of SIP, finally the trailers are ready and Maya can't get them hustled out of her 'hood fast enough. Does anyone really think Happy Hollow's going to be at maximum capacity in a couple weeks? Does anyone really think there won't be a second spike? Does anyone really think parking is more important than people? Does anyone really think just as we're finally--potentially--getting people into the trailers that it's time to uproot the trailers, and there won't be any negative effects/delays on the trailer dwellers during the relocation? Will there be a guarantee that even if there's a one-day delay during the move that all participants are placed in hotels?

It's audacious to try to catapult these (her) people into permanent housing. ALL people VHHP have categorized as vulnerable should be placed in housing, but removing ANY temporary housing until all permanent housing is built just cuts people off at the knees and causes our unhoused death rate to soar. We need more temporary solutions--like safe parking and sanctioned encampments--in addition to what we have now, not less.

You cannot ask advocates or unhoused people to have faith in a system that has largely failed them--at least 2,500 people already identified by VHHP as medically vulnerable--when it comes to shelter during this pandemic. The 6420 emergency shelter number is a failure and very difficult to get a hotel room/shelter bed in a timely manner. Only 43% of the county hotel rooms are being utilized. The FEMA trailers have sat empty throughout the first spike of the pandemic. But we should trust you now?

Lastly, 'if you talk to folks at Second Street Studios, they feel "abandoned" by Abode during this pandemic. Staff are hard to find and other than rent being paid, there are little "supportive" services being offered. If you talk to folks on the street, they too feel abandoned, haven't seen case workers in months, etc. If you talk to other service agencies, they say they hear Abode shut down all their outreach and case management until SIP is lifted.

It's unusual for folks in so many different areas to agree on the same thing, that a vendor abandoned their clients. The same vendor you're considering giving nearly \$1m to today. I urge you to find another vendor.

Regards,
Shaunn Cartwright

From: Laura Alvarez-Santos

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:02 PM

To: City Clerk

Subject: Immediate Shelter for Sick and At-Risk Unhoused Community Members

Dear City Clerks Office,

I would like to let your team know that I support the plan to shelter sick and at-risk unhoused individuals. We need shelter for unhoused people and we must act now! People are more important than parking for a zoo.

Best,

Laura Alvarez-Santos

From: Nina Rosenblatt

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:25 PM

To: District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Supporting Plan for Item 8.4

Good evening,

I support the plan. We need this shelter for unhoused people, please do this now. The safety of these people is more important than the parking for the zoo, and their already at risk situation makes them even more vulnerable.

Thank you very much for your time.

Best,

Nina Rosenblatt

Intake and Assessment Specialist

Sacred Heart Community Service