
From: Manager <info@babacoffee.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 10:51 AM
To: Christian Gutierrez <christian.gutierrez@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: Homeless Feedback

As business owners who have had constant, unpleasant interactions with mentally-unfit, homeless people including violent encounters, we are advocating the city take aggressive actions to remove people living on the streets.

They need mental healthcare attention, not meals and clothes from the enabling churches in the village. Get them to the proper shelters.

Why should we deal with this situation while the city policy leaves mental patients wandering the village? Thank you for your help, Reegan and Rob from Baba Coffee.

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Respectfully,

Manager

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From: Doris Schiller <dorisschiller55@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 11:08 AM
To: Christian Gutierrez <christian.gutierrez@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: homeless

This is just a commentary on my observations of homeless people in Carlsbad. I see more homeless people now than I have ever seen in the village over the last ten years. It seems a lot of money has gone into reducing the number of homeless in our community, but I do not see any improvement. They are being fed, counted and clothed and the Homeless Police know their names. They are taking their showers and using the bathroom at the beach and then hanging out at the little grassy area by Harbor Fish in the morning where I walk. They are often agitated and do not seem in touch with reality. I try to not make eye contact as I am a tiny old lady that could be easily overpowered by an agitated person. The homeless presence has changed the atmosphere of our community's nicest area.

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From: Susan Roberts <smroberts.58@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 11:21 AM
To: Christian Gutierrez <christian.gutierrez@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: Homelessness

In order to help those who cannot help themselves because of mental health problems or alcohol/drug addiction, we need to put teeth into making sure that they receive the services that they need to either get back on their feet or be placed into treatment facilities. We have tolerated this situation long enough with “housing first” used as the primary way to make progress. It simply is not working! You can’t expect someone who is dealing with major issues that have led them to live on the streets to necessarily know what is in their best interests. Also, as a community we deserve to have safe and clean spaces for our citizens. Therefore, the homeless population should be offered 3 choices: take the help offered to them in the form of treatment, leave our community and reconnect with family, or go to jail. It may sound harsh, but tough love works! We went from seeing maybe 5 homeless people here 10 years ago and no budget to hundreds of homeless people and a budget of millions of dollars. What changed? Court rulings that made it impossible to enforce our laws. The so-called compassionate approach of “housing first” has allowed homelessness to increase and has not met the homeless populations’ needs nor the communities’ needs. My support is behind tough love and finally finding a solution that works for this problem.

Susan Roberts

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From: Jason Szymanski <jcs1279@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 11:43 AM
To: Christian Gutierrez <christian.gutierrez@carlsbadca.gov>
Cc: City Clerk <clerk@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: Feedback on city's efforts to reduce homelessness

Dear City of Carlsbad,

I am writing to express concerns regarding current policies surrounding overnight vehicle parking and camping at parks and libraries, specifically at Cole Library. The absence of restrictions has led to the library unintentionally functioning as a day shelter, with individuals frequently loitering inside solely to use the facilities or charge electronic devices. This has created an environment that feels unsafe for families and discourages parents from using the library as a safe, welcoming space for their children's education.

I urge the City to consider policies that would prohibit overnight vehicle parking and camping at parks and libraries, as well as to enforce a loitering ban within the library. Additionally, designating a safe parking area specifically for those living in vehicles could provide a balanced solution that supports individuals in need while preserving our public spaces for their intended use.

Thank you for considering these suggestions. I look forward to seeing initiatives that will enhance the safety and functionality of our community spaces.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jari Pajunen <jari.pajunen@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 3:41 PM

To: Christian Gutierrez <christian.gutierrez@carlsbadca.gov>

Subject: Carlsbad homeless benefits question

Hi Christian,

I tried to locate if we prioritize local residents (people who had address in Carlsbad prior losing home). Do we confirm last know address or is this free for all program?

Could not find information online.

I do understand that if we receive federal and state funds to resolve homelessness, we may not track last known address. Just interested to know if Carlsbad residents are prioritized in our program and what part of homeless budget comes from federal vs local tax payers.

Thanks for pointing me documents that clarifies!

-Jari

Sent from my iPhone

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