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Subject: Housing Commission meeting 11/14/2024 Homeless Action Plan comments

As neighboring cities strengthen their laws regarding homeless individuals, Carlsbad needs to do the same. Our laws need to be more strict than the surrounding communities, and these laws should be strongly enforced.

The Homeless Action Plan lists it 4 key strategies on page 36. Not one of these mentions public safety as a priority. This should be the number one priority of the Homeless Action Plan.

Living near the village, I see Carlsbad's current homeless issues daily, and safety and cleanliness of the community are my main concerns regarding the homeless population. Homeless individuals sleeping on benches in the village and in the grassy area near the beach are daily occurrences. Many of them are mentally unstable. I have been directly threatened by 2 different homeless individuals with one threatening to shoot or kill me on 2 separate occasions and another one who tried to follow me home. Safety of the residents in and near the village should be a priority in Carlsbad's approach to homelessness. Expanding the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) presence in the village would be a welcome change. We need expanded HOT hours and personnel to enable patrols in problem areas and availability to deal with these situations whenever they occur.

Sincerely,
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