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Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 11:17 AM

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

Cc: Melanie Burkholder <Melanie.Burkholder@carlsbadca.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Carlsbad Public Records Request Center Correspondence Request :: C001773-101624

Hello,

Please add my concerns around Cole library functioning as a homeless shelter to your meeting agenda.

You may reference my email below.

Thank you,

Jason C. Szymanski
Carlsbad Community Member

On Tue, Oct 29, 2024 at 3:54 PM Jason Szymanski <jcs1279@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Carlsbad City Council,

Thank you for your prompt response regarding the issue of homeless transients loitering in Cole Library and parking lot.

While I appreciate the City's efforts to address homelessness, I must respectfully disagree with the approach of allowing the Cole Library to operate, in effect, as a shelter. Many in the community feel that the library is shifting from a safe, educational environment into a facility heavily occupied by transient individuals, some with troubling backgrounds that include drug abuse and other criminal activities. This shift is impacting families and community members who expect the library to be a sanctuary of learning and safety, particularly for our children.

It is not unreasonable for residents to expect a library free from the presence of individuals loitering, sleeping in vehicles, or using the library primarily as a place for shelter and facilities access. This situation creates a concerning environment for families, who are often uncomfortable or even deterred from visiting. Children and parents alike should be able to enjoy the library without encountering these issues.

Therefore, I strongly encourage the City Council to consider establishing a dedicated, alternative safe parking area with accessible facilities. This approach would offer essential support to individuals experiencing homelessness while maintaining the library as an inviting space for all residents. Additionally, I recommend implementing a ban on overnight parking at libraries and public parks. As a next step, I request that this matter be added to the agenda for the upcoming City Council meeting to explore options that more effectively balance community safety with the needs of our homeless population.

If necessary, I am prepared to gather signatures from concerned residents to demonstrate the community's strong support for this matter. Please let me know how best to proceed in placing this request for discussion.

Thank you for considering the community's perspective, and I look forward to seeing this issue prioritized on the council's agenda.

Best regards,

Jason C. Szymanski

Carlsbad Community Member

From: Bob Stonebrook <bob@esynergy.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 12:02 PM
To: Christian Gutierrez <christian.gutierrez@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: 11/14 Housing Commission - Homelessness Update

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Homelessness Update. At the end of the day I believe it will be more about the availability of shelter and services that will help improve our homelessness situation than the result of the Supreme Court decision. But as part of reviewing the Annual Report, I do think it is important for the commissioners to ask the following questions:

- This report shows 193 total homeless at the end of the fiscal year. How does that total compare to previous years?
- What do those 193 people need to exit homelessness: is it shelter (as interim step), if so what type and how many units; housing, what type and how many units; services, what type and how many.
- Who/which organizations specifically are working on providing those needs?
- What impact does Homeless Services see from the passage of Prop 36 which should restore court-mandated drug treatment?

Thank you, Bob



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