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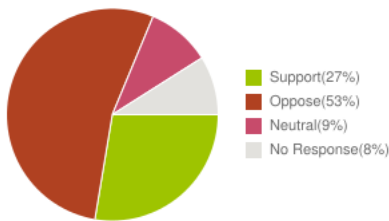
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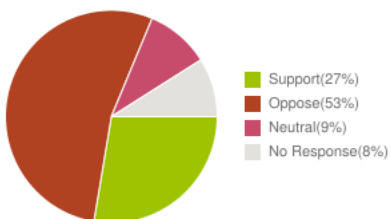
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H.1. 20-1578 APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2020	6	1	5	0
H.9. 20-1568 RECEIVE AND FILE A STATUS REPORT ON THE CITY'S REQUEST TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF TRANSIENT VESSEL MOORINGS FROM THE MAIN HARBOR CHANNEL	1	1	0	0
H.16. 20-1586 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH BRETT DAVISON FOR LEGAL SERVICES AS NEEDED FOR THE TERM OF OCTOBER 21, 2020 UNTIL TERMINATED	1	0	0	1
H.22. 20-1410 AUTHORIZATION TO PREPARE AND FILE AN APPEAL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH'S 6TH CYCLE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT (RHNA) ALLOCATION OF 2,483 UNITS FROM THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG)	2	1	0	1
J.1. 20-1580 For eComments and Emails Received from the Public	5	3	0	0
N.1. 20-1596 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF SKATING FACILITIES AT PAD 10 (FORMER OCTAGON BUILDING SITE) AND PERRY PARK	4	2	1	1
N.2. 20-1594 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE SOUTH BAY BICYCLE MASTER PLAN AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INSTALLATION OF PROTECTED BIKE LANES IN THE CITY	3	2	0	0
N.4. 20-1600 ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE FURTHER DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING PALLET SHELTER TEMPORARY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING	99	23	59	9
T.3. 20-1562 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PAUL CONNOLLY, FORMER REDONDO BEACH CITY MANAGER	1	1	0	0

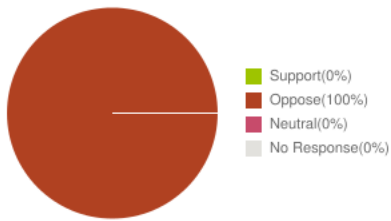
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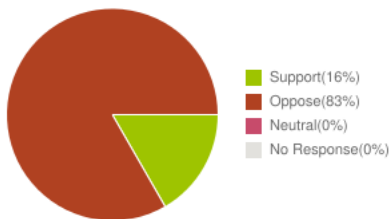
Niki Negrete-Mitchell

Location:

Submitted At: 8:59pm 10-20-20

I see it's very easy for people and other entities to suggest pallet housing be put at the homes of those who live further away, on the other side of town from them. What an egregious, offensive way of thinking. They don't want it in their neighborhood, or next door to their business. There is a lot more family oriented business and LIVING happening on or around Kingsdale to make it a less viable option. I am appalled that our neighborhood's needs be dismissed so outrageously. This is not the answer. You will be hearing more.

Overall Sentiment



Brittany Barden

Location:

Submitted At: 7:39pm 10-20-20

Homelessness is an unfortunate and important issue that Los Angeles communities have faced for decades. One of the many issues a homeless person faces is access to services including medical, mental health, unemployment help (See "How to Increase Homelessness" by Joel John Roberts, CEO of People Assisting the Homeless). By placing a homeless shelter in Redondo Marina we are putting them further from vital services and expecting people who may already suffer from mental health issues in a position where they would need to string together a series of logistical nightmares in order to get to appointments and offices. I understand this is a complex problem but I urge you to reconsider your choice in placement of the shelter. Thank you for your time.

Merry Passage

Location:

Submitted At: 6:27pm 10-20-20

Please vote NO on a Homeless shelter at Seaside Lagoon or Moonstone Park. You will ruin this area for the residents, the hotels, and the boat owners at the marina. The reality of homeless camps is this: trash, extensive

drug use, urine and feces in spite of portable toilets, and theft. We've owned a boat in Port Royal marina for 10 years. It's easy to gain entrance to the boats to steal electronic equipment and anything else they can take from the liveaboards. How do you think homeless pay for drugs? I have been battling this very thing with an empty house I own. Five break-ins in as many months by homeless who aren't just looking for shelter. Besides repeated vandalism while they "shelter" there, (such as broken doors and windows), they leave mountains of trash, hypodermic needles and even foil from black tar heroin. I can't imagine degrading such a beautiful and well-kept area in Redondo. Businesses will suffer. There has to be another solution that doesn't negatively impact the hundreds of people who frequent the area.

Phil Garner

Location:

Submitted At: 6:10pm 10-20-20

Harbor Drive between Beryl and Anita was one of the few clean areas along the coast of Redondo Beach after the installation of the new bike path. Unfortunately, for the past year I have been picking up bottles, dirty clothing, and needles left by the homeless who have been sleeping on the benches along Harbor Drive. Rather than trying to keep the area nice for visitors and residents who enjoy biking, jogging, and dining in the area, the City Council is now considering opening up Moonstone Park and Seaside Lagoon to even more homeless. Apparently none of the City Council members live in the area.

Vicki Goldbach

Location:

Submitted At: 3:30pm 10-20-20

PLEASE VOTE NO on a Homeless shelter in Redondo Beach!

And At the Oceanfront? It can't be at Seaside Lagoon or our Harbors Moonstone Park. The beach and Harbor & Riv Village is where ALL RB RESIDENTS GO to visit. It's why we pay big taxes. And the Bike path is right there! This will DRAW A VASTLY INCREASED # of homeless into our city. More homeless would come here and more will wander day & eve.

We already have a notable & obvious increase in public FECES and urine smells as it is. This is a SAFETY & HEALTH issue. Even more so now with SARS CoV 2 virus & body fluids, not just ignores mask wearing.

Look at San Francisco! Even tourism has dropped as people don't even want to go there now.

We know they need help! We are sympathetic but we also must be wise.

If we could be guaranteed there would be no other homeless attracted in and no public defecation, urination, loitering or harm, that'd be one thing. But that's sadly impossible to promise.

My sister in law was attacked and killed by a mentally ill person. He was deemed safe; He wasn't. It was a Very sudden and impulsive attack. He did not go to jail. He will be released from his mental hospital in a few years.

(details withheld - Mayor Brand can call or email me).

Please, PLEASE consider your constituents safety, health and needs.

Thank you

Ann Larson

Location:

Submitted At: 3:06pm 10-20-20

Homeless shelters are needed, but should not be placed in the harbor. Redondo transit area would be more convenient for the homeless to shop and move around town.

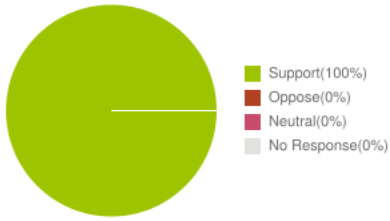
Susie Miller

Location:

Submitted At: 10:46pm 10-19-20

Please support this important initiative to help our houseless neighbors. It could be any one of us during these especially trying times.

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Maricela Guillermo

Location:

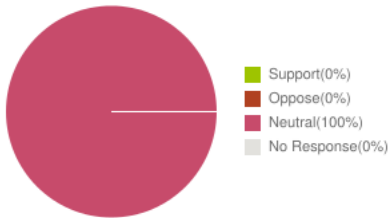
Submitted At: 12:02pm 10-20-20

Yes, please reduce the number of transient vessel moorings but more importantly keep the area CLEAN.

Thanks!

Agenda Item: eComments for H.16. 20-1586 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH BRETT DAVISON FOR LEGAL SERVICES AS NEEDED FOR THE TERM OF OCTOBER 21, 2020 UNTIL TERMINATED

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Eugene Solomon

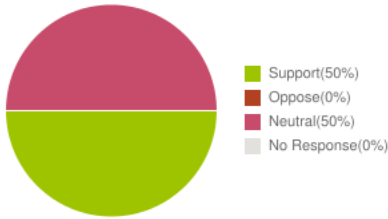
Location:

Submitted At: 3:05pm 10-20-20

Please describe the search process for the hiring of this attorney. Were attorney's who were closer and had more experience than four years sought out? It seems more reasonable to select an attorney who is more geographically desirable rather than someone 30+ miles away who may bill us for travel time to and from the courthouse.

Agenda Item: eComments for H.22. 20-1410 AUTHORIZATION TO PREPARE AND FILE AN APPEAL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH'S 6TH CYCLE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT (RHNA) ALLOCATION OF 2,483 UNITS FROM THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG)

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Ronson Chu

Location:

Submitted At: 6:51pm 10-20-20

I am supportive of affordable housing for our teachers, nurses, and other essential workers...many cannot afford \$1 million houses. I encourage the council to look at rezoning our commercial corridors PCH, Artesia, etc... to allow for 3-5 story mix use development. At the same time, make sure we have traffic mitigation measures. We can have smart growth vs leaving our essential workers behind.

Maricela Guillermo

Location:

Submitted At: 12:20pm 10-20-20

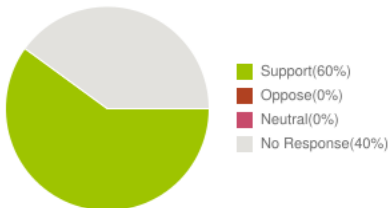
Please file the appeal and let them know that Redondo Beach is built out. We do not have space to afford additional buildings. We need to have required open spaces (no counting the water) per number of residents in our city zoning rules.

Would respectfully also request the City Council Members and Mayor opposed as a body any housing bill from Sacramento aiming to eliminate single family zoning.

Thanks!

Agenda Item: eComments for J.1. 20-1580 For eComments and Emails Received from the Public

Overall Sentiment



Sarah Klenha

Location:

Submitted At: 11:18pm 10-20-20

Earlier I wrote in support of the pallet housing proposal but after hearing the disgusting language used by our city council to talk about out unhoused neighbors I am rescinding my support. It is clear that the city council wants to use the pallet housing as a front to round up unhoused people, lock them behind fences and do everything they can to remove them from our community. The city council's plan to "help" our unhoused neighbors is incredibly dehumanizing and absolutely abhorrent.

Wayne Craig

Location:

Submitted At: 6:17pm 10-20-20

A couple of months ago a temporary traffic circle installed on Ruby Street in South Redondo was discussed and determined to be unacceptable by residents. It was later removed within two weeks.

Earlier this year a curb cut that was removed in front of the Reed family residence was discussed, and after a lot of promises nothing has happened.

Instead of wasting time with mundane items our city manager feels are more important can we finally just get this resolved?

Each day you delay is an unnecessary burden on this family who only want to be able to care for their daughter with special needs.

Wayne Craig
Redondo Beach

Dr. CM Chantal Toporow

Location:

Submitted At: 2:30pm 10-20-20

Greetings dear Mayor, City Council, and Staff,

Please lend your support in the Redondo Beach Community Gardens (RBCG) effort as part as our overall ongoing efforts, per our City's Mission Statement: "to providing the finest services to enhance the quality of life for those who live, work, visit & play in our community."

First & foremost, as stated by the cdc.gov, community gardens provide a place for physical & mental health benefits thru physical activity, skill building, & by creating green space, promoting biodiversity within an urban setting, reviving & beautifying public parks, plus much more.

Secondly, they foster connections within the community & help build networks, even more critical now in light of COVID.

Thirdly, they provide opportunities for a wide variety of people, including students, recent immigrants & homeless people mobilizing to beautify urban neighborhoods, improve access to fresh produce, & engage the entire range of society from youth to the elderly.

Fourthly, RBCG is self-motivated & prepared to work with city, governmental agencies, local groups, as well as finding sponsors, seeking grants, & fundraise as needed.

Finally, as an avid gardener myself with an infinite variety of vegetables & fruits grown in my own RB backyard, having had artists plein air painting over the years & such activities, as well as being on the boards of various plant and agricultural organizations, I can personally and profoundly attest to its most enriching qualities. In addition, having been on the Environmental & Public Utilities Commission & the Parks & Recreation Commission, civically engaged for many years, this just makes plain good sense. Writing as a individual, presently sitting on the city's Planning Commission, I am all too aware of the "concretization" of our city development & the need for usable, enjoyable outdoor spaces as both residential & commercial lots are being "built out" for maximum profit, but unfortunately, at costly loss of quality of life as everything becomes densified.

We ask you to please support this effort so that RBCG can work in our community to make this happen.

Most respectfully submitted, Dr. C.M. Chantal Toporow

mara lang

Location:

Submitted At: 1:35pm 10-20-20

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to request support for a community garden within Redondo Beach. I am a member of the Southbay Parkland Conservancy. Together with my committee members Brianna Egan and Barbara Epstein we have spent a good deal of time identifying potential parkland available for this project. We have reached out to council members, the parks and rec commission, neighboring cities with similar projects and the LA garden council to explore the viability of this project. We have determined support via online communications, and in person district meetings and zoom meetings with various community groups that this project is much needed and would bring an important sense of ownership and stewardship to city parkland. I would hope that the council will support this idea

in its beginning stages and make available to us, city staff to continue to explore the relationship between the city and a volunteer led garden. We are also prepared seek funding for this project independently of the city given the limits of the city budget, however, financial support for this project would be well placed funds.

Brianna Egan

Location:

Submitted At: 10:57pm 10-19-20

Hello city council, my name is Brianna Egan and I am a member of District 1, a current graduate student in nutrition and public health, and lifelong resident of Redondo Beach. I am leading an initiative to establish the first official community garden for the city of Redondo Beach. Our committee and initiative is an entity of the local nonprofit, South Bay Parkland Conservancy. We will gave an informational presentation on Oct 14 to the Recreation & Parks Commission, sharing the vision for the space and the many benefits of having a community garden in Redondo. The Commission supported our vision and ideas and unanimously approved a motion to recommend our project to the city council level.

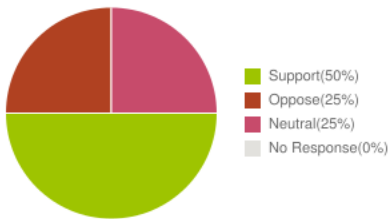
Our initiative has grassroots support, evidenced by the 80+ supporters and names we have collected, in addition to numerous words of support that we attached in a document at the Recreation & Parks meeting. We are proposing a community garden managed by the SBPC nonprofit but located on city park land, with the opportunity for annual plot rentals, workshop space, composting, and even native plant habitat and community fruit trees.

The pandemic has highlighted the growing need and concern for food security and healthy food access in our communities, as well as the importance of raising eco-literacy and knowledge of growing food among youth and families. A community garden for Redondo Beach has been a long time coming and there is no better time than now to take action to improve green space, livability, and community engagement with such a program.

We would like to be included as an item in the upcoming city Strategic Planning meeting, and are seeking the approval of city council to move forward with our project on city park space. We are a committee of dedicated residents with wide-ranging skillsets and are eager to work with city staff to explore possibilities. We are asking for your support in moving the process forward to be included in Strategic Planning and formal approval processes. Thank you.

Agenda Item: eComments for N.1. 20-1596 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF SKATING FACILITIES AT PAD 10 (FORMER OCTAGON BUILDING SITE) AND PERRY PARK

Overall Sentiment



Peter Aziz

Location:

Submitted At: 7:41pm 10-20-20

Glad to see that perry park is getting a much uplift. I grew up here down the street from perry park and really excited to finally see north Redondo getting a bit of a facelift.

Lezlie Campeggi

Location:

Submitted At: 7:18pm 10-20-20

The development of a skate park at PAD 10 in the Harbor is a natural. RBPd Chief Kauffman has held two skateboard contests there with resounding success. Recognizing the estimated 1% that will skate to the skate park being problematic is most definitely a mitigation issue to implement. I agree that such mitigation should be added, and ask that it also include that deterring bicycle riders from the same area is addressed as well. Bikes, roller skates, skateboarders use the walk paths where prohibited for such use, all along the International Boardwalk and the walk paths on the Pier. Please include these walk paths with whatever "physical deterrent equipment" is placed. Great idea for a skateboard facility in the Harbor at PAD 10, not impacting residential areas and leaving more green space at Perry Park, which we don't have enough of in Redondo Beach.

Brianna Egan

Location:
Submitted At: 3:32pm 10-20-20

Skateparks do bring a sense of community and "street cred" to cities that offers these formal places for skateboarding. I would like to offer that just in the same way that the city is considering multiple skateparks for different neighborhoods, and is considering funding the installation of these in the ranges of \$50,000 - \$150,000 so too should the city strongly consider approving community gardens in various neighborhoods and even funding all or part of their installation. We need spaces for residents including youth and families to grow food, access healthy nutrition, build a sense of community on shared ground, and learn valuable skills. I urge the city to begin working with the South Bay Parkland Conservancy on the project they have already begun to explore locations for community gardens and have concrete conversations about starting one within 6 months.

Maricela Guillermo

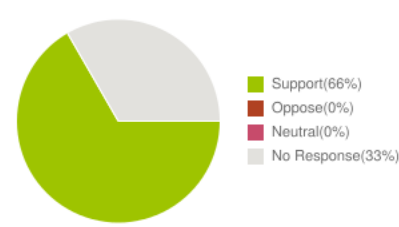
Location:
Submitted At: 3:20pm 10-20-20

We need green areas in the Harbor, and the Octagon is the perfect location. Furthermore, the Octagon area has been used as a multi-purpose area to accommodate many community events for residents of all ages. Perry Park is a good location to have a skating facilities. Why the need to have two? Yes, why the need to have two skating areas in the same city? Please consider designating the skating facility and Perry park drug-free zone.

Thanks!

Agenda Item: eComments for N.2. 20-1594 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE SOUTH BAY BICYCLE MASTER PLAN AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INSTALLATION OF PROTECTED BIKE LANES IN THE CITY

Overall Sentiment



Christopher Maloney

Location:
Submitted At: 8:44pm 10-20-20

Please, please, do not do any more class 3 bicycle lanes in the city. They make bicycles feel a false sense of security and add antagonism to the drivers that already hate dodging bicyclists. Class 2 and preferably Class 4 are the only ways to go.

For routes please think of the schools, parks, routes to the beach, and major commercial attractions.

Hills are not an issue, electric bicycles are here to stay.

Pilot a one side of the street protected cyclecross class 1 bike path. Take parking on one side and then paint and put a barrier.

Lara Duke

Location:

Submitted At: 8:20pm 10-20-20

Thank you for adding bike lanes! It's great for our physical and emotional health! I vote for Class II, because then you have a dedicated lane that's nothing fancy, but all we need and doesn't cut into car lanes. I love to bike my errands and I think the more lanes that are made for cyclists of all stripes you will see more people out there..for exercise and for running errands. Also, please encourage more places to lock our bikes up.

Thanks,
Lara Duke

Grace Peng

Location:

Submitted At: 6:28pm 10-20-20

Our daily lives have been severely disrupted by the Covid-19 crisis in 2020. Yet, I am encouraged by the fact that we made substantive changes in our daily lives to protect the safety of our fellow human beings. It is to our credit that we held the numbers in Redondo Beach down to ~600 confirmed cases and 11 deaths. I only regret we were not able to keep it lower.

We also suffer from multiple crises so gradual and ubiquitous that we don't notice them. Climate change and traffic collisions are two. In the decade of 2010-2019, road collisions have killed 12 pedestrians and cyclists in our city in ~600 reported collisions.

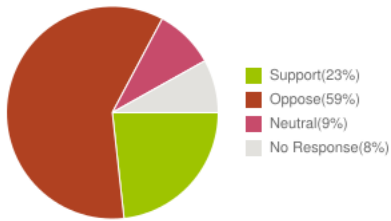
As a transportation cyclist and mother, I live in fear for myself and my family. As a scientist, I rely on data. I mapped Redondo Beach in the California Transportation Injury Mapping System, <https://tims.berkeley.edu/tools/atp/>, and discovered that my lived experience concurs with the data. The Artesia and Aviation corridors are among the most dangerous in our city. In 2010-2019, Redondo Beach led the Beach Cities in total and per capita collisions and deaths. We can and must do better. Let's reorder our priorities and build safe streets for all throughout our community.

Build out our connected bicycle network as approved in the 2011 South Bay Bicycle Master Plan. Make all arterial sections protected bike lanes so we can end the blood sacrifice of our citizenry on the high injury network. Improve road crossings for people outside of cars. Protected bike lanes also serve people on motorized wheelchairs, scooters and tricycles (families w/ small children, elderly, disabled). Active mobility improves our community health, spare the air & lower our greenhouse gas emissions.

Families shouldn't feel forced to spend thousands a year paying for cars & insurance for their teens. With fewer cars, there would be less frustration/competition over car parking, less financial stress for families, and less fear for seniors when they are forced to give up driving.

In other cities, sales tax receipts climb on streets where bike lanes are installed. Safe, supportive cycling infrastructure saves lives & helps our city's merchants.

Overall Sentiment



Rovell Scales

Location:

Submitted At: 5:37am 10-21-20

I think our most vulnerable neighbors should be the priority. A place to rest, commune, and have shelter is essential. Initiatives such as these temporary pallets involve direct action and represent a great option while long-term solutions are considered. An ideal location that no one would ever see and everyone can agree upon isn't possible because the desire for such is a big part of the problem. We cannot simply avoid harsh realities - these are humans who exist and we have the resources to do better by them. So we should.

Cindy Ledermann

Location:

Submitted At: 11:13pm 10-20-20

While I am in support of solutions to address the homeless, I am against building a homeless shelter on Kingsdale by the Galleria. I think there are many better alternatives for locations that will not impact the residents and businesses in this location.

Moses Ramler

Location:

Submitted At: 10:48pm 10-20-20

I am Moses Ramler, my family and I live in District 3 of North Redondo Beach. I am the President of Lanakila Outrigger Canoe Club. As an Individual and Representative of Lanakila, I oppose the site Options of Mole B and Seaside Lagoon for transitional shelter housing.

- The first issue is the conflicting interest of the Emergency Helicopter Landing Zone. This concept violates the parameters for that landing zone.
- I believe this placement will violate rules established by the Coastal Commission and CA Coastal Act. There would need to be a permit which is located in a park which requires that use for park space. I don't think this will be acceptable for an approval based on the current land use stipulations.
- The availability for public transportation is limited and not in a central location to give easy, multi directional and largely available transportation.
- Placement of this location will create parking and general congestion. There is only one access and exit way through private property.
- This location will detract from the desirability of a destination location, reducing visitors and economic value.
- Potential for safety issues, due to accessible and unsecured property throughout the Harbor.
- Proximity to hotels, restaurants and business that will be negatively impacted.

Please consider alternate locations to Mole B and Seaside Lagoon. King Harbor is a cornerstone of Redondo Beach, this landmark area will be negatively impacted by adding this type of housing to the center of the Harbor. It is an unreasonable location and our leadership needs to show enough foresight to know the harbor is a terrible location for so many reasons. Please don't waste everyone's time, these locations will be fought very hard and at every commission.

The Kingsdale Site is a very viable location and has much less impact to high traffic ocean and recreational use areas. There may be added cost short term, however long term will benefit the rest of the city and community. Perhaps commercial space like the vacant Nordstroms.

Aviation Gym is more suitable, but even this location will be tough to be agreeable this idea.
Thank You!

Robbie Yrigoyen

Location:

Submitted At: 10:36pm 10-20-20

My best friend, as close as a sister who is also a wonderful mother of 3 (one down syndrome), has been homeless for over 5 years due to drugs after a back injury. She has survived by stealing and manipulating innocent people. She has had people offer her housing, a job and a new beginning MANY TIMES. Every situation is different but I wouldn't even want my best of friends in this situation be near my children or community. I don't want to compare the homeless to prisoners but if you think about it...there are innocent prisoners just as there are innocent homeless people. I support helping the homeless and pray every day my best friend seeks this type of help but drug addicts take what they can take. This doesn't meant stop your mission and I personally would help find a way. There are better ways to offer this opportunity that do not affect everyone in a small community. There are recovery centers the city can partner with that already have the ground work and program to help those in need who will most likely take these funds and help expand their programs. There are also abandoned facilities inland or not in family communties that would take the funds. There are so many other creative ways to help. Beach front property in a family community is not the place. I wouldn't be surprised if homelessness increases knowing the real estate they are offered.

Diane Savahge

Location:

Submitted At: 9:16pm 10-20-20

My husband and I are boatowners; we have a boat at Port Royal. This harbor area is a tourist destination and a revenue generator for the city. It is also an area for family recreation. I don't think that this is the smartest way to go; even though you say it is 'temporary'; no one leaves a beachfront property, this would not be temporary.

You can't just "put them somewhere" and 'store' the homeless. You need programs, social, and mental health support. You need to offer them more than just a place to 'be.'

They have moved the homeless in New York City into many of the hotels, driving away residents. Homeless people are now just wandering the streets. And they will do that here at the harbor.

Why do you want to put homeless people along the waterfront, where real estate is at a premium? Shouldn't you propose to move this somewhere else, not at the waterfront the diamond of Redondo?

Ideally, you want to put the homeless population into a less expensive area, and pay for it with revenue from a more expensive area.

Alana Bell

Location:

Submitted At: 9:15pm 10-20-20

I support the Pallet houses. These are human beings and it is inhumane and our duty to house them during this pandemic. Shame on the NIMBY'S who think this is a bad idea. We need to decriminalize being homeless AND provide for these people during a time when sickness and death can be avoided. Imagine if it were you or a family member that suddenly found themselves homeless. It's not inconceivable when one hospital visit or cancer diagnosis could put you in dire financial straights. It's our responsibility as humans to look out for each other.

Mark Hansen

Location:

Submitted At: 9:14pm 10-20-20

Please reject Moonstone Park and the Seaside Lagoon, as potential sites for homeless shelters.

Mole B and the Seaside Lagoon are on State Tidelands and we have an obligation to encourage low-cost recreational boating. The Outrigger Clubs have provided that recreation for almost 50 years. It would be highly detrimental to their activities to place shelters adjacent to them. The shelters would also negatively impact the

numerous slip tenants.

The City has an easement with the Marina, which only grants the right to operate a small boat hoist, city docks, and a pedestrian ramp. Homeless shelters are not consistent with that easement.

The breakwater is an attractive nuisance, where folks are injured and even killed by unexpected waves. There is also well-known drug activity. The homeless shelters would lead to increased injuries and drug use.

During larger storms, an evacuation plan will be needed with alternative housing.

The harbor is often under the marine layer. A location even slightly more inland would provide better weather. The marine weather would encourage congregation inside the shelters, facilitating the spread of COVID-19.

Although not part of their responsibilities, the Harbor Patrol would inevitably assist with issues at the shelters, distracting them from their primary life saving duties.

The Waterfront is our crown jewel in attracting tourism. After years of investment in our community by our hotels, it would be both financially foolish and disrespectful, to site shelters adjacent to our visitor-serving businesses.

There is a Master Plan and funding for enhanced boating facilities on Mole B. When the City becomes otherwise ready to move forward on that plan, it would be a shame if the shelters inhibited that progress.

There are renewed discussions to coordinate a boat ramp with a new sports fishing pier and the Seaside Lagoon. It would be a shame if the shelters inhibited that progress.

The City Council should utilize the expertise of the Harbor Commission and the Recreation and Parks Commission before solidifying any decisions.

Kimberlee Isaacs

Location:

Submitted At: 9:09pm 10-20-20

I am fine with wherever you want to place the temporary housing for Redondo's unhoused population. They need a place to go. We should be more understanding, ESPECIALLY since there are more unhoused folks due to Covid. I am in 100% support of this and I live in South Redondo.

Kim Isaacs

Erika Snow Robinson

Location:

Submitted At: 9:08pm 10-20-20

Why are we equating humane treatment of the homeless with the privilege of beach living quarters? We are confusing humane treatment with only giving how/what others "want" versus what is NEEDED – basic human rights to food, water, shelter. It is NOT necessary to live at the beach. It's not even necessary to live in Redondo. It's only necessary to live. And it should be at the most cost-effective location possible. Aviation park is not that. Near the Galleria is not that. At Seaside Lagoon, the beach and Moonstone Park is not that. Where there's lots of space and infrastructure is growing in places like Kern County, Palmdale and Lancaster IS THAT. Property out there is much cheaper AND at way less of a premium. Redondo already has epically failed our local businesses (at the Pier AND in our town, at large) and continues to find new and unique ways to deprive our city of any revenue. This is only going to further this - people already have hardly a reason to go down to the beach or visit the pier area - now you want to compound that? I didn't even touch on the fact that our children can't afford to live here – in apartments, much less buy real estate - even after going to college and getting a degree, yet our city council is prepared to simply give away ocean views, prime square footage and our tax dollars at a hefty cost (think the last time I checked it worked out to be somewhere between \$8K - \$11K per homeless person). I'm not unsympathetic to the homeless but it's not a "lack of housing" problem – it's a "lack of services, lack of treatment, and lack of addressing mental health and addiction and not enforcing rules, laws or common sense" problem. Until everyone makes the really hard choices of actually ensuring homeless people attend mandatory addiction treatment, or that they must get mental health help and REQUIRE them to stop doing drugs or abusing alcohol

and require them to abide by actual rules and laws that you or I would be arrested for breaking, this problem is never going to be solved, no matter how many houses you give away for free by the sea.

Juan Chavez

Location:

Submitted At: 8:46pm 10-20-20

NO to building a homeless shelter in Kingsdale by the Galleria. If the general consensus is no at any given location and there is no agreement that everyone in the city is okay with, why are you still moving through with this? You serve and represent us- we're telling you our thoughts and your current plan DOESN'T work. Listen to the people in the comments and reconsider. So many businesses in the one area and building a homeless shelter is not good.

Greg Mc

Location:

Submitted At: 8:39pm 10-20-20

The city slogan is "More to Sea" - public access to the waterfront areas should not be disrupted. Please remove Mole B and Seaside Lagoon from consideration. Homeless housing is important, but a site like Kingsdale is better suited - closer to transit and services.

Carolyn Ziel

Location:

Submitted At: 8:11pm 10-20-20

My husband and I are boatowners; we have a boat at Port Royal. This harbor area is a tourist destination and a revenue generator for the city. It is also an area for family recreation. I don't think that this is the smartest way to go; even though you say it is 'temporary'; no one leaves a beachfront property, this would not be temporary.

You can't just "put them somewhere" and 'store' the homeless. You need programs, social, and mental health support. You need to offer them more than just a place to 'be.'

They have moved the homeless in New York City into many of the hotels, driving away residents. Homeless people are now just wandering the streets. And they will do that here at the harbor.

Why do you want to put homeless people along the waterfront, where real estate is at a premium? Shouldn't you propose to move this somewhere else, not at the waterfront the diamond of Redondo?

Ideally, you want to put the homeless population into a less expensive area, and pay for it with revenue from a more expensive area.

Brittany Barden

Location:

Submitted At: 7:55pm 10-20-20

Homelessness is an unfortunate and important issue that Los Angeles communities have faced for decades. One of the many difficulties a homeless person faces is access to services including medical, mental health, and unemployment help (See "How to Increase Homelessness" by Joel John Roberts, CEO of People Assisting the Homeless). By placing a homeless shelter in Redondo Marina we are putting them further from vital services and expecting people who may already suffer from mental health issues in a position where they would need to string together a series of logistical nightmares in order to get to appointments and offices. Also, as someone who works downtown less than a mile from Skid Row I can personally state there are massive security issues that arise when a large homeless population is present. It was not if but when your car would be broken into, you would be accosted, or you would see needles among other garbage items strewn across the street. I understand this is a complex problem but I urge you to reconsider your choice in placement of the shelter. Thank you for your time.

Shannon Carr-Davey

Location:

Submitted At: 7:52pm 10-20-20

Mole B or anywhere in King Harbor is not a good location for the Redondo Beach Homeless Shelter. I can already see how the News Crews would love to flock to the sight so they can get live video of the Redondo Beach Homeless Shelter being battered by Winter Storm Waves coming over the Breakwall. Yes it can happen because it has happened. There are photos of the very large mooring buoys being torn from the anchors and washed onto the driveway to the Harbor Patrol Office and onto the lawn at Moonstone Park/Mole B. How would you like to see that PR for Redondo Beach's Homeless Shelter?

Michelle Cohens

Location:

Submitted At: 7:51pm 10-20-20

Please do NOT build a homeless shelter near Kingsdale by the Galleria mall. I agree with many people who are stating how it is a very BAD idea to build a homeless shelter near the most important business area in the city. There are so many stores in the area. So many kids and families come here so a homeless shelter is NOT a good idea.

Shabnam Shams

Location:

Submitted At: 7:44pm 10-20-20

I think it is a very BAD idea to build a homeless shelter near the Galleria mall on Kingsdale. We have ONE mall in the city, arguably the cities main attraction from people living here and in neighboring cities. So why would you build a homeless shelter near the cities ONLY MALL???? The mall is next to Target, Panera Bread, a bank, etc so many businesses so I don't know WHO thinks a homeless shelter near 50+ businesses is a GOOD IDEA???

Andrew Blew

Location:

Submitted At: 7:43pm 10-20-20

Council Members: Well planned and community supported homeless housing is needed in the city. I strongly oppose placing housing in in a family oriented recreational area such as Moonstone and Seaside Lagoon. While the startup costs are relatively low, the real long-terms costs will be higher than other proposed sites. This will result from decreased quality of life at the beach and decreased tax dollars from locals and visitors who will avoid the area after the first negative experience they have or see reported.

Katie Gonzalez

Location:

Submitted At: 7:41pm 10-20-20

Our City does not need any "pallet temporary emergency transitional housing shelters" and it appears from City Attorney's Administrative Report that the City Council is now rushing to make this decision asap because it is seeking funds from the CARES Act to cover some of the expenses and eligibility guidelines allow for expenses associated with "caring for homeless" during the pandemic period as defined as March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020. The City council should not rush into making such a big decision that will cause a long term negative impact on the residents and businesses.

The locations being considered are also unacceptable, especially the waterfront locations at Moonstone Park and Seaside Lagoon. Building one in Moonstone Park will mean the city will displace the much needed emergency landing location for the Coast Guard and Sheriff's helicopters. It is also a popular park on the waterfront where families, boat owners and water sport enthusiasts, including the canoe clubs' members, often spend their time. Similarly, Seaside Lagoon is in a prime marina location next to several popular hotels and restaurants. The city council needs to consider the negative impact a homeless shelter, even if the city calls it "temporary", will have on the local marina hotels, restaurants and businesses that are still trying to recover from the covid shutdown regulations. Building a homeless shelter next to these businesses will cause locals and tourists to not visit these businesses and could result in more local businesses closing their doors. There are also many residents that live in and around the marina. The City Council will need to provide 24 hour staff and security around the areas where they build a homeless shelter. Please reconsider if any of these proposed pallet shelters are needed in our city.

Carson Crouch

Location:

Submitted At: 7:40pm 10-20-20

As a RUHS student we are already very limited on safe places to be. please do not choose moonstone park /mole b as a shelter location.

as a member of lanakila we spend most of our time there. We have already seen in covid times vandalism and trash in the area.

Please do not take moonstone from us.

Thank you

Teri Neustaedter

Location:

Submitted At: 7:36pm 10-20-20

I strongly support your temporary housing endeavor. Having toured many types of housing for the unsheltered, I know our SPA 8 outreach services will manage the site and take care of our neighbors' needs until more stable housing can be found. From the comments it seems that there is concern about criminal activity. The diagrams of the sites appear to lessen the likelihood of this type of activity, as will the rules of being a resident.

Redondo Beach, I applaud your energy and effort in making these temporary pallet homes a reality. As you know, shelter for the unhoused is maxed out -- this initiative provides a good result for all.

Teri Neustaedter

League of Women Voters of the Beach Cities, Housing and Homelessness Chair

LWV LA County Homelessness Task Force

LWV California Homelessness TaskForce

Tanya Welsch

Location:

Submitted At: 7:30pm 10-20-20

Please do NOT consider Mole B (Moonstone Park) as an option for transitional housing for homeless.

The use of Moonstone Park is for recreational use, consistent with the CA Coastal Act. Development on Mole B would remove recreational opportunities for a non-profit outrigger organization with 300+ members (families, teens, kids), which has been a part of the community for over 40 years. The location is also a public access site of the harbor for the general public.

At Moonstone Park, there would also be conflict with the emergency helicopter landing zone location, and more policing in the area would be necessary. The congestion will strain the operations of the fire department and Harbor Patrol who are located beside the park. If King Harbor becomes the prime waterfront home for the homeless, it may be difficult to undo the surge of occupants once a permanent location is finalized. Additionally, there are only three local bus lines and one commuter service bus lines nearby – with the closest transportation access to a regional line well over ½ mile away.

The Kingsdale Site (Transit Maintenance), although a greater initial cost, could be offset by funding already secured by the city. This is one of the most central locations with much greater access to public and regional transportation and services that the homeless may require. Access to public transportation is vital to the homeless as they seek employment and maintain those jobs, as well as easier access to mental health and drug addiction resources. The site also has more square footage and there is ample room on the surface parking lots. The location is also consistent with land use and housing elements of the 2019-approved South Bay Galleria Mixed Use Development. One other consideration is using the old Nordstrom's space; the construction would just be a tenant improvement versus construction of new infrastructure. The cost would be significantly lower and would be a great adaptive reuse project; it would also complement the future mixed use Specific Plan vision.

What is cheapest now, is not going to cost less for the City of Redondo Beach in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Neelofar Abde

Location:

Submitted At: 7:28pm 10-20-20

This is NOT a good idea. What are some of the main attraction areas for Redondo and non-Redondo residents in the city? The Galleria mall, the Target, the Nordstrom Rack/Ulta/Sprouts/Islands/the Bank of America, etc. How is building a homeless shelter in this area a good idea? I think we need to find a better spot and reconsider because this area should stay as a family-friendly, clean and safe shopping area and a homeless shelter would only detract people from coming and SPENDING their MONEY here.

Vicki Goldbach

Location:

Submitted At: 7:24pm 10-20-20

PLEASE VOTE NO on a Homeless shelter in Redondo Beach!

And At the Oceanfront? It can't be at Seaside Lagoon or our Harbors Moonstone Park. The beach and Harbor & Riv Village is where ALL RB RESIDENTS GO to visit. It's why we pay big taxes. And the Bike path is right there! This will DRAW A VASTLY INCREASED # of homeless into our city. More homeless would come here and more will wander day & eve.

We already have a notable & obvious increase in public FECES and urine smells as it is. This is a SAFETY & HEALTH issue. Even more so now with SARS CoV 2 virus & body fluids, not just ignores mask wearing. Look at San Francisco! Even tourism has dropped as people don't even want to go there now.

We know they need help! We are sympathetic but we also must be wise.

If we could be guaranteed there would be no other homeless attracted in and no public defecation, urination, loitering or harm, that'd be one thing. But that's sadly impossible to promise.

My sister in law was attacked and killed by a mentally ill person. He was deemed safe; He wasn't. It was a Very sudden and impulsive attack. He did not go to jail. He will be released from his mental hospital in a few years. (details withheld - Mayor Brand can call or email me).

Please, PLEASE consider your constituents safety, health and needs.

Thank you

Megan Bendtzen

Location:

Submitted At: 7:20pm 10-20-20

I strongly oppose the use of Moonstone Park as a temporary transitional housing site.

Peter Aziz

Location:

Submitted At: 7:18pm 10-20-20

As a 30-year resident, I've watched our homeless crisis expands, and I have personally gotten to know a few of them living out of their cars in different locations in NRB. It is apparent we need to address this issue as it has fallen in our laps. it's abhorrent of us not deal with this issue of housing the homeless. I commend the council for taking this upon themselves as they have this unique opportunity in the south bay to provide housing. And yes, of course, we are going to have those people in our community who will be aggressively against addressing this as they don't want these housless folks in the neighborhood. Yet, at what cost. We also cannot continue to criminalize the housless as has been suggested. Transitional housing needs to happen with out the criminilaztion of this population if they choose not transition.I think people need to see the problems of consumption in our society right at their door and deal with it head on and address it with a great deal of empathy. instead we have a slew of South Redondo resident up in arms on this issue because they don't their property value lowered, and that selfish. Use the money in the grants from Federal and county and do the good work already decided on, but do no criminalize the housless if they do not want the help, its rather simple. Keep up the good work on this matter council.

DANNY CHING

Location:

Submitted At: 7:13pm 10-20-20

I strongly oppose a shelter being build at mole B. During Covid Times many Redondo Beach residents have been frequenting Moon stone park and the harbor front. Closing one of our few options to go outside and enjoy the City safely is not a good look for the council. Second, Moonstone park is located directly under the Harbor Patrol, Baywatch, Fire Station building at the end of a small peninsula. This could be a severe drain on their resources. Not only would it block traffic for Fire and call cars during emergencies, but it would be a drain on the Police and Harbor Patrol who should have their attention on the Harbor and Ocean activities. This location is also an emergency helicopter LZ for the Fire and Harbor Patrol. Last, I believe the financial reasoning to be insufficient as the city has already secured grants to pay for any of the locations.

PLEASE DO NOT CONSIDER MOLE B FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING

Haji Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 7:11pm 10-20-20

NO to KINGSDSALE location. Right next to residential homes east, west, north and south. Close to Target/mall which attracts non-locals who will NOT be coming to a location so close to a homeless shelter. Seriously, this location is the worst idea and the most expensive, it doesn't make logical sense.. In the midst of homes and stores that will make people re-consider coming to Redondo and rather go to Manhattan or Torrance.. Think this through but the Kingsdale location is a NO. Absolute NO.

Candi Crouch

Location:

Submitted At: 7:10pm 10-20-20

Please do not consider Mole B (Moonstone Park) as an option for transitional housing for homeless. Other sites have permanent and better facilities. There will be conflict with the emergency helicopter landing zone and there will need to be more policing in the area. The congestion will also affect the operations of the fire department and Harbor Patrol.

The Kingsdale Site (Transit Site), although a greater initial cost, could be offset by funding already secured by the city. This is one of the most central locations with much greater access to public transportation and services that the homeless may require. Access to public transportation is vital in the movement and growth of the homeless as they seek employment and maintain those jobs. Selecting a site in the harbor will cost the city greater future financial loss due to a decrease in tourism dollars and revenue that would out-way the initial costs benefits. What is cheapest right now is not going to cost less in the future.

If Redondo Beach establishes itself as a welcoming beacon for the homeless in King Harbor, we may not be able to undo the surge of occupants that will migrate to this location. This needs to be taken very seriously from a community, economic and safety perspective.

As well as affecting our children's safety who spend significant amount of time in and around the area.

Marnie Davis

Location:

Submitted At: 7:06pm 10-20-20

Hello,

I strongly urge the Council not to choose Moonstone Park as a site for a Temporary Homeless Shelter. The park is located in a private section of the King Harbor Marina, one in which there are not only residents living on their boats, but also where boats owners pay to own a parking pass and have a designated tag to be let in the guard gate. Even guests of boat owners must supply a reason for visiting that specific area. In other words, public access is not permitted. Homeless people present a conflict of interest, as they do not own a boat and do not own a parking pass in which to put their vehicle, if they do own one.

The owners and guests can use a key to access the private restroom and shower facilities available, yet it is simple to access these facilities without a key, and this is a breach of privacy.

In all, this idea of using Moonstone Park adds an element of insecurity to the small private marina that is already home to people that reside on their boats, as well as adding concern to the many boat owners that use their boats for recreation and depend on the marina to protect this privacy. Please deny consideration of this location. Thank you.

Kelly Martin

Location:

Submitted At: 7:03pm 10-20-20

Please reconsider Seaside lagoon and Moonstone park as potential sites for temporary pallet homeless shelters. Please consider the impact to future tourism revenue for the City as a result of installing these homeless shelters near where visitors engage in outdoor activities. An analysis on revenue loss, safety and overall Redondo Beach brand impact of visitors future desire to return to the City should be conducted first.

Michael Garlan

Location:

Submitted At: 7:02pm 10-20-20

I am strongly opposed to the Kingsdale location.

People who don't live in the area believe that location is far from homes, parks, and businesses. That perception is wrong!

There are single family homes close by on Kingsdale, just north of Target. The proposed site is a short walk from my home in Franklin Park. My wife, daughter, and I along with many of my neighbors frequently walk past the location to access restaurants and shopping at the Galleria, the South Bay Marketplace, and Target. Many of my neighbors are women and children who would avoid walking past the homeless shelter due to safety concerns. I don't believe for a minute, that after spending 283 Thousand dollars for start-up costs, that the city council would move to relocate the pallet homes from Kingsdale to another location within the city as has been suggested. If they are put there, they will stay there.

I believe that the city should continue to look for a suitable location outside of the city. Perhaps we could convince the METRO Board to let us use some of the many unused parking spaces at the Harbor Gateway Transit Center for our pallet homes. The lot is located in our local "Service Planning Area" (SPA 8).

The homeless problem is a regional issue. We need a regional solution to this important issue.

Tad Davis

Location:

Submitted At: 6:50pm 10-20-20

Hello, I urge the city council NOT to consider any use of Moonstone park for the homeless. I do not feel safe with homeless so close. The majority of the homeless are in that situation because of a long series of bad decisions and choices. Let's not reward them with ocean front housing. The homeless create a horrible mess and ruin the area they occupy. They have proven they can't take care of anything- even their own lives. Just because you are absolutely poor, does not mean you can't bend over and dispose of your trash properly. I have never scene a clean homeless housing attempt. I pay a lot in fees and taxes to have a boat, and a lot more to lease a slip just feet away. I am extremely negative towards the idea that it is even a consideration to change the park into a homeless area.

Dan Gonzalez

Location:

Submitted At: 6:34pm 10-20-20

I oppose the creation of any "pallet" shelters in our city. The Administrative Report includes assumptions and overbroad conclusions. For example, Moonstone Park does not have 18,000 square feet available because this number includes the areas set up for emergency landing location for sheriff and Coast Guard helicopters and two paddleboard clubs. Is the City Council planning to put temporary housing in front of emergency services? The summary conveniently omits the necessary parking and office space needed to manage the "pallet" shelter. The summary cited one city (Bellflower) for innovative strategies. An endeavor of this magnitude deserves better research.

The City of Redondo Beach is taking on the ambitious goal of supplying housing for the homeless. However, simply supplying pallet shelter with water and power is not fair to those in need. It is a disingenuous gesture that will only divide our community and create a bigger issue than the City cannot effectively handle. If one takes a detailed look at the history and the current status of "Skid Row" in Los Angeles, it is understandable that the best intentions can cause further harm to those experiencing homelessness

I recommend the City Council create a committee with the partnership of the City Attorney to conduct a

comprehensive study of the best practices of additional cities who have properly addressed homelessness

Jane Abrams

Location:

Submitted At: 6:28pm 10-20-20

City Council Members: I am opposed to placing the pallet shelter housing units at Seaside Lagoon or Moonstone Park. We need to support our waterfront restaurants and businesses during this pandemic when all are struggling. Adding homeless shelters at the waterfront will discourage residents from dining out and supporting these small businesses. Most sites that include public open space around our City are all close to businesses, schools, residences, churches and schools..Is there one site that you all agree on?

There are also too many issues related to maintaining a pallet shelter "village". Security, sanitation, restrooms/showers and related services will be a burden to City staff. Who will manage the whole program if you do find a site?

I recommend that you partner with other South Bay cities or Los Angeles County and work on a regional program for sheltering the homeless that are now located in Redondo Beach. Using State or emergency funds for mental health and health care for local homeless would also would be a better way to use the funds and support a larger number of homeless.

Thank you for continuing to work on finding a solution to shelter the homeless during our current public health emergency.

Melissa Alvarez

Location:

Submitted At: 6:27pm 10-20-20

Dear City Council,

I am writing this letter in response to the recently proposed housing sites for the homeless shelters in Redondo Beach. Upon reviewing the locations we believe that the Kingsdale Transit site would be the most practical for the future temporary housing. This location provides the closest access to various public transportation services and is located in a central area for accessing the nearby cities. Additionally, it is adjacent to a large commercial zone which decreases, at least in part, the effect on surrounding residential neighborhoods. Utilizing the area near Moonstone Park and/ or the Seaside lagoon is an unwise plan;

First, the area draws the largest percentage of the tourism for Redondo Beach. Moving a homeless shelter to this site would make the Redondo Beach waterfront less desirable to visit, negatively impacting the revenue that is generated by those tourist dollars. Business for local restaurants, shops and boutiques would decrease. Rates and occupancy at surrounding hotels would decline, having a substantial impact on the revenue and resulting Transient Occupancy Tax that the city collects. From a marketing perspective, this would diminish Redondo Beach's reputation, affecting tourism for years to come. Social Media and review sites would explode with comments from visitors describing their experiences with the near-by homeless population. Speaking for Shade Hotel, 80-90% of our current business is from leisure travelers and locals looking for a safe 'staycation' and escape from their homes. These are the travelers that dine at the local restaurants and spend at the local shops. Second, these areas are adjacent to the pier and parks where locals bring their families and children to play, relax, connect and socialize.

Third, the geographical location is the most remote with regards to accessing public transportation and surrounding areas.

While we understand the need for such housing and commend the city on its proactive approach to the issue, we strongly urge you to consider the above factors when determining the location for the homeless Shelter,

Thank you,

Shaunna Hatcher SVP of Operations Shade Hotel, Redondo Beach

Lisa Garlan

Location:

Submitted At: 6:25pm 10-20-20

I strongly oppose the Kingsdale location. It is too close to homes, shopping, dining, parks, and schools. The Galleria area is already struggling. Less people will want to shop, dine, visit or invest in the area. This would result in less sales to businesses, lower property values, and less revenue for our declining city budget. A homeless shelter on Kingsdale would not help revitalize North Redondo Beach. Kingsdale is also too far from

services feeding, homeless court and police station.

I am not against helping homeless people, but location matters and we do not want to attract more and more homeless people from other cities. The safety and quality of life of our children and families must be given priority.

At a minimum the city should seek regional locations in South Bay SPA 8 that are less impacting. A few to include in the considerations:

-Metro Harbor Gateway Transit Center (182nd St/110 fwy/Vermont). It's a large Lot with 980 spaces of which most are empty.

-Large Corner Lot for Lease at 190th St/405 fwy/Western.

-Abandoned Hawthorne Mall/Parking lot.

Thank you,
Lisa Garlan

Lisa Falk

Location:

Submitted At: 6:18pm 10-20-20

I cannot understand why the best choice for Redondo Beach would be to put a homeless encampment in the same location as our visitor and tourist-serving businesses. Why would you site this encampment at our unique feature, which is a draw for LA County residents and for visitors from further afield? These visitors utilize the businesses in and around the harbor - the rental paddleboats and SUPs, the Gondola and Duffy boat rides, the whale watching and marine naturalist cruises, the hotels and dining establishments – which all provide tax revenue to the city. It is in the city coffer's best interests to make this area as hospitable, safe and clean as possible.

I support assisting the homeless who want help. Let's locate the housing in an area that makes sense. To add homeless housing in a location with ready access to the drug use and sales culture that already thrives on the breakwater with zero consequences - this is a very bad idea. It would create a negative nexus that would be detrimental to the very people we are attempting to assist.

Saving money by utilizing these Harbor locations is not worth the negative effects to both the area businesses and the people who need the help.

Kent Adams

Location:

Submitted At: 6:12pm 10-20-20

There needs to be a plan for where these people will go after temporary shelter. I have not heard anything about a plan for that. Also I unconditionally oppose the housing being put at the lagoon.

JoAnn Perritano

Location:

Submitted At: 6:04pm 10-20-20

October 20, 2020

TO: The City of Redondo Beach, CA

We just heard about the measure to house the homeless at Sea Side Lagoon and Moonstone Park in Redondo Beach. As a resident and tax payer of Redondo Beach and a boat owner with a slip at Port Royal Marina, this is completely unacceptable. I guarantee you if you further ruin our home with these insane policies, we will follow the mass exodus of residents leaving the state. We will also pull our boat out of the marina and out of the state. If you continue this stupidity, you will continue to lose high dollar tax payers.

I encourage that you re think this measure.

Sincerely,
JoAnn Perritano
Curtis B. Myer
Residents, Redondo Beach, CA
thesharkbait@mac.com
310-420-8948

D'Ann Ho'akanalani DeFries

Location:
Submitted At: 6:04pm 10-20-20

Please do not consider Mole B (Moonstone Park) as an option for transitional housing for homeless. Other sites have permanent and better facilities. There will be conflict with the emergency helicopter landing zone and there will need to be more policing in the area. The congestion will also affect the operations of the fire department and Harbor Patrol.

The Kingsdale Site (Transit Site), although a greater initial cost, could be offset by funding already secured by the city. This is one of the most central locations with much greater access to public transportation and services that the homeless may require. Access to public transportation is vital in the movement and growth of the homeless as they seek employment and maintain those jobs. Selecting a site in the harbor will cost the city greater future financial loss due to a decrease in tourism dollars and revenue that would out-way the initial costs benefits. What is cheapest right now is not going to cost less in the future.

If Redondo Beach establishes itself as a welcoming beacon for the homeless in King Harbor, we may not be able to undo the surge of occupants that will migrate to this location. This needs to be taken very seriously from a community, economic and safety perspective.

Gary Ohst

Location:
Submitted At: 5:52pm 10-20-20

The facilities are a reasonable attempt to help with a problem. The concept is fine, but a location on the waterfront in the middle of tourist district is a mistake. The harbor enterprise is already struggling and these facilities will not help it's image. They are better located in less visible parts of the City, not on a waterfront being promoted by the City as a desirable place to visit. There will be lost city fiscal impacts if visitors decide to go elsewhere. People don't seem to want them in their neighborhood, tourist probably think the same way.

Mark Gaynor

Location:
Submitted At: 5:41pm 10-20-20

I support providing housing and resources to our unhoused neighbors in a way that respects their dignity, and ask that the city council not pursue measures that criminalize encampments or loitering. The single most common determinant of becoming unhoused is lacking financial resources and stability, and there is a vicious cycle between losing these resources, becoming unhoused, and being unable to secure stable housing. People lack housing because housing prices have continued to go up while labor conditions for many have become more precarious. These hardships have only been exacerbated by the pandemic and the loss of jobs many have faced, and carceral and other punitive methods are completely inappropriate and unhelpful responses.

Steve Davis

Location:
Submitted At: 5:13pm 10-20-20

We are very much opposed to locating a homeless shelter in either Seaside Lagoon or Moonstone Park. We have had a boat in King Harbor for over ten years and are frequent users of the harbor and local businesses. This area is some of the most scenic in the City. Please consider a less obtrusive location.
Steven and Kathleen Davis

Sam Chlanda

Location:

Submitted At: 4:59pm 10-20-20

I am in full support of adding pallet shelters in the city of Redondo Beach with the exception that law enforcement does not use these shelters to further criminalize unhoused folks. If these shelters are offered in our city, they must be an OPTION for unhoused folks and we should look to offering other resources to our neighbors as well.

John Caravella

Location:

Submitted At: 4:45pm 10-20-20

I am opposed to any homeless housing near residential and school areas. Especially, any temporary efforts as presented. While homelessness is a growing issue in these times and there are unfortunate families who could definitely use some assistance, what is being presented here is not the answer. If the facilities were family friendly and in fact targeted to those who have run into unforeseen circumstances(I am looking at you Covid-19), then there should be a program they can reach out to for assistance. This 'pallet shelter' is not that. Bringing a family with children into a fenced in area with potentially dangerous individuals due to mental health or drug dependency is tantamount to criminal endangerment. So, the question is who do you think is being helped by this 'facility'? I have been a coach for over twenty years and when running summer camps have had to roust the homeless that populated the area to make sure the children felt safe going to camp. Is the city going to provide additional security enforcement of the areas to protect the children and make them feel comfortable walking in their own neighborhoods?

I won't speak about every location listed because I don't live there and I think it is ridiculous for anyone to say they support this measure, but only if it isn't near me. The people that are saying "yes, please put the housing in someone else's neighborhood" is showing a level of selfishness that is sad.

That all being said I live in North Redondo and will speak about the Kingdale location to say that is across the street from both a park and residential area and two blocks from three schools Washington Elementary, Adam's Middle School(one of the only two middle schools in RBUSD), and the preschool that was Beach Cities Child Development Center is opening under new management.

Where do people think the overflow of individuals who don't get one of the 30 beds are going to go? Not where they came from. They will walk across the street and camp in the park on near the train tracks.

For a facility of this nature the location is extremely important because the safety of our children is the most important consideration.

Christopher Mur

Location:

Submitted At: 4:42pm 10-20-20

Many of those opposing this plan are citing security concerns relating to families and children. If safety is the concern, it would make the community MORE safe to establish a program that takes homeless off the streets and gives them the opportunity to reintegrate into society. Multiple reports and white papers prove that HOUSED homeless are far less dangerous to the community than unhoused. The bigger question concerned home owners should be asking is, "is there enough funding and will-power to make this program successful?". There has to be a concerted effort and continued funding to make sure this program succeeds. The argument around costs and where to put the project are bunk. It costs far more to arrest, process and incarcerate the homeless than managing this program. The former seaside lagoon seems like the best place as it's separated from residential areas, there is adequate services in the area and it's currently unoccupied. Creating the "model program" for fighting homelessness will attract city leaders from all over the country and shine a light on a wonderful community.

Andrea Sanchez

Location:

Submitted At: 4:29pm 10-20-20

Yes, I am for pallet housing but against the criminalization of those who would be against using this housing.

Maggie Healy

Location:

Submitted At: 4:09pm 10-20-20

I fully support and applaud the City Council's efforts to place temporary shelters in our City for homeless persons. I believe that Moonstone Park and Seaside Lagoon make the most sense since they are located near where there are higher numbers of homeless; they are the most inexpensive locations of the recommended options; and would be the least disruptive to residential and business areas.

Jill Schooler

Location:

Submitted At: 4:01pm 10-20-20

I oppose the selection of either Moonstone Park or Seaside Lagoon as viable location for transitional housing. These are already high use areas by residents, visitors, boaters, recreational paddlers and Fire/Harbor Patrol and Coast Guard. As mentioned in the admin documents this is an emergency helicopter landing zone and was used just last week.

I am part of the Lanakila Outrigger Canoe Club and we are a stakeholder leasee on Mole B. We are already dealing with unhoused in and around our location. It is a major concern for all our recreational programs but especially our kids program that runs May - September. We have been experiencing vandalism, make-shift shelters, drug use and other unsafe conditions. However, beyond that it is not a logical place for this project. It is on a crowded cul-de-sac, in an already congested parking area with limited access to public transport. I don't think the city has thought through the additional services needed to really make this impactful. Funding is just one part. We don't want to build it then rely on the police to manage it.

Marci Klein

Location:

Submitted At: 3:50pm 10-20-20

Housing for homeless is important, but harbor front accommodations in our big water sports and tourist hubs is a recipe for disaster, not to mention completely unfair to tax- payers like myself. As a home owner, I work hard to support my community, by paying property taxes, to keep crime out and keep the oceans and harbor clean. The ocean is a life source that needs to be nurtured and protected. Having a homeless population at either of the harbor locations will increase trash into our harbor, as well as pose a threat to our family safety. Many homeless are mentally ill and can be dangerous. Not the kind of draw we want for our families or our tourists. Let's find them a great location inland, near career centers ad mental health services, and other municipal services that can help them. They won't be looking for work at the harbor. If I lived harbor front for free, I'd sure be enjoying my million dollar view instead of looking for work. Put them near a transit station so they can get back on their feet. Let's keep our harbor clean, safe, and tourist and family friendly.

Stefan Miller

Location:

Submitted At: 3:50pm 10-20-20

Homelessness comes in many forms and affects so many people beyond just those with mental problems. Many Americans (and many in our own community) are struggling to pay their rent, stay in college or to hold onto their jobs, and just need the consistency of some basic but badly needed services to get back on their feet. I support the need for Redondo to lead in addressing the burgeoning crisis affecting our fellow citizens who are struggling to make ends meet and trying to get back on their feet. We cannot continue to turn a blind eye to people who are fellow human beings in need (in fact, desperate need). No location will be perfect and appease everyone but too many people are falling below the poverty line and need some basic supports, including perhaps the most basic that the rest of us take for granted: shelter/safety.

Bo Ng

Location:

Submitted At: 3:42pm 10-20-20

Good evening,

Please do not consider Mole B (Moonstone Park) as an option for transitional housing for homeless. Other sites have permanent and better facilities. There will be conflict with the emergency helicopter landing zone and there will need to be more policing in the area. The congestion will also affect the operations of the fire department and Harbor Patrol.

The Kingsdale Site (Transit Site), although a greater initial cost, could be offset by funding already secured by the city. This is one of the most central locations with much greater access to public transportation and services that the homeless may require. Access to public transportation is vital in the movement and growth of the homeless as they seek employment and maintain those jobs. Selecting a site in the harbor will cost the city greater future financial loss due to a decrease in tourism dollars and revenue that would out-way the initial costs benefits. What is cheapest right now is not going to cost less in the future.

If Redondo Beach establishes itself as a welcoming beacon for the homeless in King Harbor, we may not be able to undo the surge of occupants that will migrate to this location. This needs to be taken very seriously from a community, economic and safety perspective.

Thank you,

Bo Ng

Matthew Zarro

Location:

Submitted At: 3:41pm 10-20-20

Dear City Council.

I want to commend the city council of Redondo Beach for considering these pallet houses. If saw through you would be a leader and example for the South Bay cities by starting to address the tragic reality that many of our neighbors can't afford a place to sleep. I hope the council has the courage to stand up to the NIMBYS who care more about their property values than caring for their fellow humans. As a Christian I want to live in community that lives in to the teaching of the gospels to care for the poorest in our community. I don't want to live in a community that punishes people for being too poor to afford a home.

As someone who knows dozens of unhoused people all over the south bay through my involvement in Street Watch LA South Bay I can tell you that these pallet houses could greatly improve their lives and be a critical boon in helping them stabilize their lives. Most of these folks just need a little stability and help tonget them from the streets into a home. These houses would help the people i know beable to focus on getting and keeping a job instead of the myriad of problems that come with not having a door to lock.

Many of the negative stereotypes of unhoused people are rooted in prejudice and racism. Unhoused people are not any more dangerous than any other group of people, most of them are people who have been faced with problems that were too big for them to handle. The death of a loved one, a divorce, the loss of a job, these are the kinds of things that can start the dominos falling that lead to people ending up on the streets.

I am asking the city of Redondo Beach to lead our community towards a response to our unhoused neighbors that is guided by compassion and love, not unfounded concerns rooted in prejudice and racism. Please bring these life changing homes to the South Bay.

Thank you for your time,
Matt Zarro

Jason Boxer

Location:

Submitted At: 3:36pm 10-20-20

My name is Jason Boxer and I support the building of pallet houses in Redondo Beach for our unhoused neighbors. As your neighbor in Manhattan Beach, I believe that we have a duty to support and empower the local unhoused population regardless of what city we live in. To lack secure housing today means being extremely

vulnerable to contracting COVID-19, a public health risk that extends beyond city lines and increases the likelihood of community spread for everybody.

Additionally, I ask that the city not resume police enforcement of anti-camping and anti-loitering laws as a result of building the pallet housing. I think we can come up with alternatives for helping our unhoused neighbors rather than criminalization and police citations. We can strive to meet their needs out of a sense of empathy, providing better access to hygiene stations, showers and restrooms. I am encouraging my own City Council to take similar measures.

Thank you for all the hard work you do for the South Bay. I believe the Redondo Beach City Council is an example to neighboring municipal bodies of excellent public service.

Sincerely,
Jason Boxer

Summer Equitz

Location:

Submitted At: 3:28pm 10-20-20

I firmly support this project by the city and I hope it is the first of many plans to help our unhoused neighbors. Especially going into the colder winter months, flu season and with Covid present, this is more important than ever. I urge everyone to remember that shelter is a basic need and a right that everyone has, our unhoused neighbors are no different. I hope that this will be a positive drive from the city and not a way to criminalize these people that deserve our respect. Although 30 beds will not solve the homeless crisis it is a great place to begin and I hope we will get to see this plan enacted very soon.

Maggie Clarke

Location:

Submitted At: 3:23pm 10-20-20

I commend the city council for pursuing shelter and support for our unhoused neighbors in Redondo Beach and request that they move forward with this housing project. However, I would also like to caution against increased policing and criminalization towards unhoused folks as a result of this project- 30 beds will certainly not solve the issues which cause homelessness in our community and more work will need to be done. In the immediate- the unhoused community in Veteran's Park have identified bathrooms, showers, food, and other support as being immediate concerns for them and I encourage the council not to ignore these pressing basic needs while we debate pallet housing.

Likely those who oppose this project do not understand the legal risk our city is placing itself at by refusing to provide shelter for unhoused residents while policing and sweeping unhoused communities for sleeping in public space. The idea that Redondo Beach is some kind of magnet for unhoused people from all over the South Bay is simply not born out by the data from the homeless count or simple observation- in fact it is one of the few places in the South Bay which has fewer unhoused people than we did a few years ago (2017).

Cities can and have been sued for sweeping unhoused people who have no where else to go. By refusing to move forward with projects like this one Redondo places itself at risk for a lawsuit that would further diminish public funds at a time when our state is already facing dire budget constraints. If compassion and basic human decency aren't enough to compel people to support this work, perhaps a look at Martin v Boise, or some of the numerous ongoing lawsuits in Los Angeles around unlawful sweeps will pique their self interest enough to get on board.

Sarah Klenha

Location:

Submitted At: 3:15pm 10-20-20

I strongly support building the pallet housing at any of these locations. Redondo Beach desperately needs temporary housing options for our unhoused neighbors as that is an important first step into getting people into permanent housing. I also ask the council to not use this temporary shelter as an excuse to criminalize unhoused people in Redondo Beach by enforcing anti-camping and anti-loitering ordinances. These people are neighbors and members of our community who deserve respect, dignity and compassion from their city and the rest of the

community.

Scott Behrendt

Location:

Submitted At: 3:11pm 10-20-20

1. The Admin Report states "\$708,000 ... will cover all of the operating costs." On what is that based - has the City obtained a quote from a third-party like Mercy House, or Salvation Army, for operation and management of this project?
2. Will any of sites require a Coastal Development Permit from the Cal. Coastal Commission?
3. Has the City made further efforts since the 9/15 Meeting to find an alternative location outside of Redondo in SPA 8, e.g., has the City inquired as to any available vacant County-owned lots or structures, or engaged a real estate broker to assist?
4. Will opening the pallet shelter allow the City to enforce laws that prevent homeless encampments in our parks and public right-of-ways?
5. Will Redondo's shelter be limited to those who are from or have prior connection to Redondo, and if not, will it become a magnet for homeless persons from outside the city? Bellflower and Whittier limited access to their shelters, and San Clemente limited access to its designated homeless camping site, to those who demonstrated they were at some point a resident of their respective city.
6. Will the City maintain the right to terminate, or move, the shelter at any time, as needed? Or, e.g., will the County Funding Agreement require the shelter stay open a minimum of 13 months?
7. Has the City considered the San Clemente model - i.e., provide a vacant lot with tents, toilets, etc, where people can be sheltered and receive services, and require any homeless camping only occur there? The approach withstood legal challenge and was apparently successful in transitioning homeless from the streets to better environs to the point where there were so few people remaining in the designated camping site that it was closed.
8. Has the City taken into consideration the experience of the Venice shelter in formulating its plans for a pallet shelter and/or designated homeless camping site?
9. Will there be rules - no weapons, drugs, alcohol, fires, quiet time?
10. What has been pallet success in moving people to permanent housing, and how can that be applied to ensure success here?

Scott & Evelyn Acosta Behrendt

Leslie Chrzan

Location:

Submitted At: 3:06pm 10-20-20

Consideration for this housing should include access to food, jobs, and major public transportation. The Kingsdale location offers close access to buses and Aviation is close to the metro. Kingsdale has Sprouts and Target nearby for food and is already segregated from area neighborhoods by a train track to the left and busy road to the south.

I object to the use of Moonstone park for several reasons: (1) We are park poor in Redondo. This undeveloped park gets good use for kite flying, picnics, sunset viewing, tossing a ball with a child. What does the Parks and Rec commission say? (2) Lanakila and Nahoia Outrigger Canoe Clubs are next door and have faced vandalism already due to the unhoused with repeated destruction of their bathroom lock. Also there would be further trespassing use of the club's fresh water. (3) The area already face litter and drug needles etc on the rocks (4) High value assets (canoes) are at risk (5) boaters who frequently get on the water pre-dawn with headlamps face security risk . (5) Moonstone isn't convenient to food or much transit or jobs. (6) The area is already not very well

patrolled or lit (7) The site is required for emergency helicopter landing and it's convenient access to Harbor Patrol is key for rescues. (8) State Coastal Commission likely involved for such a coastal site. (9) Already limited parking would be problematic. It is often full on weekends at certain times.

Rebecca Elder

Location:

Submitted At: 2:57pm 10-20-20

The Portofino Hotel opposes the Pallet housing location at Seaside Lagoon. There are several surrounding hotels within hundreds of yards of the site, and it would detract from guest experience as they drive or walk by, and view the site from their guest rooms. This will result in loss of revenue for surrounding hotels as well Transient Occupancy Tax for the city, which is a top revenue source.

Paul Moses

Location:

Submitted At: 2:52pm 10-20-20

I support the development of Pallet housing at Moonstone Park for the unhoused in Redondo Beach. This is the obvious choice from the cost/benefit perspective. I also support other South Redondo locations.

Matt McMahon

Location:

Submitted At: 2:46pm 10-20-20

I oppose the Moonstone location. It's literally on the rocks in a super cold spot as we head into winter. Sure, it's cheap, but it also seems pretty cruel to put homeless folks right in that weather. Limited parking, far from public transport. If it's going to be the harbor, Seaside Lagoon is a better option. Way more parking. Aviation is the best option. Yes, it's the most expensive, but furthest from residential, not on the literal rocks of the ocean.

Dan Brown

Location:

Submitted At: 2:40pm 10-20-20

I oppose building homeless encampments in our city. When the city says "temporary" they really mean permanent housing units with temporary and ever changing transients.

We have so many homeless in Redondo Beach because the surrounding cities are contributing to our churches that feed and offer other free services to them. Instead of taking care of their share of the homeless they are using us as a dumping ground for the homeless.

How are 30 units going to take care of Redondo's homeless problems? What about the other 100 or so that are still camping out on our streets? Are we going to build another 100 units? Having free housing, food and services will only draw more homeless to Redondo Beach.

Marilyn Singleton

Location:

Submitted At: 2:27pm 10-20-20

Indeed, some homeless folks are unfortunate women and children, but many are mentally unstable and need medical attention. I have 2 personal incidents of being followed by an unstable person eating at one of the churches. Redondo Beach is already the ugly stepsister of the beach cities. We should not have homeless shelters where children should be playing and elders should be walking. Recreational areas and beach tourism help support our city and benefit the taxpayers. These areas are not only inappropriate for homeless shelters but will merely attract more homeless to the area. We must deal with the Boise decision in a manner that is fair to the taxpayers who have worked hard to purchase their home in a safe neighborhood and should be able to keep it that way.

Amber Okuno

Location:

Submitted At: 1:36pm 10-20-20

Strongly oppose the plan to build homeless housing at Moonstone park and Seaside lagoon. First concern is for

safety- repurposing would remove helicopter access for emergency services. These sites are also very exposed to the elements during frequent winter storms and are literally on the rocks. Secondly makes no sense from a financial perspective to use million dollar property for such a use. Typically a cost benefit analysis would be included in a decision matrix- not just a cost of repurposing, which has given a misleading perspective here as this area brings in tourist dollars to the city. Thirdly these two sites are of great benefit to the city residents and enable beach and water access. From what I remember, the California Coastal commission is not happy we do not have more water access so reducing access does not sound like a sound plan. While Redondo is quite built out, I believe that other sites can be found, i.e. the South Bay Gardens Nursery is closing (2501 Manhattan Beach Blvd) and it is near a lot of industrial space and public transit.

Laura Geisel

Location:

Submitted At: 1:20pm 10-20-20

I support the work that Redondo Beach has put into this program. As for location, it appears to me that the Francisca/Gertruda space is the most logical, given it is not in immediate proximity to a school or places where families gather. I would hope that the administrators have investigated problems that have occurred in other such projects, and plan for preventative measures. We have to start somewhere!

Renee Tallman

Location:

Submitted At: 1:20pm 10-20-20

I am strongly opposed to homeless housing on Mole B (oceanfront property), Seaside Lagoon (oceanfront property) and the Aviation Gym parking lot.

I understand there are two possible sites on the east side of the city, which are far preferable to the harbor for obvious recreational and visitor reasons.

Haz Ali

Location:

Submitted At: 1:04pm 10-20-20

NO TO KINGS DALE LOCATION! Location is just feet away from residential street, a mall (say good bye to any sort of re-development by owners of Galleria), a park where CHILDREN play. This is going to decrease all home values in the area. Move it somewhere far away from any sort of residential neighborhood. If that is not possible as Redondo is pretty much ALL residential, move the location around from district to district. Even if it costs more, it is fair and not one district is taking the burden.

Matthew Horwitz

Location:

Submitted At: 12:50pm 10-20-20

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE KINGS DALE LOCATION! It is too close to residential neighborhoods and parks!

Chris Lubba

Location:

Submitted At: 12:50pm 10-20-20

Moonstone Park is also a "landing zone" for helicopters used to evacuate critical patients. This is used by the fire department/harbor patrol and LACO lifeguards.

Jason Schoenberger

Location:

Submitted At: 12:44pm 10-20-20

I am strongly opposed to homeless housing on Mole B (oceanfront property), Seaside Lagoon (oceanfront property) and the Aviation Gym parking lot. These sites are very popular with individuals and families for healthy outdoor recreation and attract visitors to Redondo Beach that support local businesses.

Susan Neal

Location:

Submitted At: 12:37pm 10-20-20

I am strongly opposed to homeless housing on Mole B (oceanfront property), Seaside Lagoon (oceanfront property) and the Aviation Gym parking lot. These sites are very popular with individuals and families for healthy outdoor recreation and attract visitors to Redondo Beach that support local businesses.

Esra Aydar

Location:

Submitted At: 12:08pm 10-20-20

I oppose the location on kingsdale in North Redondo as it's too close to schools and parks where there will be children

Christie Lee

Location:

Submitted At: 10:54am 10-20-20

I oppose this location. We frequently walk the area and I would not feel safe with my children. The shelter will overpopulate in a short amount of time and our friendly neighborhood will become 'unsafe'. Highly oppose!

Jennifer Dodge

Location:

Submitted At: 10:53am 10-20-20

The proposed location is way too close to residential neighborhoods and should not go forward. I echo the sentiments set forth in another comment -- that the funds allocated for homeless shelters should be pooled together for the St. Vincent's Hospital site downtown.

David Lin

Location:

Submitted At: 10:51am 10-20-20

The city should find a solution outside or Put this shelter at PCH and 190th. There is plenty of open space there and no public track, gym, entertainment center, daycare, and few businesses.

Jen Moriwaki

Location:

Submitted At: 8:27am 10-20-20

I absolutely support this as housing should be a basic human right. I'm disappointed at the distancing language that people who oppose use. These are human beings that deserve a chance to get back on their feet. This won't "attract homeless people", this will protect someone's child, someone's sibling, someone's parent until they can get back on their own feet. How far have we fallen that we turn our noses from those who need our help the most. Not everyone has family with financial means to help when we fall on hard times. Yes there will be a few that "choose" to be homeless, but these are the great minority. People want to be productive & provide for themselves, I watch people throw out food while others starve & scramble to pick up what others threw in the trash. These are people who deserve a safe place to rest, food in their stomach, & a chance to turn it around.

Jeff Drandell

Location:

Submitted At: 11:47pm 10-19-20

Building a shelter will attract additional homeless from neighboring cities and will quickly become overpopulated. These folks will spill over into neighborhoods and become a nuisance. The homeless camp type of solution has been proven to be a mistake in every city in which it has been attempted. The only solution is state and federally funded large-scale mental hospitals and drug/alcohol treatment facilities. These will be very expensive, and as such need to be built in areas where land is the least expensive. Also, the scope of such an undertaking is much too high for a small city to handle. What should be done instead is enrolling homeless into available programs on the county and state level for drug/alcohol/mental health treatment. The Boise ruling should not be used as an excuse to do nothing via law enforcement. That narrow ruling only has to do with enforcement of anti-camping ordinances, it does not apply to arrest and prosecution of other crimes such as littering, drug possession, drunk and disorderly, defecating in public, vandalism, trespassing etc. These crimes can be used to forcibly remove folks from the streets in order to be humanely enrolled in such programs via diversion programs in place.

Jimmy Barnes

Location:

Submitted At: 11:45pm 10-19-20

This seems like a an ill thought out mandate, it would be more sensible to question the mandate and find areas that are already better serving the homeless so they get the quality of care they need. Putting homeless shelters in random places does nothing but exponentially expand the operational cost and disservice to the folks who actually need the quality of care.

Daniel Lee

Location:

Submitted At: 10:08pm 10-19-20

This is way too close to schools and families to have a homeless shelter.

Jim Kelly

Location:

Submitted At: 9:24pm 10-19-20

Measure H is collecting \$300-400 million for the homeless each year for 10 years, and what do we have to show for it-- sprinkling the homeless into EVERY residential community large and small throughout the County? Totally wrong approach.

Take that money and move them into the recently vacated St. Vincent's Hospital downtown. The schizophrenics and other mentally disturbed homeless would be best served in such a setting, not in and around our local streets, parks, and gyms. I just saw a homeless woman squatting and defecating at the corner of Aviation and Rosecrans last week. How well has this been working out for San Francisco? Let's use some common sense here.

John Mistler

Location:

Submitted At: 8:20pm 10-19-20

We vehemently oppose the idea of building pallet housing in the Aviation Gym parking lot. This is a completely inappropriate location.

Jennifer Martin

Location:

Submitted At: 8:19pm 10-19-20

Please do not select this location

Katherine Schryver-Stahly

Location:

Submitted At: 6:30pm 10-19-20

Thank you for planning on building this shelter. It is important that as a city we are able to enforce our camping ordinances and this will help accomplish this. I am not in favor of the Seaside Lagoon site because of the tourist draw that the area is, along with the marina. I think the other sites are better suited to a shelter location.

Nicole Hank

Location:

Submitted At: 5:02pm 10-19-20

I oppose the location on kingsdale in North Redondo as it's too close to schools and parks where there will be children. I understand there is a need but not so close to homes and families.

Karen schweter

Location:

Submitted At: 4:36pm 10-19-20

Aviation park does not have within walking distance a pharmacy or grocery stores other than trader joes. How are they going to get the things they need on a daily basis? Places need to be well thought out.

Linda Marr

Location:

Submitted At: 3:57pm 10-19-20

I've heard a lot of horrible things about the Venice pallet program, how will this be different?

I say "opposed" but I could be neutral if I really understood how this was going to work and how you will make sure people in the neighborhood are not put at risk. Not just telling me "wrap around services if needed." What exactly does that mean and how would it work? What does "temporary" mean and how does that work? I still feel this is very nebulous because I don't have any answers.

Also, does this satisfy the ruling that there be beds for homeless or will the police still be powerless to intervene in problems? (I mean, you're talking about 30 beds and there seems to be a lot more homeless than that)

Finally, what are our neighboring cities doing? If nothing, then they should be working with us since, from what I understood, we are also talking about homeless around Pier.

James Ellison

Location:

Submitted At: 3:37pm 10-19-20

I am vehemently opposed to siting the homeless at the Aviation gym location-- too many families live near there! Better yet, we need to move away from a policy of local accommodation that will attract the homeless to "magnet" centers in the South Bay. Do we want the same policies that have blighted so much of West Los Angeles and the beach cities to the north, Venice and Santa Monica, to now ruin the South Bay? Ironically, many families fled the Westside over the past 10 years and resettled here for this very reason (I am one of them). If Redondo follows the lead of Santa Monica and Venice, you can be assured that there will be an exodus of families away from here as well, along with the property tax revenues that go with it.

Tonya McKenzie

Location:

Submitted At: 3:32pm 10-19-20

It needs to happen. Let's stop complaining and make solutions happen.

Anne Sullivan

Location:

Submitted At: 2:29pm 10-19-20

Living in North Redondo, I feel as though we pay all the premiums to be here, yet are constantly getting the short straw. The Metro, the huge condo development, and this proposed homeless shelter are all very recent examples. The proposed Kingsdale location is too close to the park, schools, businesses, and (most importantly) my house. Everyone who thinks this is a good idea should offer their personal money and land and not volunteer other people's neighborhoods. The council should represent the best interests of the residents who live here. This Idea does not do that.

Niki Negrete-Mitchell

Location:

Submitted At: 1:01pm 10-19-20

I say "neutral" since I do feel finding a solution is important - However - Since I live right off Kingsdale, with experience of homeless infiltrating El Nido Park and bringing unlawful activities to this supposed neighborhood family zone, I've also had homeless on my property late at night and behind our house on the tracks. This is unsafe for myself and my daughter so the location at Kingsdale will be way too problematic for the families and businesses here. In fact, the neighboring businesses all strongly oppose this location being used. A far more neutral location MUST be sought out. There are residences here owned by property tax paying citizens like myself, there are two schools (elementary and middle), there is a park with a playground and all of our shopping from grocery to clothing to dining, and the cemetery where folks go to mourn. There is just way too much going on here for Kingsdale to be on this list for consideration.

Mary Shammass

Location:

Submitted At: 12:58pm 10-19-20

I oppose if this brings in homeless from other areas. I oppose if the anti-camping ordinance is not strictly enforced. I oppose the locations at Seaside Lagoon and Moonstone Park. These are tourist and visitors areas as well as community recreational areas. Are the hotels in that area that bring in valuable tax dollars to our city aware of those options?

Akemi Pradhan

Location:

Submitted At: 12:37pm 10-19-20

We live very close to the proposed site (Kingsdale) and strongly oppose to having our neighborhood made the site of a homeless housing development, or homeless service providers, and drop-off sites. It will be difficult situation as a waiting list grows and homeless housing project spilling out onto the sidewalks that our kids use to walk to schools. As written in the Daily Breeze "a student at Redondo Union High School does not feel safe walking down Broadway anymore on way home from school" Now imagine this is for the elementary and middle schoolers. I do agree that we must have a compassion toward anybody down on their luck, and what better than roof over their head. However, not at the expenses of the community and its most vulnerable population, kids. It's too close to the schools, park, and the economic heart of the North Redondo. We do not want our street turned into another block of Skid Row or Venice Blvd.

Gary Shammass

Location:

Submitted At: 12:26pm 10-19-20

I have lived in S. Redondo for almost 39 years. I currently live close to St Andrews church where homeless individuals can get food and services multiple days of the week. In the last few years I have seen first hand this population significantly increase. I go through Vets Park, The Riviera Village, and the pier daily. Seeing so many homeless individuals loitering, and sleeping in public across Redondo Beach is disheartening. There is no location for a shelter that will make everyone happy. Even people who do not live in our city. If Redondo decides to move forward, the anti camping ordinance MUST be enforced. Redondo Beach has been shouldering this burden for way to long. It is time to get Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Palos Verdes to step up and help. Don't just send money!!

Deborah Striff

Location:

Submitted At: 12:16pm 10-19-20

The pallets should be far away from schools, residential areas, & tourist areas. Also the the number of possible pallets at each location should be an important consideration. The more beds available (2 per pallet) the more tents/encampments can shut down. If a homeless person refuses shelter then RB's anti camping laws can be enforced.

Christina Rizzoni

Location:

Submitted At: 12:14pm 10-19-20

I strongly oppose the placement of the homeless shelter at the Aviation Gym parking lot as doing so would put the safety of our children in jeopardy. The area by Aviation Gym that includes the gym, track and field, and performing arts center is used by children and families daily. My children, along with many others, play sports at Aviation Gym and Aviation Field, which is directly by the gym and parking lot. When at the gym, they are not only inside the gym but they also use the area outside very frequently for team gatherings and meetings. With sports leagues, camps and various performances that include and are attended by children at the performing arts center, this would no longer be a safe environment for our children. Our homeless population needs to be helped but in a location that is appropriate. One that is not in a location that families and children use daily.

Ronson Chu

Location:

Submitted At: 10:22am 10-19-20

We live in North Redondo on Clark and Flagler, my kids go to Birney Elementary. I have always been impressed by the can-do spirit of Redondo Beach residents. We step up and help when help is needed! I have coordinated back to school drives and hygiene kit drives, and each time our neighbors drop off a ton of stuff to my front porch. Moreover, I run the Redondo Beach Homeless Count, and each time we are over-subscribed with volunteers - which we lend to nearby cities. Our RB Police department, unlike many other departments, our an integral part of the homeless count. They recognize, as do many of the residents in RB, that helping our homeless neighbors transition from Project Roomkey and into these pallet shelters is a must. We must recognize that there will never be a perfect location to site a homeless shelter, but we must also recognize that there are many faces to homelessness, including women, children, Veterans, and domestic violence victims. We strongly support the Pallet Shelter.

Joanne Wildenhain

Location:
Submitted At: 10:03am 10-19-20

We strongly oppose this. We are homeowners in North Redondo, between Artesia and 190th off Inglewood. Our neighborhood already has a misconception of being unsafe and undesirable and placing a homeless shelter here would only accentuate the challenges we face. We pay hefty property taxes and our goal is to clean up and beautify North Redondo in the years to come. Placing this shelter here would be a step in the opposite direction. Please please do not place this shelter in our neighborhood. Thank you.

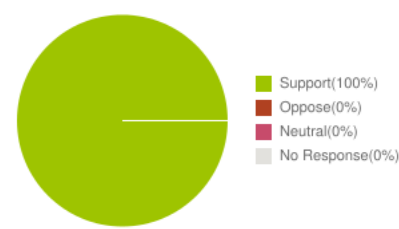
Judy Shaffer

Location:
Submitted At: 9:53am 10-19-20

I support providing accommodation for the homeless within our city limits; however I feel strongly that the selected location should not be near schools, parks or tourist areas.

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Overall Sentiment



Susie Miller

Location:
Submitted At: 3:57pm 10-20-20

Please support this important initiative to help our houseless neighbors. It could be any one of us during these especially trying times.