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Presentation from County of Santa Clara Regarding Proposed Temporary Winter Homeless Shelter on County Property Located at Fair Oaks Avenue between East California Avenue and Central Expressway in Sunnyvale, and Possible Action by City Council

City Manager Deanna Santana provided opening comments. City Attorney Joan Borger and Director of Community Development Hanson Hom and Housing Officer Suzanne Isé provided additional information.

Ky Le, Director of Homeless Systems, County of Santa Clara, responded to questions regarding the proposed temporary winter homeless shelter.

County Supervisor Joe Simitian, 5th Supervisorial District, provided information regarding the proposed temporary winter homeless shelter.

Public Hearing opened at 8:58 p.m.

Hubert Lee spoke in support of Council coming to a decision regarding the homeless shelter.

Jennifer Cauble expressed concerns regarding the perceived late notification to the residents in the neighborhood of Fair Oaks and California, and spoke in opposition to consideration of this neighborhood as a location for the shelter.

Ravi Mishra expressed concerns regarding safety for families and children in the proposed neighborhood.

Patricia spoke in opposition to siting a homeless shelter near a school or homes with children.

Bob Greene, President of Victory Village neighbors, spoke in support of use of the Onizuka site for a homeless shelter.

Don Dubocq recommended consideration and approval of the County's offer.

Rose Gregorio spoke in support of Onizuka as the site for the cold weather shelter and consideration of the site as a permanent site.

Carol Eyring, licensed engineer, spoke in support of the County's proposal for the Onizuka site and urged the City to encourage the County to rotate the site in the future.

Joseph Coelho, San Miguel neighborhood, spoke in support of the City working with the County to provide a cold weather shelter at the Onizuka site.

Anna Konossy and Javier Eredia recommended support of the Onizuka site for the shelter.

Evelyn Dubocq spoke in support of the Onizuka site for the homeless shelter and recommended removing the Fair Oaks and California site from consideration.

Robert Aguirre provided information regarding issues faced by the homeless and requested consideration for treating them humanely.

Inga Lysaya spoke in opposition to consideration of the Fair Oaks and California site.

Marie Bernard, Executive Director of Sunnyvale Community Services, spoke regarding the services, programs and agencies available to assist once a homeless shelter is sited.

Debbi Headley spoke in support of the County's proposal for the Onizuka site.

Donna Beres, Vice President of Saint Vincent de Paul Santa Clara County and Board Member for Our Daily Bread, spoke in opposition to the Fair Oaks and California site and recommended support for the Onizuka site and 24 hour services.

Jim Smith spoke regarding the responsibility for the homeless shelter.

Phil Mastrocola spoke in support for housing for the extremely low income and the formation of a joint powers authority to end homelessness.

Todd Eyering spoke in support of rotating the temporary shelter around the city.

Anthony King spoke in support of the Onizuka site because of public transportation issues with the Fair Oaks and California site.

Shaunn Cartwright spoke in support of the Onizuka site as a permanent site with County social services available.

Don Breitbarth spoke in opposition to the Fair Oaks and California site for the

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shelter.

Public Hearing closed at 10:02 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Davis moved and Councilmember Larsson seconded the motion to establish a City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 1 at 7 p.m. to discuss the single issue of consideration of a temporary homeless housing shelter at the Onizuka site.

Councilmember Larsson requested the meeting be noticed for any action that might be appropriate at that point.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Griffith

Vice Mayor Martin-Milius Councilmember Whittum Councilmember Meyering Councilmember Davis Councilmember Hendricks Councilmember Larsson

No: 0

MOTION: Mayor Griffith moved and Vice Mayor Martin-Milius seconded the motion to take a formal position opposing a temporary cold weather shelter at Fair Oaks and California.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Griffith

Vice Mayor Martin-Milius Councilmember Whittum Councilmember Meyering Councilmember Davis Councilmember Larsson

No: 1 - Councilmember Hendricks

Council recessed at 10:40 p.m.

Council reconvened at 11 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.