

From: Evelyn Dubocq <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, Jul 31, 2015 at 1:23 PM

Subject: Re: County of Santa Clara Proposal to build homeless shelter on E California Ave, Sunnyvale - NO!

To: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

This is regarding the proposal by Santa Clara County to build a temporary homeless shelter on the corner of Fair Oaks Avenue and East California Avenue in Sunnyvale.

This is unacceptable, and I would hope that the Town of Sunnyvale put an immediate stop to this.

As a resident that lives on East California Avenue, and a homeowner who is happy that Finally this part of Sunnyvale is being built up and increasing in value and upkeep - for this to even BE a proposal is outrageous.

1) This is a VERY small piece of land

2) it is also at an extremely busy intersection as it is also the entrance ramp to Central Expressway East and not safe for wandering homeless people or anyone walking in that area for any length of time.

3) This is an area of Sunnyvale that has long strived to move up from a not-so-great neighborhood, and bring the value of not only for the homeowner, but for Sunnyvale as well.

This has finally been accomplished in the past couple of years, and taking this step would shove us backwards.

3) It is said that the homeless people will be asked to leave each morning - well where do you think they will wander? Most likely in my neighborhood, which has many children playing as well as blue collar workers gone for the day. - Well over the years our home has been robbed and our car stolen - the last thing we need to worry about is a transient looking for somewhere to spend the day because they have been asked to leave their shelter.

While I, just like anyone, feel for the homeless, especially in very cold or very hot weather - there are **alternative areas** that are much better suited for a temporary shelter. One alternative being Twin Creeks - there is quite a bit of land, mostly industrial and very little homes so it would not distress homeowners.

I urge you to make sure this DOES NOT GO THROUGH, as it would be impossible for homeowners to come back from this. Just because this is county owned property and they need a location to put a homeless shelter - plopping one down in the ***middle of a neighborhood*** that has finally come into it's own, and adds value to the Town of Sunnyvale is not the answer.

The Town of Sunnyvale has **already**, previously, (for 22 years) been host to a homeless shelter (on Maude Ave) until it was recently redeveloped into supportive housing for lower income and homeless. Let the County of Santa Clara move on to *another* town this time - we've already been there done that in our neighborhood. **Sunnyvale has already done our bit in support of the homeless and their need for shelter in the winter, it's time for the County of Santa Clara to move on!**

As representatives of the City of Sunnyvale please stand by your residents in this Important issue and DO NOT ALLOW the County of Santa Clara to move forward with this.

Thank you
Evelyn & Don Dubocq
[REDACTED]
Sunnyvale, CA 94086
[REDACTED]

From: **Eva** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, Aug 1, 2015 at 10:06 AM

Subject: Fwd: Proposed Homeless Shelter Fair Oaks Ave & E. California Avenue

To: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Hi Mayors and Officers,

This is Yiwen Li. I live in the neighborhood and I can not agree more with what Evelyn said. I would attend the meeting as well, to show the sincere concern here. My roommates and I all work full time outside of the house, and it would influence much to our safety as we are all girls and we used to consider this as a relatively safe neighborhood. Could you put homeless shelter somewhere else as Evelyn suggested, which makes more sense?

Thx,
Eva

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Nextdoor Victory Village** <[REDACTED]@nextdoor.com>

Date: Fri, Jul 31, 2015 at 5:22 PM

Subject: Proposed Homeless Shelter Fair Oaks Ave & E. California Avenue

To: [REDACTED]



Evelyn Dubocq, Victory Village

Neighbors, Please attend the meeting, Monday, August 17th 7pm Braly Park Community Room at 704 Dafodil Court In Sunnyvale

I live on East California Avenue and just heard about this issue today -

The City of Santa Clara is planning on building a Winter Homless Shelter on the corn of East California Avenue and Fair Oaks Avenue -(which is also the entrance to Central Expressway East)

Click on link below if you have not received the note left by a neighbor earlier today.

<http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Portals/0/Sunnyv...>

While we, just like anyone, feel for the homeless, especially in very cold or very hot weather - there are alternative areas that are much better suited for a temporary shelter. One alternative being Twin Creeks area, there is quite a bit of land there and it's mostly industrial so it would not distress homeowners.

- Where they are proposing to put this shelter is a very small piece of land in our neighborhood

- This is an area of Sunnyvale that has long strived to move up from a not-so-great neighborhood, and bring the value up of not only for the homeowner, but for Sunnyvale as well.

This has finally been accomplished in the past couple of years, and taking this step would shove us backwards.

- It is said that the homeless people will be asked to leave each morning - well where do you think they will wander? Most likely in our neighborhood, which has many children playing as well as blue collar workers gone all day. Over the years our home has been robbed and our car stolen - the last thing we need to worry about is a transient looking for somewhere to spend the day because they have been asked to leave their shelter.

- This is an extremely busy intersection as it is also the entrance ramp to Central Expressway East and not safe for wandering homeless people or anyone walking in that area for any length of time. (there are already Many accidents at this intersection, we don't want to endanger the homeless by putting their shelter in an inappropriate area, unsafe to be told "they must leave each day.")

Just because this is county owned property and they need a location to put a homeless shelter - plopping one down in the middle of a neighborhood that has finally come into it's own, and adds value to the Town of Sunnyvale is Not the answer.

The Town of Sunnyvale has already, previously, (for 22 years) been host to a homeless shelter (on Maude Ave) until it was recently when the property was redeveloped into supportive housing for lower income and homeless. So in essence the Town of Sunnyvale is already helping.

Again - of course I, and anyone reading this care about the homeless, and yes, it's the responsibility of all to assist where we can - however this is Not an appropriate area to place a homeless shelter, season or not...there are MANY other alternatives.

The County of Santa Clara move on to another town this time - we've already been there done that in our neighborhood. Sunnyvale has already supported the homeless and their need for shelter for the past 22 years, as well as continues to do so in the new development. it's time for the County of Santa Clara to move on.

It is important all residents let their voice be heard in this matter before it's too late, if you can't make the meeting - please send your support to stop this proposal before it becomes a reality - before it's too late.

Email address are listed below where you can send your concerns to are:

Mayor Jim Griffith - [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Vice Mayor Tara Martin-Milius - [REDACTED]

City Council at [REDACTED]

PLEASE take a moment to at the least, send an email - voicing your concern.

The louder we are heard, the more often, quickly - the better chance we have that this will be stopped in time.

Thank you.

Jul 31 in Crime & Safety to your neighborhood

This message is intended for [REDACTED]

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Nextdoor, Inc. 760 Market St., Suite 300, San Francisco, CA 94102

From: <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sat, Aug 1, 2015 at 1:03 PM
Subject: Temporary Winter Shelter Facility
To: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

My name is Jennifer Eckley, long time resident of Victory Village neighborhood. I have lived in this neighborhood for the last seven years and prior to my recent residence I also grew up in this neighborhood in the 80's/ 90's. This neighborhood has seen many changes within our neighborhood and surrounding area. At the same time, we are blessed to have many families, like myself, return and live generation after generation in this small neighborhood. With some of these changes has been positive and negative.

We get a lot of traffic through our streets due to people traveling on foot to the SV Neighborhood Center (these same people can be seen filtering through garbage and recycling on Tuesdays.) We have the nuisance of the day workers at Home Depot. These men whom park on our streets, have luncheons at our park (and don't clean up after themselves,) use neighboring bushes, the cat walk over the railroad tracks and beneath the overpass as a restroom. These same men gamble, drink alcohol, leave a mess and are an unsafe presence in our quiet neighborhood. I have called SV public safety to come out when I see the drinking, and this doesn't seem to make a difference. I do not know how their loitering in the parking lots and streets makes others feel, but I feel unsafe. Luckily, my 14 year old daughter was offered transportation to SVMS the last 3 years. BUut prior to this, when she attended ELlis, we had to walk past this daily to get to and from school. These men stare, make comments and the conditions (human feces) on the cat walk is unacceptable and disgusting.

My daughter will be attending FHS next year and will have to walk or take the bus to school. Her walking route is right through the day workers. Her bus route will pick her up at the corner of California and Fair Oaks.

This very corner you plan to build a Temporary Shelter. A shelter that will require residents to leave as my daughter waits for the bus. The corner where these temporary residence will be loitering until she returns from school in the afternoon. And where will they go during the day? Our park? Under the overpass with the day workers?

We already have issues that the city is NOT addressing. I beg you NOT to add to our current headaches by building this shelter so close to our homes, so close to our children. There are empty buildings along Wolfe, along Kifer towards Lawrence. Along Mathilda, on the other side of 101. Make use of these buildings and away from our small neighborhood.

I am hoping to attend the upcoming meeting ohm August 17th, but felt it necessary to email you myself. I am deeply concerned about this potentially disastrous idea.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I would be happy to further discuss my concerns.

Jennifer Eckley

From: **Tim Smith** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, Aug 1, 2015 at 1:30 PM

Subject: proposed shelter

To: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Hi Mayor Griffith-

My name is Tim Smith my family and I own a the home on the corner of fair Oaks and Central directly across from the proposed site of a new homeless shelter. I just received the notice in the mail and as you can expect am very upset at this potential shelter.

I want to know what the city is going to do to ensure the neighbors safety and compensate us for the extreme loss in home value that will occur. We lived in the home over the last few years when the homeless shelter was down the street, multiple times we would leave our home in the morning to homeless peeing in the bushes outside our front window. It is not easy to explain to our children what they are doing.

In the past we have paid to have the trees across the street cut back to keep the homeless from making shelter under them day and night. As a taxpayer and someone that is going to be directly and dramatically impacted by this shelter I cannot imagine this can really be an option. I will be attending the 8/17 meeting and will begin every possible rally I can to keep this from happening.

Would you want to wake up in the morning and look out your front window to see 100+ homeless people dumping on the street and begin there roam around your neighborhood? How is anyone to feel safe coming home never knowing whom might be sleeping under the bush in your front yard.

A very concerned homeowner,

Tim Smith

[REDACTED]
Sunnyvale,ca 94086

[REDACTED]

From: Javier <[REDACTED]>
Date: August 2, 2015 at 1:21:57 PM PDT
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Proposed homeless camp sunnyvale

Teri,

I am a concerned resident who lives directly in front of the proposed homeless shelter on the corner of Fair Oaks and California ave. I can not understand for the life of me why you would propose to build a homeless camp directly in a residential neighborhood. While we understand the need for shelters for the homeless, it does not make sense to propose a place that puts the homeless in direct contact with our children. The proposed plan calls for the individuals to leave every morning, where would they go? Directly in our neighborhood where children are waiting for the school bus? What about the hundred or so that would be turned away, will they create camps in our neighborhood? There are far more appropriate areas in the county to accommodate what you are proposing. Maybe a commercial area or if it needs to be on county land how about baylands park? The site that you are proposing has no access to water, sewage, electricity?

We have many families with young children and elderly, how can you guarantee that our family, property, and the safety of our children are protected? As a person who was raised in this community, I believe we have the right to raise our families in a safe and clean neighborhood. I urge you to find another site, one away from direct contact with residential communities.

Concerned citizen

-Javier Eredia

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Sent from my iPhone

From: **Gary Winslow** <[REDACTED]>
 Date: Tue, Aug 4, 2015 at 8:17 PM
 Subject: Proposed Temporary Homeless Winter Shelter on Fair Oaks - Do NOT Approve
 To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, Gary Winslow <[REDACTED]>

Sunnyvale Mayor, Council Members, City and County Staff -

Do NOT approve the proposed Fair Oaks/East California Avenue location as a Winter Homeless Shelter. The site is not suitable for large numbers of pedestrians. Cars historically speed through this intersection making it unsafe for pedestrians. Victory Village already has a problem with non-violent crime, which will be worsened by this group of people. My family has lived on E. California Ave for 36 years and our house faces directly toward this county property. Our vehicles and property will likely be easy targets for people who do not share our values and history of hard work. What assurance is being offered to confirm that such a shelter would be "temporary"? This plan will adversely impact property values in an area already subject to a Superfund Disclosure on our property deeds. If our position is considered as uncaring or uncooperative, my wife and I make the following recommendations. First, move the shelter to the Sunnyvale Community Center grounds. There is open space and facilities already installed. I am sure the homeless will be no more destructive there than living across the street from our house. As an alternative, select a location across the street from the Mayor's or a Council Person's home. I am sure that the council would not approve either of those suggestions. It is always easier to select a location that does not personally impact the decision maker. The fact of the matter is that local homeowners will be expected to put up with property damage and petty crime. At best, property repairs will come out of our own pockets. Larger damage may be covered by insurance, but as homeowners, we will still end up paying higher insurance premiums and we will be paying a disproportionate cost of homeless social services. The City and County are not offering to indemnify us for any damages incurred. On that basis, move the shelter to a location that does not impact local homeowners.

The site is not suitable for large numbers of pedestrians. There are no sidewalks on the property's California side. The sidewalks on the Fair Oaks side are relatively narrow and will not easily support shopping carts or even bicycles. The sidewalk over the expressway is narrow with a low guard rail. We have kept our children off this overpass, as it seems unsafe. It is not out of the question that someone could fall into traffic on Central Expressway. Our experience has been that local homeless often walk down the middle of California Avenue, disregarding all traffic regulations. The limited sidewalk allows no place for pedestrians to assemble waiting to get into or out of the facility. Long lines queued up waiting to get into the Armory on Maude, so we have every reason to assume that this will occur again, with spill over onto nearby properties such as ours. There is a homeless encampment on Wolfe at Fair Oaks Park. This encampment continues with the apparent approval of the City. What is the reasoning behind this? Why are we to have sufficient trust that such piles of personal belongings and junk will not be tolerated at this new shelter and surrounding areas when the city is already allowing it so close to our neighborhood?

We recently worked with Public Safety to keep homeless persons from setting up a camp on the Central Expressway side of the sound wall at Bartlett (about 100 yards down E. California from our house). This effort took several months to complete. As the homeless are encouraged to move back to this area, they will no doubt rediscover all of the nooks and hideaways in our neighborhood. It will likely take additional months to remove non-law-abiding homeless persons out of our neighborhood again, once the shelter closes.

Cars routinely speed through this intersection, especially when going east on California to merge onto Central Expressway (think of this stretch as a short drag strip). Over the years, there have been numerous accidents at the intersection of Fair Oaks and E. California. We have responded to injury accidents involving bicyclists and called other accidents in to 911. We personally have had three (3) cars totaled by driven cars hitting our parked cars. Of these drivers, one was drinking alcohol, one was uninsured and one was a successful "hit-and-run". The water hydrant on the county property has been damaged by errant drivers on more than one occasion. If drivers speeding around corners cannot avoid parked cars and fire hydrants, there is a high likelihood that they can also hit pedestrians. We have personally observed that homeless persons do not pay attention to traffic, do not cross streets at cross walks and do not wait for green lights.

The history of non-violent crime in Victory Village may not be well known or documented. The police were called when several cars on California Avenue were vandalized in one night. In another incident, a window was broken out of one of our cars one night, to allow a drunk to sleep in a dry place on a rainy night. Our home has been burglarized twice over the years. Our fruit trees in our back yard have been stripped by thieves multiple times. Twice we returned home to interrupt thieves actually on-site. Once they were inside the house and another time they were in the back yard. We have alerted the police to the organized thieves who steal our recyclables from our cans and bins once we set them out on pick-up days. Homeowners have to pay for minor property losses out of their own pockets to avoid increased insurance premiums. Perpetrators of such crimes know there is a low chance of getting caught and would only face minor penalties if apprehended. There is ample literature to establish that homeless people engage in minor crimes to maintain an admittedly dismal

lifestyle. Overall, citizens take the chance that we may be the subject of crime, but hopefully on a relatively equal basis. Our concern is that when you allow a high density of homeless in a residential area in order to shelter them across the street from our house, my family will be among the most convenient targets of such larceny. The literature also confirms that such crimes are sometimes perpetrated in order for the homeless person to get a night in jail. That is the payoff for the perpetrator. A warm cell and some hot food. Unfortunately, there is no concern for the law abiding, tax paying, property owner who was victimized by the pitiful homeless person.

As a precursor to any discussion of this proposal, there should be a clear understanding of the time frame that a shelter would be approved. With the low availability of suitable properties within the county, it would not be surprising to be told that a shelter was "temporary" for one year, while plans were set in motion to create a permanent facility at that same site. Placement of either a temporary or permanent shelter at this location will adversely affect the property values of an already adversely impacted neighborhood. A temporary shelter will devalue local properties currently on the market. Imagine meeting your Realtor at a Victory Village home and then driving by a line of homeless on Fair Oaks waiting for the shelter doors to open. Demand for Victory Village homes will decline. Similarly, any permanent shelter would negatively impact all of the properties in perpetuity. Please remember that as long-term property owners, we bought into this neighborhood with no knowledge of environmental contamination on Hendy Street. Superfund notifications were distributed to local residents long after my wife and I purchased our home on E. California. A Superfund Disclosure is now on our property deed and will never be removed. We have not been compensated by the company who caused the contamination. Nor will we be compensated for reduced property values because it was convenient for the City and County to assemble homeless across the street from our house.

In my opening paragraph, I suggested that the shelter be relocated across the street from the Mayor's home. Likely, this would seem to be an absurd suggestion. However, many years ago, a business located at Fair Oaks and E. California had problems with their burglar alarm. Their loud alarm would go off in the middle of the night and disturb the sleep of my family and our neighbors.

We contacted the business and they assured us that they were doing everything they could to fix the problem. Unfortunately, the alarms kept going off over and over again. Finally, I wrote a letter to the President of the company and asked him how he would feel if the business with the faulty alarm system was across the street from HIS house!!?? Shortly thereafter, the alarms stopped going off and we were able to sleep through the night again. The moral of the story was that the business could not understand how their faulty alarm system adversely affected local residents because they never put themselves in the position of the inconvenienced residents. What they wanted to do was fix the problem in a manner that was convenient to them, but without fully considering the concerns of the local community. The matter was not resolved until they were asked to put themselves in our position and then act accordingly.

For the reasons stated above, the Mayor and City Council are requested to do the same in this case. Make a decision based on what you believe would be accepted on YOUR street and across from YOUR house before deciding what to do across the street from our house and our neighbor's houses. Please stand up for Sunnyvale's home owners by telling the County to find a different location for the Shelter.

Sincerely,
Gary and Claudia Winslow

[REDACTED]

Sunnyvale

From: **Javier** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Wed, Aug 5, 2015 at 6:15 PM
Subject: Fwd: Proposed homeless camp sunnyvale
To: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Javier <[REDACTED]>
Date: August 5, 2015 at 6:13:31 PM PDT
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Fwd: Proposed homeless camp sunnyvale



Guess safety is not an issue. Pick another sight
Sent from my iPhone

This is a photo directly where your proposed homeless shelter would be. I guess there safety doesn't concern you either.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Javier <[REDACTED]>
Date: August 2, 2015 at 1:21:57 PM PDT
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Proposed homeless camp sunnyvale

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Concerned citizen

-Javier Eredia

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On Wed, Aug 5, 2015 at 6:42 PM, Javier <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I ask the city to stand up for our community and stop this... Throwing up your hands and saying we can't do anything is not acceptable. About ten years the county forbid us from building a park due to traffic safety. Now with more people and more traffic its some how safe? I urge you to stand up to the county and so no!

Sent from my iPhone

From: **Javier** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Wed, Aug 5, 2015 at 7:10 PM
Subject: Proposed homeless shelter Sunnyvale
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Mr. Provence

Please explain how ten years ago it was unsafe to build a park due to public safety concerns due to traffic. Now with an even larger traffic problem how is it safe to house 100 individuals? If anyone is injured the county will be solely liable. Is the county going to provide community with vouchers for the increase in homeowners insurance that comes with building a homeless shelter in a residential community? Is the county going to refund the members of the community the thousands of dollars in lost property value? And lastly how can you guarantee that no crime or nuisance will increase in our community? According to your County official Robert Dolci, he couldn't commit to anything but saying "we are going to do our best"

Well with all do respect, our families, children, and neighborhood deserves better than "we are going to do our best". Please find a commercial area there are plenty throughout the county. Our neighborhood would greatly appreciate your help finding a more appropriate area.

Regards

Javier Eredia

Sent from my iPhone

From: shari <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thu, Aug 6, 2015 at 8:38 AM
Subject: Homeless winter shelter at Far Oaks and California
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Sent to Teri Provence at [REDACTED]

Teri -

When the County decided to developed the former location of the homeless shelter, why was the plan to exclude housing for the homeless? This seems to be very shortsighted thinking by the group. Now the same Office of Supportive Housing is trying to push thought another shortsighted decision to put a Winter Shelter facility at the corner of Fair Oaks and California Avenue.

I understand that we need to help the homeless and appreciate the efforts of the Office of Supportive Housing for Santa Clara County. The homeless needs our help. My main concern for the proposed location is the safety and welfare of the homeless who will use the facilities.

The proposed location is on a very busy intersection. The times the occupants will be leaving and entering the area directly corresponds with commuter traffic. The cross walk at California Avenue and Fair Oaks is very dangerous with drivers racing to making the left turn from Far Oaks. California Avenue is not only an entrance in the Victory Village neighborhood but an entrance onto Central Expressway. Every evening there are accidents and many more near misses with cars and pedestrians. What is being proposed is a recipe for disaster.

What about all the empty office buildings? Did the Office of Supportive Housing look into any of these? The proposed location has nothing so the Office of Supportive Housing will have to put up some like of shelters. Are they also going to pave over the area? With the coming winter rains, the site will become a muddy place further setting up the homeless for a very unsafe area.

A number of years ago the Victory Village neighborhood wanted to put a park at the proposed site. The Country rejected this. Why??? Out of safety concerns because of the traffic at the same intersection.

The homeless would line up at the old site on Maude and create a traffic issue but it was minor for the street was not a busy street. Where will they line up? On the sidewalk???

There is not enough room.

The Office of Supportive Housing needs to rethink their plans and find other safer site for the homeless shelter.

Shari

Proposed Shelter for the Homeless

From: **Barry Pequita** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thu, Aug 6, 2015 at 11:02 PM
Subject: Proposed Shelter for the Homeless
To: [mayor](#) [REDACTED]
Cc: [council](#) [REDACTED]

Proposed Shelter for the Homeless

Simply unacceptable, both safety and support wise. There is nothing in this area to help them with daily necessities or a way out of their situation, not to mention how many people who could be injured or worse from traffic. The speed limit entering onto Central Expressway is 25 MPH. The majority of cars entering are travelling at 35-70 MPH I've seen this for 20+ years. Cars also travel wrong way approaching vehicles entering on ramp on to Central 5-20 per day. Not sure what they would call this shelter, but Camp Chaos comes to mind. Terrible idea!!!

Not **all** that long ago a kids park was proposed in that very same spot and was declined by Santa Clara County, because it was deemed unsafe. Traffic has not gotten any better since then.

Respectfully,
Barry Pequita

[REDACTED]
Sunnyvale, Ca. 94086

From: Jennifer Garnett <[REDACTED]>
Date: August 7, 2015 at 11:56:25 AM EDT
To: Hanson Hom <[REDACTED]>, Kent Steffens <[REDACTED]>, Deanna Santana <[REDACTED]>, Suzanne Ise <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Commentary re: temporary cold weather shelter

Good morning,
Just FYI. We posted the event information for the County's community meeting about the temporary cold weather shelter on the City's Nextdoor site and received the following posts from the community.
Jennifer

Joseph C. from San Miguel

20h ago

Has everyone had a chance to read the details on this? I have one question:

****Seriously?!****

Anyone who has lived around Fair Oaks Ave. and tried to use Fair Oaks Park knows the ongoing issues we've had accommodating the Armory shelter and its associated fallout for years. With the development of the Armory site into high-density primarily VERY low income and homeless housing, I think that north Sunnyvale is doing more than our share to address what is a REGIONAL housing (and public health) issue.

Here are links to the new low-income/homeless housing developments at the Armory site, as well as notes from the associated community outreach meetings (where we were told that the developments would satisfy the housing needs of the homeless occupying Fair Oaks Park):

<http://www.midpen-housing.org/news-and-m...>

<http://charitieshousing.org/parkside-stu...>

<http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Portals/0/Sunnyv...>

If a shelter at the Sunnyvale Community Center was considered too much of a nuisance for the surrounding neighborhoods then it is definitely too much of a nuisance for ours - particularly considering the history of problems related to the previous shelter and the fact that our neighborhood will soon have an influx of unemployed/underemployed and previously homeless individuals due to the new developments mentioned above. WE'RE DOING OUR PART. And with new neighborhood residents in these developments trying to get their lives on track, WHY WOULD WE WANT TO CONCENTRATE MORE HOMELESSNESS AND ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS INTO THE AREA? Particularly the public park directly adjacent to the housing developments, which is where shelter patrons will congregate in the daytime?!

This is a TERRIBLE idea.

This is not intended to start a debate about homelessness and homeless services - most of the chronically homeless are suffering the horrors of addiction or untreated mental illness (often both) and I do have compassion for them as any decent person should. This is about the appropriate location for services as it relates to neighborhood capacity to deal with associated public health and quality of life issues. We have enough issues related to homelessness in our neighborhoods along the Fair Oaks corridor as it stands - we cannot accommodate more.

PLEASE bring this issue into your neighborhood associations and HOAs and plan on opposing this plan at the public meeting. Feel free to contact me personally if you would like to organize around this issue. I have been in the neighborhood for 13 years now, and I can tell you this decision will be VERY important to our neighborhood quality of life, and particularly the quality and safety of Fair Oaks Park.

Thanks for hearing me out :)

[Thank](#) [Remove](#)

Marian and Charles thanked Joseph



[Evelyn D.](#) from Victory Village

17h ago

Thanks for the comments all of which I agree. It would be great if you could attend the meeting on the 17th, you seem to be well informed on the issues in Sunnyvale and it would be benefit to have you there - and others that agree that this is an inappropriate location for a "temporary homeless shelter" (the last "Temporary Homeless Shelter in Sunnyvale" was Temporary for 22 years!)

I agree this is not a debate about the "issue of the homeless", or about our heartfelt feeling for the homeless - I myself have been homeless when I lost my home in a fire - so I know exactly what it's like. But this issue is about the responsibility of the LOCATION of the shelter - and this is an inappropriate location especially because it's the ON RAMP to a busy Expressway, and even more congested at the corner of Fair Oaks, there is no where for the to go after they are asked to leave in the morning, no grocery store to go to of food, etc. Thanks so much for your weigh -n here - and sharing the info. I hope everyone reading and agreeing will attend the meeting on August 17th. I also believe that someone is arranging a neighborhood meeting for next week for all concerned to attend.

From: Anna Korossy <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sat, Aug 8, 2015 at 10:38 AM
Subject: Re: Victory Village Concerned Resident
To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Jim Griffith <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED], Tara Martin-Milius <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED]

The neighborhood years ago asked the County to convert this site into a park, and in more recent years, convert the site for a dog park.

Both occasions, the County response was -- location not safe for such plans.

Question:

Why is it safe to propose a "temporary" homeless shelter in this location?

What makes it safe NOW when traffic has double over the years, and with the opening of the Arques Place which has 85 units? Arques Place will add approximately 140 cars (85 units = 2 cars per unit = ~ 140 additional cars) - driving right in front of this site?

What about the safety of homeless trying to access the site?

Housing development on Evelyn Ave soon to be open will also add additional cars driving in front of this site.

Please advise.

Thank you.

Anna Korossy

On Fri, Aug 7, 2015 at 11:35 PM, Anna Korossy <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Victory Village, a small Single Family neighborhood in Sunnyvale, was notified last week that the County and the City have decided to build a Homeless Shelter in the neighborhood.

Low to medium class families with a number of children are fearful to might happen to this peaceful neighborhood.

The County daims that is a "temporary" shelter.

We have no faith on County promises.

The neighborhood has hosted a **temporary** shelter for **22 years**.

This so called temporary shelter has been closed to provide development of a facility for the transient homeless and low income citizens. So the City, County, and Developers forced the Homeless to move into and created an encampment at **FairOaks** park.

The once so beautiful **FairOaks** park, that hosted many Little League and Pop Warner games, has now the highest crime rate in our neighborhood. We no longer feel safe to enjoy our park as is full with drug addicts and a homeless encampment.

In the meanwhile, to solve the issue, again, created by the City, County and Developers, the homeless is being moved to a very safe and quite single home community. This community has approximately 278 residents. With the addition of 100 to 125 homeless, 1/4 our community population will now be criminals, drug addicts, and with those who have serious mental illness (including schizophrenia).

The County daims that they screen the homeless before allowing them access to the shelter -- but the only group they do not allow at this shelter is sex offenders.

Questions we have:

1. How is the City going to provide protection to our neighborhood?
2. Is the City going to provide education to our children on how to deal with drug addicts, schizophrenia, and criminals?
3. Is the City going to provide police protection while the children are awaiting and being dropped off from school?
4. Is the City going to cover the additional costs that homeowners will incur? Securing our properties, homeowners insurance increases, theft, and vandalism to property and neighborhood?
5. How is the City going to protect our neighborhood from homeless encampment?
6. Is the City going to clean the garbage and drug paraphenilia in our streets?
7. The City and County have been planning this move for over a year. Why was the community just notified?
8. Everyone is concerned with the "Habitat for the Homeless/Humanity", what about the hard working residents and children in our neighborhood? Are we NOT HUMANS?
9. The County will be building a tent for the homeless and they claim that it is temporary - Nov 2015 through March 2016. Well, they said the same when the Armory across **Fairoaks** Park turned into a homeless shelter - we hosted this temporary shelter for 22 years. **Our neighborhood has done its share to help the homeless.**

10. The County "temporary" shelter only offers a bandage to a bleeding problem.
11. The designated new site has no water, sewage, and electricity -- porta potties? Is the City going to clean and provide porta potties daily?
12. Why is the County holding a meeting at an area that has no relation to the neighborhood? Why not at Murphy's Park on California Ave?
13. The County claims that they screen the homeless before they are allowed to this temporary shelter. What is your screening criteria?
14. Why is ok to have criminals and drug addicts, but no sex offenders? Aren't sex offenders criminals?

Just because we are a middle class neighborhood -- that doesn't mean we don't care for the safety of our children and homes. We worked hard to make it safe. We are the middle class citizens that pay the highest income tax in this country. The County and the City has total disregard to our safety.

Homeless is a complex problem in this country. Government must find ways to help end this epidemic of homeless in our society. Corporations should be mandate to provide training and re-entry jobs for those that are homeless due to job loss. Home developers should be required to provide a higher percentage of units to house temporary homeless and low income citizens. Corporations and Developers are making billions of dollars using City and County resources. Time to give back and they should be hold accountable to some of the problems they are creating in neighborhoods.

It NOT OK to push out citizens that have contributed to make Sunnyvale to this so called Silicon Valley. It is NOT OK to turn a neighborhood into a dump. A small single family community CANNOT help with such a large issue.

Sincerely,

Anna Korossy
Concerned Resident
Resident for 27 Years

From: **Kaijui Jen** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, Aug 8, 2015 at 5:48 PM

Subject: PLEASE NO TEMPORARY HOMELESS SHELTER IN VICTORY VILLAGE

To: [REDACTED]

From: 迪侃邢 <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sun, Aug 9, 2015 at 12:16 PM
Subject: Concerns about the temporary shelter to be built in Sunnyvale.
To: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Hi Robert and County officer,

I have received the letter about the temporary shelter plan for homeless to be built at the cross of E Calif. Ave and Central Expressway, which is immediately next to my neighborhood.

I do have a few concerns towards this matter. If we have the right to know these information (and please feel free to keep confidential confidential), I'd like to ask these to make an informed judgment towards this plan:

* How temporary this to-be-built shelter will be?

* Do you have concrete choices for the permanent location now? Where are they? And what's the challenge? Can those be overcome at the end of the planned temporary period?

* I'm told a few years ago a proposal by the neighborhood converting this place for a park was rejected because of the safety concern. Does the traffic around, especially from E Calif. onto Central Expressway, has reduced in these years? Does County have any statistics? What are the numbers?

* Does county have a picture how the homeless to be hosted are composed of? % of drug addicts? Further, was theft and robbery said a risk to neighborhood next to any previous temporary / permanent shelter from police department and/or neighborhood feedback?

I have never involved in public affairs like this. As a resident in the nearby neighborhood, I'd like to know whether my neighbors and I have the right to oppose this plan, and further, what are the effective procedure to express our opposition, just in case the answers to the these questions are not making sense to us.

Thanks

Dikan Xing

From: **Hank Quock** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, Aug 9, 2015 at 1:04 PM

Subject: CWSP FairOaks & California Ave.

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Cc: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Ms.Teri Provence,

I've been a home owner in Victory Village for 37 years. I am appalled at the county for their proposal to use the lot that is bordered by Fair Oaks, California Ave and the entrance to Central Expressway to house the homeless. I understand the county's need to find a location for their Cold Weather Shelter program for the homeless. I have empathy for them and it is a generous effort by the county.

But at this location????

Please picture you and your family living right across the street amongst a large group of noisy homeless with their belongings. Also the homeless walking to and leaving the lot in front of your house. During the school session, there will be children walking to their school bus and school. And there's the noise, garbage and smell. Residents will have to close their windows.

How will all the homeless get to the site and what route will they take when they leave? Where will they go and spend their time before returning for the night? Walking through our neighborhood when they leave?

Commute traffic from Fair Oaks entering Central Expressway will be a nightmare from drivers " rubber necking ", causing rear end accidents. There's car accidents even on a normal day.

The county might have to supply electricity for lighting (gas generators are noisy), truck in portable toilets, truck in water...more noise , blocking traffic , maybe again causing accidents from cars entering California Ave. from Fair Oaks to Central Exp.

I hope the county took all this into consideration before selecting this site. If they didn't, please forward this to all the departments involved.

Thank you,

**Henry Quock
Bartlett Ave.**

From: JM <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, Aug 9, 2015 at 2:05 PM

Subject: Opposed to proposed homeless shelter in Sunnyvale

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Cc: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]"

<[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>,"

"[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]"

<[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]"

<[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Hello,

I first want to communicate that helping the less fortunate is a cause every citizen no matter what neighborhood or working class should participate in by getting involved. The homeless is close to my personal experience in that I have siblings who would fall into this category. There is no easy answer. What I do know is that the burden should be shouldered by all citizens if a county or city decides on behalf of them all to put together a solution.

With that being said, I believe placing a homeless shelter by Fair Oaks and California streets or even over by Fair Oaks and Maude ave is not the solution that shoulders the effort to help amongst all the citizens of Sunnyvale. The shelter squarely places the daily burden on the working class and those that cannot afford to live in more desirable locations. If a community's leaders truly want to help a great cause like assisting the homeless, they should consider who it affects and be fair.

I have a better solution that would most likely be less costly, safer, and show solidarity amongst all working classes in the community. I propose the shelter be hosted at the Sunnyvale community center. This would ensure it is looked upon as a shared responsibility and would give more visibility to the community on what other aspects of supporting such a cause are necessary. Aspects such as safety. The police would be more aware of the security needs. Aspects such as where the homeless go after leaving the shelter. The topic of how to help with mental health or employment needs. The aspect of transportation. How can the homeless get back and forth easier. El camino places the homeless at our central most used public transportation route.

In summary, it's a great thought to help those less fortunate but not on the shoulders of those that already struggle. The currently proposed locations are where citizens either rent, just have just purchased a home, or are older and have limited income. These are going to be citizens that cannot afford to be unsafe and have their property values diminish. I believe the leaders of Sunnyvale know this and are placing the shelters where it's less of a burden for those citizens that live in higher value locations. It's obvious, and if you speak with most citizens that have some experience with how city agencies conduct business, you'll hear the same sentiment.

I am a citizen of Sunnyvale and have lived here for over 20 years. I care about this city and go about trying to improve things like picking up trash or reporting issues, Not to mention pay significant taxes. I should have some say in this and have proposed a better solution as opposed to just complaining.

Regards,
Joe Montoya

From: Uma Balashanmugam <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, Aug 9, 2015 at 5:15 PM

Subject: Concern over the proposed homeless shelter in Sunnyvale

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Uma Balashanmugam <[REDACTED]>

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a proud Sunnyvale resident, I would like to raise my concern with respect to the proposed temporary homeless shelter at the intersection of North Fair Oaks Road and East California Avenue. The residents have approached city to make this site as a park or even dog park, but it was turned down with safety as a glaring concern, and I fully agree with the city on that matter. Now, with the proposed homeless shelter at the same site, I am not sure how the safety concerns are going to be addressed and that it may, in fact, compromise the safety of the residents in that area and more so for children and senior citizens. I strongly suggest that the city should select a different site for implementing the good idea of providing shelter to the homeless without jeopardizing the residents of Sunnyvale.

Thanks,
Uma

From: **Senthil Jaganathan** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, Aug 9, 2015 at 5:20 PM

Subject: Site for proposed homeless shelter in Sunnyvale and its impact on the neighbourhood

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Senthil Jaganathan <[REDACTED]>

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sunnyvale City is planning to construct a temporary homeless shelter at the intersection of North Fair Oaks Road and East California Avenue which is adjacent to the on ramp for Central Expressway. I am a long-term resident near the proposed site and firmly feel this is not safe to all the families and kids that live in the area. It is one of the busiest intersections, primarily due to the large number of cars traveling at an extremely fast speed to merge onto the expressway ramp; secondarily, although East California Avenue is a one-way street, many drivers who are unaware of this rule do, indeed, come in the opposite direction.

I serve myself in different nonprofit organization and understand the need for a homeless shelter and appreciate the city for thinking about one. As a loyal citizen, I believe I have the right to express my concern, and I feel the selected site is not appropriate for a shelter; I strongly believe there will be other sites that the city should consider which will be safe for the homeless and also for other Sunnyvale residents.

I really appreciate your time and effort to look in to this at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,
Senthil

On Mon, Aug 10, 2015 at 11:59 AM, Joe Montoya <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you Ms Kirk, I have resent with the correct address you suggested. I do appreciate your support.

In addition, in my haste to type this out yesterday I was not able to make corrections and have pasted the message with a little more polished flow:

Hello,

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I have a better solution that would most likely be less costly, safer, and show solidarity amongst all working classes in the community. I propose the shelter be hosted at the Sunnyvale Community Center. This would ensure it is looked upon as a shared responsibility and would give more visibility to the community on what other aspects of supporting such a cause are necessary. Aspects such as safety. The police would be more aware of the security needs because it is more visible. Aspects such as where the homeless go after leaving the shelter. The community center is close to more public areas and would somewhat prevent the release to occur into residential areas. The topic of how to help with mental health or employment needs. There are more medical centers along El Camino. The aspect of transportation. How can the homeless get back and forth easier? The Sunnyvale Community Center is by El camino which places the homeless at our central most used public transportation route which the homeless use today.

In summary, it's a great thought to help those less fortunate but not on the shoulders of those that already struggle. The location has been by Fairoaks and Maude for some time now, isn't it time to let other citizens experience this effort? I am a citizen of Sunnyvale and have lived here for over 20 years. I care about this city and go about trying to improve things like picking up trash or reporting issues, not to mention pay significant taxes. I should have some say in this and have proposed a more reasonable solution as opposed to just complaining.

Regards,
Joe Montoya

From: Barry <[REDACTED]>
Date: August 10, 2015 at 4:25:08 PM PDT
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Subject: No Homeless Shelter at Fair Oaks and E California

location unsafe,& unacceptable, reconsider

Sent from my iPhone

From: Evelyn Dubocq <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, Aug 10, 2015 at 4:26 PM

Subject: Please come to neighborhood meeting Re: Propose Homeless Shelter E California Ave & Fair Oaks Avenue

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Sunnyvale City Council Member -

RE: Invitation to Important Neighborhood Meeting.

This is regarding the *proposal* by Santa Clara County to build a temporary homeless shelter on the corner of Fair Oaks Avenue and East California Avenue in Sunnyvale - The Entrance to historic Victory Village.

The Victory Village Neighborhood is planning on having a meeting regarding this issue on Thursday, August 13th - on E. California Avenue, Cross street Fair Oaks Avenue at 5:30 P.M, directly across from the proposed location for this Homeless Shelter.

We would like for you to come and support your residents and see what an inappropriate location this is for a Homeless Shelter.

We are aware of the meeting set for August 17th, however that is taking place no where near the actual location of the proposed Shelter- and we would like to invite City officials to actually 'see' this location so they can see how inappropriate it is for this use.

We are all just appalled that County of Santa Clara thinks that even the *idea* that Victory Village, one of Sunnyvale's Historic Neighborhoods is a good location for this. And that the City of Sunnyvale would allow it to happen.

With approximately 278 people, bringing in 100-125 homeless people into this neighborhood will make **1/4 of the occupants of this neighborhood homeless people. This would put one homeless person in just about every home here!!**....THAT is really outrageous numbers for the County to even *entertain* the idea that this small residential neighborhood is a good location for this purpose - and even more outrageous that the City would allow this.

We believe and certainly hope, that after actually *seeing* the location, the traffic and speaking with the residents IN their neighborhood - the City of Sunnyvale will support its residents and make sure that the County of Santa Clara moves on with their search elsewhere to a more feasible location- as this tiny historic neighborhood **should Not be an option.**

The Town of Sunnyvale has already, previously, (for a "temporary" 22 years) been host to a *Temporary* homeless shelter until it was recently redeveloped into transitional and supportive housing for lower income and homeless.

We have supported the homeless for 22 years and lost Fair Oaks Park in the interim ! Please don't let Santa Clara put another shelter in an inappropriate

location and lose another park and another neighborhood.

Sunnyvale does have the power to stop this, and we hope that the city and its officials will support us when we need them most.

Hope to see you at our meeting - August 13th, 5:30 p.m

Thank you

Evelyn & Don Dubocq

[REDACTED]

Sunnyvale, CA 94086

[REDACTED]

From: Jieying Yang <[REDACTED]>
Date: Mon, Aug 10, 2015 at 11:00 PM
Subject: objection to build a homeless shelter in Sunnyvale
To: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Dear Mayor Griffith, Vice Mayor Martin-Milius, and City Council,

Greeting!

I am a new sunnyvale resident who moved from San Jose to Sunnyvale a year ago. I decided to reside here mainly because it is a nicer and safer city with growing number of young professionals.

I heard about council's consideration of building a homeless shelter at the County property at Fair Oaks and E. California Avenue in Sunnyvale, and the City's portion of the former Onizuka Air Force Station in Sunnyvale. Despite the fact that I appreciate the kindness of council, and I myself do have sympathy for them and would like to try my best to help, I can't stop thinking about the safety issue, mine and theirs as well. Here I state the reasons as below.

1. The shelter will accept homeless people at night and ask them to leave the facility in the morning, which means at these two time points there will be likely more than 100 people gathering around the neighborhood, given the fact that the capacity of the shelter is 100 people. These two time points will be more or less overlapped with morning and evening rush hours. Both of these two places are located near main road or even express way. Thus, it is inevitable that the gathering of people will cause traffic jam, or what's worse, traffic accidents.
2. Since the homeless people will be asked to leave the shelter every morning and come back every night and most of them do not have a job during the day, it is almost for sure that they will spend the day around the shelter in our neighborhood. There are two elementary schools, one high school, and one kindergarten near the proposed locations according to my best knowledge. And the surrounding is mostly residential area. I am sure most of the homeless people are decent and with good heart, but who can guarantee there is not a single alcoholic, drug user, or phycho? The least thing I want to hear about is a robbery, an assault, or a break-in in our neighborhood.
3. I jog three times a week before sunset in the neighborhood. During my run I often encounter joggers just like me, or walkers with seniors or kids. Both of the two locations are near my routine route. I am sure they are many of others too. I am worried and frightened that I might have to be surrounded by 100 homeless people some time during my jogging.

With the reasons above, I am object to building a homeless shelter, temporarily or permanently, in Sunnyvale, although I am 100% favored the idea that we should help the homeless people. We are not helping them without consideration of their own safety and ours. And helping them should definitely not be at the cost of sacrificing our own normal life. We, as tax payers, deserve better than worrying about our safety and property at all winter time; and as free people, should not be forced to alter our daily habit.

The homeless shelter should be built in some places rather away from the residential area, especially away from the schools, to avoid the safety issues. Or giving out motel vouchers might be considered so that there will not be too many people gathering in one place. I hope Mayor Griffith, Vice Mayor Martin-Milius, and City Council would take my opinions into consideration and direct it to people who it may concern.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,
Jieying Yang and her family
Sunnyvale residents

From: **Shardool** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tue, Aug 11, 2015 at 12:18 AM
Subject: Proposed Winter Shelter at Fair Oaks and E California Ave
To: [REDACTED]

Dear Members of City Council,

I am a resident of Victory Village in Sunnyvale and I recently found out about the plans of the Santa Clara County and City of Sunnyvale to build a homeless shelter on a small tract of land at the intersection of Fair Oaks and E California Ave.

I am not sure what criteria was used to identify that small parcel of land as being fit for a temporary shelter but this location is a very bad choice. The intersection is part of my daily commute and I have first hand knowledge of how congested and accident prone it is. Being right next the Central Expressway ramp there is a large number of speeding cars along the proposed site as well.

I am sure you are aware of a sizable housing project which is nearing completion just a block away on the intersection of Fair Oaks and Arques and other neighboring developments which will greatly increase the traffic volume in this already congested area.

Therefore the decision to place an additional 100 people all of whom will be entering and leaving the facility daily shows very poor judgement and planning. This will be endangering the very people you are trying to protect in addition to being an unwarranted strain on the small residential neighborhood of Victory Village.

In addition I can't ignore the fact that County has provided no indication about:

(1) What happens to the shelter residents once they are evicted from the shelter every morning ?

(2) What happens to the homeless folk who are unable to get into the shelter because they lose the lottery ?

I can't help but think they will effectively be forced to wander in the neighborhood during the day hoping they will be selected in the evening lottery. Combined with the ever increasing traffic in the area this will endanger the people hoping to use the shelter as well as the residents of the neighborhood.

I realize the problem of homelessness is a complex one and there are no easy or straightforward solutions. However, as a tax paying resident of this county I put my faith in the County and City officials to make compassionate but sensible decisions concerning the most underprivileged members of our society. I know that County has been trying to procure a place for a permanent shelter for over a year but at the same time I am certain the County knew about the closure of the Sunnyvale Armory shelter quite a bit in advance. I wonder why the County and City did not take the shelter displacement into account and approve the new development accordingly to include place for a cold weather shelter ?

Even if that was not feasible the County presumably has had at least a few years to procure a more reasonable location for a shelter. Forcing a 100 people in a small residential neighborhood right next to an Expressway is NOT A SOLUTION, not even a temporary one.

I do think the Cold Weather shelter program is a very useful program providing a much needed relief to a large number of people but the choice of this location is severely misguided. I strongly urge you to please find a safer and sensible location for the placement of a shelter even if it is temporary.

Regards,
Shardool

[REDACTED]
Sunnyvale, CA - 94086
Phone: [REDACTED]

From: Evelyn Dubocq <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, Aug 11, 2015 at 12:20 AM

Subject: Alternative location for Homeless Shelter proposed for E. California Av & Fair Oaks Ave

To: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Sending this to all of City Council, City Manager, Mayor, [et.al](#)

- for the possibility of an alternate location for the Temporary Homeless Shelter *proposed* at E. California Avenue & Fair Oaks Avenue,

Since it would be absurd for Sunnyvale to actually allow the County of Santa Clara to put a Homeless Shelter temporary or otherwise smack at the entrance of the small residential community known as Victory Village...

Two other options that we would hope City of Sunnyvale would look into as an alternative, and suggest to the County.

The large Lot in front of Target off Sunnyvale Avenue, which is fenced in (owned by Wells Fargo, like much of Black 18)

It is not used as a park, or used in anyway by Target or anyone else, and hasn't been since it's been put there. It is fenced in and clear. (Santa Clara could perhaps lease the property, -to the owners, some money is better than no money)

the plus's

- This location has many more services for the homeless (where as E. California Fair Oaks has NONE)

- - - It is near Target - so there's grocery to walk to

- - - It is within walking distance to Valley Medical where many most likely go for Medical assistance

- - - It is two blocks from the Police Station (that makes for police patrol easy)

- - - There are public restrooms close by at the train station

- - - The train station is there for those that have jobs in other areas

- - - Within walking distance to Nova where there is job assistance

- - - Also within walking distance to Safeway, McDonalds, and many fast food places to eat

Two story Parking lot next to the lot mentioned above in front of Target lower lot and along Sunnyvale Road & Iowa (owned by the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency, which I was told is similar to the City)

Another option is right next to this lot is a two story parking lot- not old, as it was originally put up for the Target previous to the one standing now (and that one was fairly new before they rebuilt it) So it should be on solid ground and safe -and could be made into a makeshift shelter (I would think much better than a "tent" (especially with the possibility of a big El Nino expected this year)

Being that this structure is right next door to the lot it has the same services available. All of which are plus's for the homeless that will be asked to leave each morning.

Food, Jobs, Facilities, Library, Stores, transportation, etc. Also Extremely well lit with all the streetlights Sunnyvale put in. Both the lot and the parking structure are next to other parking lots - no dangerous entrance ramp to an expressway.

Either one of those mentioned above is a much more feasible alternative. As representatives of this City we would hope you will look into the possibility of these locations as alternatives and bring this information to the County of Santa Clara.

Thank you
Evelyn & Don Dubocq
Victory Village
[REDACTED]
Sunnyvale, CA 94086
[REDACTED]

From: **Hank Quock** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, Aug 11, 2015 at 10:53 AM

Subject: Homeless person

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Cc: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

"[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Ms. Provence,

Today is 10:45 Tue. Aug. 11, 2015, I was walking along Kifer between San Gabriel Ct. and Bartlett Ave. I notice what looks like a homeless sleeping behind the tall bush and the fence. I did not call the S.V. Police.

I'm concerned where the homeless will go when they have to leave the proposed site on Fair Oaks and California Ave. Will some of them camp out in the Victory Village neighborhood?

Regards,

**Henry Quock
Victory Village resident.**

From: **Shari Fisher** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tue, Aug 11, 2015 at 12:10 PM
Subject: Homeless shelter
To: [REDACTED]

To all –

There is an obvious pattern here as Sunnyvale Officials ignore residents of Victory Village by once again neglecting to notify them at all of a planned project that will greatly affect the neighborhood in which they live. Previously, PG&E had plans to remove all trees and vegetation along East California Avenue . While knowing of this for months in advance, just as this Homeless Shelter, the residents of Victory Village have once again been neglected and told nothing by Sunnyvale Officials as if their neighborhood does not exist and their lives do not matter. The Shelter is to be constructed on County property which borders a busy expressway on one side with an entrance ramp to that expressway on the other. This plot of County property lays adjacent to East California Avenue which is an entrance way to Victory Village. The County has said that the Shelter will be open to the Homeless during the evening hours thru to the morning when the residents will be asked to leave each day. Until they can return that evening they will make use of a children's park located in Victory Village and most likely set up tents through-out the surrounding area . Thus, turning the entire area into a homeless camp as was done to the Fair Oaks Park area when the doors were shut to the Armory Shelter not to long ago. Seems as if Sunnyvale Officials have planned to designate a portion of their Charter City for charitable use for the homeless. With Sunnyvale's help and government funding the County of Santa Clara can take pride in down grading the value of real estate of Victory Village. A once historical and integral part of Sunnyvale history.

Shari
Homeowner in Victory Village

From: **poulomi pal** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tue, Aug 11, 2015 at 12:15 PM
Subject: Proposed Cold Weather Shelter at Fair Oaks and California
To: [REDACTED]

Dear Members of the City Council,

I'm a resident of the Victory Village tract in Sunnyvale close to the proposed location of the cold weather program's overnight shelter. While I think that the Cold Weather program is an incredibly useful program, I can't help but be disappointed in the odd choice of this site.

I take Central expressway for my commute, and I'm aware of the traffic in the area. The proposed site has the following issues w.r.t. traffic

- It is near the exits to the Central expressway and gets additional traffic due to the Fair Oaks exit to 101.
- It is between 2 signals located close to each other (which exacerbates the already heavy traffic by creating bottlenecks).
- With the new constructions on Arques and other parts of Sunnyvale, the traffic is only going to get worse.

Placing a shelter near an already congested area is just indicative of poor planning.

The street is narrow and does not have much of a sidewalk. It is definitely not suited for assembling a large number of people.

While being close to freeways and expressways, the site has minimal public transport, thus forcing most of the people looking for shelter to walk. Assembling hundreds of people, many of whom will be on foot, during high traffic hours at this site will just lead to higher chance of accidents and injury. In fact, the very same site was deemed too unsafe for a park for the very same reasons. You are endangering the very same people that you seek to help, and placing a high strain on the surrounding neighborhood.

The site is far from even basic necessities like a grocery store. While I realize that this is a very complex problem and it is difficult to come up with a "perfect" site, there are already sites available that are far better than this one. For example, there are city-owned vacant lots at 237 and Fair Oaks, which are closer to public transportation (bus and light rail) as well as groceries.

I understand that the need to have a temporary structure working by November, but given that a sprung tent structure can be erected fairly fast, I'd request that some more time be spent to look at other sites (including the city-owned vacant lots at 237 and Fair Oaks). That would be a far better use of tax-payer money. The current choice of site is dangerous, irresponsible and doesn't seem to be very well thought out.

I would also like to bring up how bad the communication for this project has been. The people in the neighborhood learned about this proposal only a week back, and it has been shared with the press(almost as a done deal), even before the first meeting on the subject. Most people in the neighborhood have been living here for around 20 years and deserve more respect than that. Not to mention that the Victory Village tract is one of the historically significant neighborhoods from the WWII era.

As a concerned member of society, I urge you to reconsider your choice of sites and move the project to a more logical and sensible location.

Thank you,
Poulomi Pal
[REDACTED],
Sunnyvale, CA

From: Yan Hu <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, Aug 12, 2015 at 10:11 AM

Subject: SAFETY alert: Proposal for New Temporary Winter Shelter Facility (Fair Oaks and E. California Ave: Entrance of Central Expressway)

To: [REDACTED]

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As the officers of the city, why don't you **STAND UP** for your residents as the proposal is **sowrong and irresponsible?**

Thank you,
Yan

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Date: Wed, Aug 12, 2015 at 10:42 AM

Subject: SAFETY alert: Proposal for New Temporary Winter Shelter Facility (Fair Oaks and E. California Ave: Entrance of Central Expressway)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

(We understand it's county's proposal. But it's time for city officials to **STAND-UP** (**not just "we passed message to county"**) and protect its people when people would be in un-safe situation and are reaching out to you guys now for help !!!)

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Thank you,
Yan

From: Jason <[REDACTED]>
Date: Wed, Aug 12, 2015 at 10:37 PM
Subject: Proposal for Shelter Facility at Fair Oaks and Entrance of Central Expressway
To: [REDACTED]

Is this a joke ? Search for more than one year and finally trying to dump homeless people in an **apparently dangerous** site as "***last choice***" ?

This is a site **right ON the entrance of high speed ExpressWay** and **right ON the 4 way busy traffic light corner**. THIS IS AN APPARENTLY UN-SAFE SITE, period ! It has been rejected for dog park etc before due to safety reason.

People proposed and approved these are simply getting themselves into **personal legal liability - negligence of dangerous** to homeless people and drivers and **highly foreseen accidents** if shelter built up on it. Actually some people are already searching for legal counsel.

Taking tax payer's money, supposed to take care homeless people many of them can't really care of themselves. Is this how homeless people are taking care of for their safety ? How can people trust government officials to work like this - irresponsible and negligent ?

Action now to take the responsibility to stop this "joke" and prevent foreseeing accidents happening before it's too late!

From: Evelyn Dubocq [REDACTED] >
Date: Wed, Aug 12, 2015 at 7:41 PM
Subject: Reminder - please attend neighborhood meeting 8/13 -5:30- Re: Proposed homeless shelter E California/
To: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Hello Mr. Mayor and Council Members,
Just a reminder that the Neighborhood of Victory Village - will be having a meeting tomorrow - Thursday, August 13th at 5:30 - on E. California Avenue (across from the actual proposed location of the temporary homeless shelter- 830 E. California Avenue)
- it would be great if you could attend and hear what the residents of this neighborhood in Sunnyvale have to say.

By the way - the attached photo - is an example of unfortunately, a common occurrence of what happens at Fair Oaks Avenue / Entrance ramp to Central Expressway East -which is also E. California Avenue =
About an hour ago - E. California Av/ and the entrance ramp to Central Expressway was closed due to an accident as a motorcyclist and car were merging onto Central Expressway.

Again - this is not the location for a Homeless Shelter -
Thank you

Evelyn Dubocq

[REDACTED]

Sunnyvale, CA

[REDACTED]



Subject: Opposed to Proposed Temporary Winter Shelter Facility at Fair Oaks and California Avenues in Sunnyvale

I am strongly opposed to the Proposed Temporary Winter Shelter Facility at Fair Oaks and California Avenues in Sunnyvale. I believe the burden of the homeless and low income individuals needs to be shared throughout all of the cities of the county and the city of Sunnyvale including south Sunnyvale.

In King County, Washington, they rotate their temporary winter shelters for the homeless around different neighborhoods. North Sunnyvale has had the "TEMPORARY" shelter for 22 years. So, North Sunnyvale should have a break for at least 20 years. Instead north Sunnyvale is soon getting 176 bedrooms, 124 dwelling units, opening spring 2016 for transitioning homeless and very low income individuals at 620 East Maude Ave., Sunnyvale at the former Armory site.

zip codes 94086 and 94085 are already permanently being trampled on by our city by the permanent housing built at the former armory for the formerly homeless and transitioning mentally ill individuals. There are several other low income housing sites in North Sunnyvale too. There is already a disproportionate amount of low income housing in our neighborhood without adding anymore. The responsibility of taking care of the needy needs to be shared throughout Santa Clara County including other cities and south Sunnyvale!

The proposed homeless shelter at Fair Oaks and California Avenues would mean MORE homeless in our neighborhood and parks through out the ENTIRE year! We still have a homeless man living under the Morse Avenue overpass to Central Expressway. He has been living there for months on the under the overpass on the Arques Side. Despite filing requests on the City site and multiple "welfare" checks by Public Safety he remains! I do not believe the changes to the city ordinances on Tuesday night regarding overnight camping on public land will help alleviate these type of encampments. They will just move to bushes even closer to my home!

I strongly suggest passing an ordinance that only allows drinking alcohol in Sunnyvale parks with a permit. Santa Clara has such an ordinance. I'm tired of drunks in Fair Oaks and Murphy Parks. There will be even more drunks in our parks when the housing opens up again at the former Armory, now section 8 housing!

Sincerely,

Carol Eyring, P.E.
Sunnyvale Resident for 16 years

Dear Heidi Kirk,

Thank you for your informative email. California state law requires cities to plan for ALL properties within their limits including "islands" owned by the county. The property at Fair Oaks and California Avenues is shown as R0 on Sunnyvale's zoning map. The city must insist on the county complying with the city's R0 zoning of that site. One hundred people on that site does not comply.

The recommendation a year ago by the city council to the county to use this site for a homeless shelter was illegitimate because the city council hid behind their proposal to put the homeless at the community center. They sought public input on the community center proposal and then voted to do something entirely different. Which was to kick the homeless across the railroad tracks where they kick all their dirt.

No development of any kind on this site has been approved. The city recommending this site for a temporary homeless shelter is not approval for developing anything. The August 12, 2014 city council meeting was not an opportunity for the residents of Sunnyvale to comment on a proposal to develop anything. My husband attended that city council meeting and I watched it on video of the meeting.

Sincerely,
Carol Eyring, P.E

On Aug 13, 2015, 5:00:57 PM, Heidi Kirk wrote:
Dear Carol Eyring:

Thank you for your email to the Council AnswerPoint regarding Santa Clara County's temporary cold weather shelter proposal. I am forwarding your email to Council, copying key City staff for their review as well.

As the County is lead on this project, City staff is consolidating the input to submit to the County. This is to let you know that the County has the ability to install the proposed facility on this site and does not require City approval of a planning or zoning application; the City has provided information about the areas that it is responsible to review (e.g., ministerial permits, etc.) and we are sharing with them neighborhood information to allow for increased community engagement. The County's project manager, Teri Provence, may be reached at [REDACTED]. You may also wish to contact your County Supervisor, Dave Cortese, at [REDACTED].

The County will hold an outreach meeting on this proposal on August 17 at 7:00 pm at the Braly Park Community Room, during which residents may share their questions with the County's development team. The County will also be presenting this project to the City Council on August 25 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at City Hall.

If you have additional questions about this proposal, please contact the County's project manager, Teri Provence, [REDACTED], or the City's Housing Division, [REDACTED].

Ms. Heidi Kirk
Executive Assistant
Office of the Mayor and City Council
City of Sunnyvale
456 West Olive Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94088, USA
[REDACTED]

From: Evelyn Dubocq <[REDACTED]>
Date: Fri, Aug 14, 2015 at 1:25 PM
Subject: Why is the county 'asking' Pro shelter to attend Aug 17th meeting? Just wrong?
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Hi Joe:
After thanking you for caring enough to attend our meeting last night - It is disheartening to see that one of your employees, Kristina Loquist would send an email to someone's *personal Email* (on August 10th) - *which was re-posted on the NextDoor Neighborhood Bulletin Boards*. saying it would be helpful to hear from the folks that feel it is adamant that the County has this replacement shelter and **is hearing a lot of concerns from the neighbors at the planned location.**

She's sending a message saying it would be helpful for them to **be at** the August 17th meeting...AKA sounds like "Hey everyone who is **for** the site location (at Fair Oaks & E. California Ave, in sunnyvale - show up at the meeting because the residents who don't want' it will be there in full force."

While everyone has the right to attend these meetings, speak at these meeting, and share their concerns pros or con's - it is not the County's job to tell anyone via a personal email that residents will be at a meeting opposing and they should go to be heard? Just seem unethical?

The meeting is regarding Our neighborhood and how the county plans on changing it forever - we, the very people that live here were **not even notified by the County officially until last Thursday**. So seeing that one of your staff members saw fit to 'alert' the people that are 'for it' (and don't even reside in this neighborhood) - just doesn't sound right.

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[REDACTED]
Sunnyvale, CA 94086
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Attachment 6

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From: **Sean LaPides** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sun, Aug 16, 2015 at 1:03 PM
Subject: Proposed Homeless Shelter at Fair Oaks and California
To: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Dear Mayor Griffith and Ms. Provence,

I am traveling out of the country this week so I will not be able to attend your meeting on the 17th.

However, I wanted to voice my most vehement concern for the planned homeless shelter in our neighborhood. I recognize that the plan is temporary but temporary fixes can have a way of becoming permanent. Even if it is for this winter only, I must protest.

Of course, we all know that shelters provide the (often) only means of comfort and safety for homeless people but a more commercial, easily accessible option makes more sense. Our neighborhood is finally becoming more residential as derelict buildings give way to new housing. Now you propose to turn 100 people out into our streets every morning to wander our neighborhood with nowhere else to go.

As you well know, homeless people are not merely those who have faced economic hardship or eviction. They frequently include the mentally ill and unstable. This creates a potentially dangerous situation for kids traveling between home and school (as well as for adults). No one wants to engage the homeless for the very reason that we can't know what to expect.

The police in Sunnyvale do an admirable job but are stretched thin with issues potentially more serious than vagrancy. So who will prevent people camping during the day in front of our homes when everyone is at work? Will we be panhandled every time we stop to fill the gas tank? What happens when more than 100 people show up on a given night and are turned away; will they be left to camp overnight on our street?

There is an undeveloped lot along Mathilda downtown; perhaps you should put it there and they can spend their daylight hours in the public park.

Respectfully,

Sean LaPides
Resident, Classics at Fair Oaks

From: JIM JOE <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, Aug 16, 2015 at 7:39 PM

Subject: HOMELESS SHELTERS

To: "[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>," [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED]>," [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>,"
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>,"
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>," [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>," [REDACTED]

Please share this email today with your fellow politicians, coworkers, neighbors, and businesses of SCC.

Palo Alto's DAILY POST head line for 8/13/2015 reads, "Palo Alto's got a poop problem".

My name is Jim and my wife and I bought a home in Sunnyvale's Victory Village in 2009. I could probably throw a baseball from my back yard and have it hit HOME DEPOT's parking lot. Maybe not, I'm getting old. Anyway, our neighborhood is not bad, I remember searching/reading the stats on crime before we bought into the area. Over the years I've heard of issues of the day workers/unemployed at Home Depot using the bushes/fences to relief themselves and some neighbors have signs in their yards saying not to pick or steal the fruit. At the end of our street there is a very small park for toddlers and I have NOT seen any evidence of it being misused over the years. But the city of Sunnyvale has a maintenance crew that comes by once in awhile, now that I think of it.

I probably drive by the day workers/Home Depot every week and contributed indirectly to the day workers income when I had a sewer line replaced. At this time I believe it's a positive thing but also believe that someone has done their job somewhere in the past. Probably the boys in blue and the City of Sunnyvale, but maybe after issues were raised.

With regards to the homeless, the politicians do not seem to be doing their job. Or part of it! The letter I received with regards to the new temporary shelter is so vague you could drive a truck through it. It creates more questions than answers. I go through the mail every week, did I miss something? I thought politicians were supposed to have a "Vision", and answers to get there. Where in the world is homelessness not a issue? And why? My daughter studying in Copenhagen could tell you. And why!

What is Santa Clara's County long term plan for the homeless? Does the county have one? Does the state of California have one?

Maybe this issue should go on the national news. Silicon Valley has a poop problem! Here's my headline: A small toddler's park in the City of Sunnyvale is being used as a toilet by the homeless, because the County of Santa Clara placed a homeless shelter there. How about this one? Property values in Silicon Valley are being crapped on!

Where's all the money going from our property taxes? Who gets what and how much? Can you be specific? If the homeless shelter is put up next Victory Village, will you, can you, give, recommend, a 50% reduction in property taxes for the home owners? Instead, put up a nice brake area for the police, women and men in blue. Who wouldn't want to see that.

What about Levi's Stadium? Didn't some of our tax dollars go there? They must have a very big parking lot and it's probably empty in the off season. Bring in some trailers and toilets.

Who is responsible for this homeless issue? I'll put a \$100 in the hat, with restrictions. Let's all put some money in the hat, add it to all the property tax bills. The Fed, state, county, city, business, and public, all need to pitch in. Did I forget anybody? Donald Trump may have a solution. Ask him. Can we pass the bill to the homeless?!!

Most of us would not be here if wasn't for the businesses that are here. I'm glad to be here, so thank you to Yahoo!, to the local plumber, and everyone in between.

But if I lived on California Ave, I would feel very sick, and have some serious doubts about who is running this show and what planet they came from.

Thank You,

Jim

Sunnyvale

From: Sara <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, Aug 17, 2015 at 1:56 PM

Subject: Opposing the Construction of the Temporary Winter Shelter Facility at Fair Oaks and California Avenues in Sunnyvale

To: [REDACTED]

Hello,

My name is Sara Espinoza. My husband, Frederic Salles, and I live very close to the address of the proposed temporary shelter at Fair Oaks and California Avenues.

We firmly opposed the construction of the proposed shelter because of the following reasons:

1. The 100 homeless people who must leave the shelter will most likely end up wondering the nearby neighborhoods including Murphy Park leaving trash (cigarettes, joints, drugs), taking naps, using the park restroom as a shower facility. This used to happen before when the homeless used to leave the previous shelter facility on Fair Oaks. Murphy Park was disgusting and I prevented my kids from going there to enjoy the playground facility.
2. We are still concerned about some drug dealing issues and homeless sleeping on the back of the Murphy Park's multifunctional building close to the fire pit. The neighbors at Jackson and Bayview have been reporting suspicious activities to the police. We believe that having homeless wondering the park may increase the drug dealing issue.
3. The city should look into a facility that is industrial and far from parks, residential areas and areas with children. Please take a look at areas close to 101 or El Camino Real.

Sincerely,

Sara Espinoza
Frederic Salles

From: **Sean Delaney** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Mon, Aug 17, 2015 at 5:48 PM
Subject: Proposed Temporary Winter Shelter Facility
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Armelle Delaney
<[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Dear Teri Provence,

Unfortunately due to work commitments I will not be able to attend the meeting regarding the CWSP tonight, but I would like to take this opportunity to express my concerns about the proposed location at Fair Oaks and California.

Firstly I do have sympathy for those that are homeless in our community and in general do support such programs.

As a residence of Victory Village and also with our home next to the Victory Village Park I do have major concerns about the proposed location of the CWSP facility, especially as the program does require the program individuals to vacate the facility every morning.

Its quite logical that these people will congregate within Victory Village and of course Victory Village Park. As a direct neighbor of this park we have had issues in the past with homeless individuals living in the park, but even more distressing using the park as restroom. A few years ago a particular individual had chosen to take residence in the park and urinate and defecate at the fence line, right next to our bedroom door. Not only is odor offensive, this is an extremely bad hygiene issue. We did approach this individual and request that he did not urinate and defecate in the park, he refused and required police action to remove the individual. This is already an issue in our immediate area with the Day Workers around the Home Depot on Kifer Road urinating on the pavement near the Fair Oaks overpass and also on the Caltrain Pedestrian overpass.

I fear that with an additional 100 individuals from the CWSP in the neighborhood that this hygiene issue will exasperate creating serious issues effecting the quality and value of the Victory Village neighborhood.

I strongly believe that you should re-consider the location for the CWSP, and consider an area that will be more suitable for the program participants.

Please feel free to contact me via email or the phone number below.

With kind regards,

Sean Delaney
[REDACTED]
Sunnyvale CA 94086
[REDACTED]

From: **Matt Terry** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, Aug 18, 2015 at 12:08 AM

Subject: Cold Weather Shelter Proposal

To: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Dear Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and Sunnyvale City Council,

Tonight, I attended the first of 3 official meetings regarding the cold weather shelter proposal, to be placed at the corner of E. California Ave. and N. Fair Oaks Ave. As we were informed tonight, the 5 members of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors will be those to vote on this proposal in the coming months.

Sadly, only one of you was found at tonight's meeting, and I thank Supervisor Simitian for attending. You are the group, who in a few months, will make a decision that will greatly impact the lives of hundreds of residents of Victory Village and nearby areas, yet only one of you could take the time to look us face to face and hear our concerns. That in itself was sorely disappointing.

I was hoping to get some answers to our concerns at tonight's meeting. Instead, it turned out to be purely informational. Many questions were asked in the open forum afterwards, but very few of those questions were answered. They were taken as comments, as if we were speaking into a void.

I live next door to the resident who was crying as she described the smell of human feces coming through her windows in the morning, emanating from Victory Village Park, which is right next to her home. No resident should have to deal with that, yet that is what we are currently facing.

The proposal stated that there will be a total of two employees watching shelter clients as they enter and leave the shelter. It was said that they would ensure that clients do not wander into the nearby neighborhood. How exactly will they ensure this? It sounds like they'll be more like crossing guards, making sure that clients don't get hit by the hundreds of cars entering Central Expressway at high rates of speed in the morning. Beyond helping them get across the street, how far will they be watched to ensure that they don't start walking down residential streets, watching children as they wait for the school bus, or watching residents as they leave for work?

Next to the on-ramp of a highly trafficked, high speed street where there are regularly accidents, directly across the street from homes, next to a bus stop where children wait every morning, 750 feet from a park where children play - that's really the best and lowest impact site that the county could find? Surely we can do better. There were alternatives mentioned tonight and by the response to them, it seemed that they had not been investigated. I sincerely hope that notes were taken and they will be looked into.

I urge you to vote 'No' on this proposal. While there may be little time left to find alternatives, the proposed location is a poor choice. I am concerned both for safety of the clients staying there and for the safety of the residents - an expressway entrance is not the place to add another 100 people. Accidents happen there regularly, and by increasing the density of people there, it's only a matter of time before pedestrians are involved. Only 7 months ago my wife was a victim, hit by a car in Sunnyvale, and she's still recovering from a fractured clavicle sustained in that accident.

With all of that said, I am prepared to accept that this may be an inevitability. With little time left and pressed to make a decision, the board may have no choice but to vote yes, with or without the support of the Sunnyvale City Council (and judging by tonight's meeting, without the support of residents). Clearly, this is a net negative to the residents of Victory Village and nearby, and it will have a profound effect on our lives and bear significant cost to both the city and the neighborhood. If this is approved, what can the County of Santa Clara and the City of Sunnyvale do to help offset this net negative and actually improve our community?

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,
Matthew Terry
[REDACTED], Sunnyvale

From: Karen Tanaka <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tue, Aug 18, 2015 at 1:00 AM
Subject: Proposed Temporary Winter Shelter
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Council Members,

I attended the Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing **Proposed** Temporary Winter Shelter Facility at Fair Oaks and California Avenues in Sunnyvale meeting on Monday, August 17th at 7PM. I'm feeling many different emotions as I compose this email. I feel foolish because I should have know about this proposed temporary winter shelter sooner. I feel anger and strongly believe my city council members have let me and their other constituents down, and I feel energized.

This meeting was a farce as the county representatives didn't meet to propose this site, but came to answer questions as if this site had already been decided for the shelter. Locating a homeless shelter in a highly residential area and along a busy road like Fair Oaks should be unthinkable. Doing this in the seemingly underhanded way it's been done should be considered criminal.

Homeowners in my neighborhood have worked hard to improve the appearance of their homes and increase the value of their property. We've chosen to make our home, raise children and pay taxes here in Sunnyvale and we deserve more consideration than the County of Santa Clara and City of Sunnyvale has shown in this matter.

It's my understanding there's a County of Santa Clara meeting on Tuesday, August 25th at 9AM and a Sunnyvale City Council meeting on the same day at 7PM. I've been told county supervisors can still stop this shelter project if there's a 3-2 vote against this site at the 9AM meeting. It was hinted by county representatives that this may not be just a temporary site for 2015. My concern is that once the site is established it will be with us for years and that should be as unacceptable to you as it is to me. What action can you take to ensure this shelter never breaks ground? My neighbors mentioned several other viable sites in non-residential areas of Sunnyvale during the evening meeting.

Regards,
Daniel O'Brien

From: **Inga Lysaya** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tue, Aug 18, 2015 at 3:16 PM
Subject: Sunnyvale Winter Homeless Shelter Sites
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Mr. Dolci,

During the community outreach meeting yesterday, I requested to see the sites that were considered for winter shelter and for the reasons why they were rejected. This was a question number 1 on your list of questions asked during our community meeting on the 13th of August.

Please provide me with the list and your comments on why these locations were rejected, as you promised, so that I can share this information with my neighbors.

As you know, my neighbors and I are vigorously opposed to placing the shelter in the proposed locations and we voiced a lot of valid concerns that were not addressed during the meeting even though we asked for information in advance of that meeting.

Sincerely,
Inga Lysaya
Resident of Victory Village

Thank you for your email. However, as you know, our neighborhood's most pressing concern is that the site is inappropriate for the Band-Aid solution that you are proposing. At every event we request a list of other sites considered for the winter homeless shelter, we receive different information and an "I'll give it to you later" response. At the county outreach meeting you told me you have the sites right there in front of you, but will give it to me later. The meeting of the Board of Supervisors is on Tuesday Morning Next Week. Please provide me with the list of other sites considered and reasons for rejecting those sites, so that we can understand how a piece of land which is best suited for widening an onramp to Central with the increasing population of Sunnyvale and which was rejected for the purpose of a Park and a Dog Park, for reasons of safety concerns, is now deemed appropriate for a homeless shelter.

On Wednesday, August 19, 2015 9:39 AM, "Dolci, Robert" <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Bob Dolci
Housing and Homeless Concerns Coordinator
Re-Entry Housing Programs Monitor
MHSA Housin Pro ram Manager

Board member of...



From: Inga Lysaya [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 3:17 PM
To: Dolci, Robert; [REDACTED]; Cortese, Dave
Subject: Sunnyvale Winter Homeless Shelter Sites

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Inga Lysaya
Resident of Victor Village

[REDACTED]

From: David & Yan Newman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, Aug 19, 2015 at 1:17 PM

Subject: OPPOSE: temp homeless shelter in Victory Village at the corner of E. California Ave and Fair Oaks Ave in Sunnyvale.

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

The Country of Santa Clara is proposing to put a temp homeless shelter in Victory Village at the corner of E. California Ave and Fair Oaks Ave in Sunnyvale.

We strongly oppose this proposal. We live in the Victory Village since 2000 and have two school-ages children. We enjoy living here and would like to continue to do so.

The temporary shelter facility will make my kids not feel safe to be in the neighborhood. That impacts our lives.

The E. California Ave and Central Expressway on-ramp traffic poses a danger to the homeless who will be wandering, as they will be asked to leave each morning. With nowhere to go, no close proximity to food or a grocery store, no bathroom, etc. Their option will be our Victory Village neighborhood.

Please DO NOT put a temp homeless shelter in Victory Village at the corner of E. California Ave and Fair Oaks Ave in Sunnyvale.

THANK YOU!

From: **Shari Fisher** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Wed, Aug 19, 2015 at 1:42 PM
Subject: Homeless shelter
To: [REDACTED]

Many homeless are on the street because of substance abuse, mental illness, or both. This is a FACT that the City of Sunnyvale and the County of Santa Clara choose to ignore when placing a 100+ bed homeless shelter next to a small, historic neighborhood. Other FACTS that they chose to ignore –

1. The proposed shelter is next to the most dangerous on ramp to Central Expressway.
2. The proposed shelter is on one of the most busiest commuter streets in Sunnyvale, Fair Oaks Avenue
3. The proposed shelter is across the street from a day care.
4. The chronically homeless don't just bring the threat of crime and violence, they also bring diseases, vermin, bugs and health issues to an area. It's sad, it's not right, but it's reality. Many of the homeless have TB, Hepatitis C and AIDS. Many are mentally ill, are sex offenders and have criminal records. That's reality.
5. The Victory Village Community was not informed of the proposed shelter until it was too late to protest. There is NO community support for this and the City and County knew there would be no support that is why they hid their plans from the neighborhood.

There are other places to put a homeless shelter if the County had competent staff and not use deceit and backdoor agreements to force this abomination on the Victory Village neighborhood. The homeless are NOT welcomed. The County and the City have not offered ANY support for the neighborhood to deal with this situation. NO extra security. NO clear mandate that it will move the proposed shelter out of the neighborhood next spring. NO funds for signage and fencing to keep the homeless OUT of the neighborhood. NO clear message on who is responsible if someone gets hurt or dies. NO plan to clean up the urine and feces from the homeless once they are let out the shelter. What is the solution? The Victory Village Community will continue to fight to keep the proposed shelter out of their neighborhood. We will also be vigilant when the homeless start wandering out streets and if necessary do what we need to do to protect our homes and our children. And that is another FACT.

Shari Fisher

[REDACTED]
Sunnyvale, CA
[REDACTED]

From: **Shari Fisher** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, Aug 19, 2015 at 2:09 PM

Subject: RE: Homeless shelter

To: Heidi Kirk <[REDACTED]>

Cc: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Heidi –

I was at the meeting and it was basically the County and the City telling the residents of Victory Village that it is a DONE deal and we have no choice and no support from either the County or the City. The County project manager did an extremely POOR job of recommending the location. Someone will get hurt or injured or killed. It will be very interesting to see the County and City response.

Shari

From: Heidi Kirk [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 1:57 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Homeless shelter

[REDACTED]

Ms. Fisher:

Thank you for your email to the Council AnswerPoint regarding Santa Clara County's temporary cold weather shelter proposal. I am forwarding your email to Council, copying key City staff for their review as well.

As the County is lead on this project, City staff is consolidating the input to submit to the County. This is to let you know that the County has the ability to install the proposed facility on this site and does not require City approval of a planning or zoning application; the City has provided information about the areas that it is responsible to review (e.g., ministerial permits, etc.) and we are sharing with them neighborhood information to allow for increased community engagement. The County's project manager, Teri Provence, may be reached at [REDACTED]. You may also wish to contact your County Supervisor, Dave Cortese, at [REDACTED].

As you may know, the County held an outreach meeting on this proposal on August 17 at the Braly Park Community Room. The County will also be presenting this project to the City Council on August 25 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at City Hall. Please also check the County's website at: <https://www.sccgov.org> to follow when or if this item is to be discussed by the Board of Supervisors.

If you have additional questions about this proposal, please contact the County's project manager, Teri Provence, [REDACTED], or the City's Housing Division, [REDACTED].

Ms. Heidi Kirk
Executive Assistant
Office of the Mayor and City Council
City of Sunnyvale
456 West Olive Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94088, USA
[REDACTED]

From: Kathi Brager <[REDACTED]>
Date: Wed, Aug 19, 2015 at 3:12 PM
Subject: Homeless shelter on Fair Oaks and California
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

City Council Members,

My name is Kathi Brager and my husband and I bought a home in North Sunnyvale 40 years ago that we still live in. It is close to Murphy Park, so I have a strong interest in the homeless shelter you and the County are planning to place at Fair Oaks and California Avenues. I have also worked as a teacher in the Sunnyvale Schools for 25 years, on both sides of town. so I know that there is a huge difference in how the City takes care of, and regards, the North vs. the South sides of the city. There is a dirty, smelly, disgusting looking homeless encampment right now at Fair Oaks park that the city and the police department have allowed for the last year. If this encampment had begun at Las Palmas Park, would it still be there? Of course not. I have considered offering each of the homeless people there a \$50 bill to move over there, and I will hire a moving van to move their belongings. I might still do that.

I am going to try to respect you in this email, despite the lack of respect, that you've shown me and the rest of the surrounding neighborhoods.

I've read that the County also looked at placing the shelter at many sites, one of them being at the Community Center, but after the huge uproar this caused by those neighbors, the idea was discontinued. So why were they given enough notice to make a change, when we just found out about the whole plan for our neighborhood, and that it's going to happen, no matter what we do. I know the Board of Supervisors has to approve it, but since it is the County's only option, and they are ready to build, the minute the plan is approved, it will happen. So, even though I know my protest is an effort in futility, I will continue it, and I am sending out flyers to all homes in the area, encouraging them to do the same thing.

At the one informational meeting that was held at Braly Park the other night, many of the 200 or more people in attendance shared the experiences they've had in the past, having the Armory close for 23 years, and we don't feel it's our turn any longer. These experiences included:

- people urinating and defecating on their property or at parks
- people going thru garbage and recycle cans on their property
- park bathrooms being used for bathing, washing clothes, etc.
- drunk people passed out at parks, near playgrounds used by families and kids
- how property values will decline
- the new Summerhill homes sales have declined since this was announced

One woman explained she was going to be losing her livelihood because she runs a daycare across from the site, and several of her clients will no longer be sending their kids to her when the shelter opens.

One more thing, I am wondering if Google, Apple, Linked In, etc. know of this plan, because their employees are the ones buying home in this area. That is also my plan, to be sure they are informed.

My plan is to attend the next City Council meeting, the Board of Supervisors meetings, and get as many neighbors to do the same. If the shelter is built, I will protest at the site with signs, names of council and Board members to either recall or not re-elect. I will also be calling Sunnyvale Public Safety every time I see a homeless person hanging out at Murphy Park where I take my young grandson to play.

I do not mean to sound threatening, at all. I have never caused a moments problem for anyone, ever, in my life. But I am so dissapointed and upset with how this has happened, and has gotten to this point, I feel the need to do something. You, as a governing body for the citizens of Sunnyvale, who were elected to represent and protect us, have certainly dropped the ball this time.

Sincerely,
Kathi Brager