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Dear Mr. Hurd:

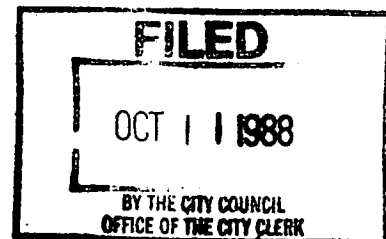
This letter is to ~~confirm~~ that your item regarding the homeless is scheduled to be placed on the Sacramento City Council agenda for the meeting on **October 11, 1988**. The meeting will begin at the hour of 7:30 p.m., and this item will appear on the agenda under the heading of General Communications.

Pursuant to the City Council Rules of Procedure, there is a **five minute time limitation** for you to speak. Also, you are not allowed to use any type of projector equipment during your presentation.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

JANICE BEAMAN
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September 28, 1988

To: Clerk: City of Sacramento.

Re: Addressing City Council: in session.

To whom it may concern:

I Frank Hurd, do humbly request, that I be placed on the Agenda October 4, 1988 - or the next Agenda following October 1, 1988.

For the purpose of addressing the Council, concerning, the " Homeless " issue.

The time needed for said presentation is approximately (8) eight minutes.

Thanking you in advance,


Frank Hurd

Coordinator

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Drunks? at election time they were "The Homeless"?

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Sacramento agency urges crackdown on public drunks

By Ilana DeBare
Bee Staff Writer

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In an effort to rid downtown of public drunks and panhandlers, Sacramento redevelopment officials are proposing a major overhaul of how the city handles its public inebriates.

Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency officials Monday called for tougher treatment of public inebriates, such as mandatory 72-hour detention for violent or

"anti-social" drunks — including those caught begging.

The plan also calls for moving Sacramento's detoxification facility from its present site on Front Street to the North 12th Street area, as a step toward creating a central service area for inebriates and the homeless.

"We want to reinstate an element of 'wrongness' to being a public inebriate," SHRA Community Development Director John Molloy said. "We want to put the message back on the street that there is no carte

blanche to be a public inebriate in Sacramento."

The draft report outlines several different options for inebriate services, ranging from continuation of the Front Street program to opening a new center in a rural part of the county.

The various options could cost the city and county as much as \$2 million or \$3 million for land and construction of a new facility, plus an additional \$500,000 yearly for transportation and operating costs, the report said.

SHRA's preferred option is likely to generate controversy — both over site location for a new facility and over the civil-rights issues involved in the 72-hour lock-up idea.

"The hardest part will be the creation of that holding facility," said Leo McFarland, president of Volunteers of America, which operates the Front Street center. "We haven't looked at the (inebriate) problem in that way for so many years."

The redevelopment agency began looking at the question of public inebriates partly in

response to ongoing complaints from downtown merchants, Molloy said.

The agency also was told by the City Council to look into moving the current detoxification center from Front Street, to allow development of the nearby Docks area and Miller Park.

"One of the problems in Sacramento is there is no Skid Row," Molloy said. "We put all of Skid Row through redevelopment (20 years ago). There is no natural place for this

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population to gravitate to. Moving the detox facility to North 12th Street would place it near other service programs such as the Loaves and Fishes meal site and the Union Gospel Mission shelter. It would eliminate the necessity of a daily cross-town trek for many of the inebriates, officials said.

"We want to concentrate the services in there — jobs programs, welfare outreach, alcoholism counseling — so that people would have no reason to wander around," Molloy said.

McFarland called it "a better opportunity to coordinate services." The 72-hour mandatory detention program would be part of a two-track approach to handling the inebriates, officials said. The city and county would continue to fund a 60-bed to 100-bed voluntary shelter for non-violent drunks, similar to the present Front Street center. They would also add expanded programming for those clients interested in alcoholism treatment.

In an adjacent building, they would provide 30 to 50 beds for 72-hour detention of inebriates arrested for violent or anti-social behavior — such as fighting, defecating in public, or possibly even panhandling.

The redevelopment report advocates the criminalization of panhandling, a possibility that is currently being studied by city attorneys, Molloy said.

"Right now, (begging) has to become an assault to get the attention of the police," he said. "We're talking about a panhandling ordinance that will flat-out make panhandling illegal."

The report also advocates tougher measures against downtown liquor stores that sell fortified wines — the kind of wine with artificially high alcohol levels that is preferred by many public inebriates.

It also urged police to step up their enforcement of the laws against public drunkenness. "The downtown area must simply not be a 'comfortable' place for the public inebriate to seek support," the report said.

Cross? What Cross Hypocrisy!

A cross of twigs for Rudin

By Gretchen Kell
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Bee Staff Writers

10.5.88

A small cross of twigs that, in part, symbolizes the suffering of farm workers who harvest table grapes was passed Tuesday to Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin, who pledged to fast for 24 hours Sunday in support of the laborers' fight to stop pesticide use.

"For a number of years, I've been sympathetic not only with the farm workers' cause, but with pesticides in our environment in general," said Rudin at a press conference outside of City Hall. "This is a symbolic gesture to remind people that this is still a very serious problem, and we must all do something to work against it."

Supporters of United Farm Workers leader Cesar Chavez, who carried out a 36-day fast this summer over pesticide use, have called for a boycott of all table grapes because of the use of pesticides they say are toxic to workers and consumers.

Rudin joined a growing national chain of political figures and Hollywood actors who have taken turns wearing the cross, which hangs from a ribbon, and fasting for the cause. She received the cross Tuesday from actor Max Gail, star of TV's "Barney Miller" show.

"Why boycott grapes? Don't we use pesticide on a lot of other things?" Gail asked at the rally. "Yes, pesticides are used on everything we grow, but more pesticides are used on grapes than on other product . . . I urge all people to support the grape boycott as a way of expressing concern on a way to get healthy foods on our table."

Rudin didn't personally advocate a table grape boycott Tuesday, but advised the public to "be careful, and use your judgment (as to) whether you are exposing yourself and your family to health risks from pesticides."

The state's pesticide enforcement chief has said the fast's backers are unnecessarily alarming the public by focusing on chemicals that are used relatively infrequently. The table grape industry, also critical of the fast and boycott, has launched a campaign to counter the protest.

City Councilman Joe Serna, a former farm worker, said he will also fast on Sunday. His mother still suffers from toxic poisoning, he said, and has burns on her left arm from sulfur, which is sprayed on grape fields in winter to fight mildew.

"The issue is more than consumer safety on grapes," he said. "We're talking about workers' safety — the most powerful element in California society dealing with the most powerless element, the farm workers."

Rudin said she hopes many Sacramento residents will join the fast. "In a way," she said, "I feel I'm doing penance for the lack of oversight many of us with a moral responsibility have shown. I'll be fasting all Sunday, as long as I can hold out, and I encourage others to do the same."