

2:00 PM City Council

Meeting Time: 04-29-25 14:00

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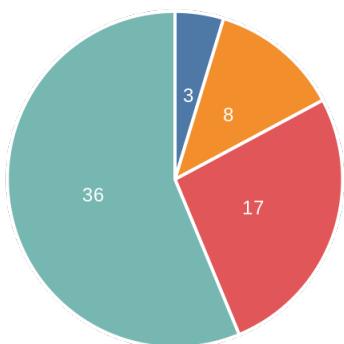
Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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Sentiments for All Meetings

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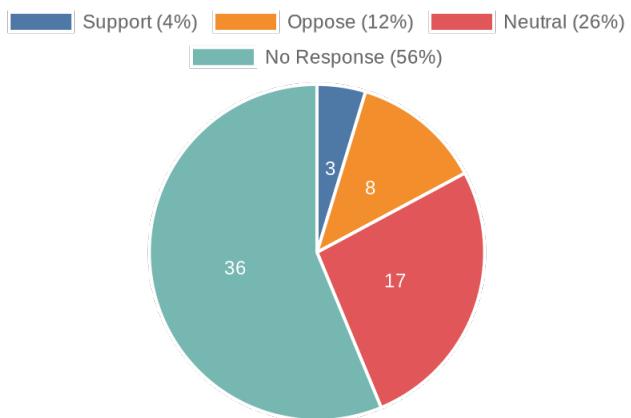
Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
1. Time Extension to Complete Condition of the Vacation for Resolution 2023-0171, Vacation of Public Roadway Easement, Altos Avenue, Proceeding No. VAC23-0001 File ID: 2025-00825	1	0	0	0
2. An Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Sacramento City Code Chapter 2.13, Relating to Campaign Contribution Limitations [Passed for Publication 04/22/2025; Published 04/25/2025] File ID: 2025-00841	1	0	0	0
3. Supplemental Agreement: City Landfill Engineering Services File ID: 2025-00846	1	0	0	0
4. Agreement: SAFE Credit Union Convention Center Elevator Modernization Services File ID: 2025-00585	1	0	0	0
5. Power Inn Road Maintenance District - Initiate Annual Proceedings for Fiscal Year 2025/26 File ID: 2025-00745	1	0	0	0
6. Village Garden Landscape Maintenance District - Initiate Annual Proceedings for Fiscal Year 2025/26 File ID: 2025-00792	1	0	0	0
7. Department of Community Response: Roseville Road Campus Operations Agreement [Published for 10-Day Review 04/17/2025] File ID: 2025-00662	1	0	0	0
8. Agreements: Emergency Bridge Housing Shelter, Meadowview Navigation Center, and the X Street Navigation Center [Published for 10-day Review on 04/17/2025] File ID: 2025-00842	2	0	0	0
9. City Signature Authority: Administering Agency - State Agreements for Federal and State Funded Projects File ID: 2025-00811	1	0	0	0
10. Contract Award and Budgetary Adjustments: Auburn Boulevard at Arcade Creek Bridge Replacement Project (T15145300) [Published for 10-Day Review on 04/17/2025] File ID: 2025-00779	1	0	0	0
11. Increase Not to Exceed amount for Water Forum's Procurement Contract Agreement for Professional Services and Reset Authority for Request for Qualifications On-Call Consultant Services Category File ID: 2025-00856	1	0	0	0
12. Vacation of the Public Road Easement at 1016 Carmelita Avenue, Proceeding No. VAC24-0003 File ID: 2025-00826	1	0	0	0
13. Entertainment Fees Amendment [Published 04/18/2025] File ID: 2025-00923	1	0	0	0
14. UC Davis California Hospital Tower Heliport (M25-007) File ID: 2025-00902	2	0	0	0
15. Confirmation of Board and Commission Appointments File ID: 2025-00952	1	0	0	0
16. Agreement: Regional Water Authority Program Agreement File ID: 2025-00744	1	0	0	0
17. Neighborhood Lighting District No. 96-07- Initiate Annual Proceedings for Fiscal Year 2025/26 File ID: 2025-00746	1	0	0	0
18. City Code Chapter 3.124 Maintenance Assessment Districts - Fiscal Year 2025/26 Annual Proceedings File ID: 2025-00795	1	0	0	0
19. Contract: Lavender Heights Water Main Replacement Project File ID: 2025-00853	1	0	0	0

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20. Re-Certification of the Updated Sewer System Management Plan File ID: 2025-00882	1	0	0	0
21. Agreement: First Amendment of Administrative Services Agreement #2024-0876 with Housing Authority of the City of Sacramento for Property Management Services File ID: 2025-00896	1	0	0	0
22. Subaward Agreement: Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, Fiscal Year 2023 Sacramento Urban Area Security Initiative - Central California Intelligence Center (CCIC) File ID: 2025-00876	1	0	0	0
23. Supplemental Agreement: Granicus Video Streaming and Agenda Management File ID: 2025-00838	2	0	0	1
24. ParkeBridge East Rezone (P24-024) [Noticed on 4/18/2025; Passed for Publication 4/22/2025; Published 4/18/2025, 4/25/2025] File ID: 2025-01003	1	0	0	0
25. Homelessness Workshop: Approval of Strategies Addressing Homelessness in the City of Sacramento File ID: 2025-00904	26	3	2	14
26. Authorization for Joint Application for State HomeKey+ Program Funding for Rio Linda Senior Housing Project File ID: 2025-00875	2	0	0	1
27. Notification of Parcel Map of Rancho Del Paso (Z22-089/FPM 23-0045) File ID: 2025-00929	1	0	0	0
Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda	8	0	6	1

Sentiments for All Agenda Items

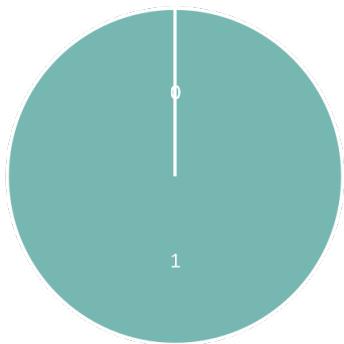
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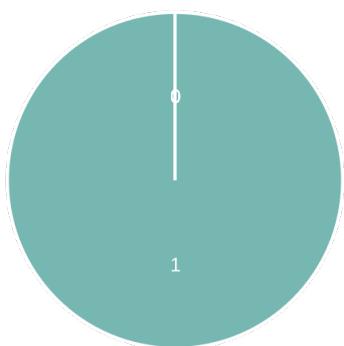
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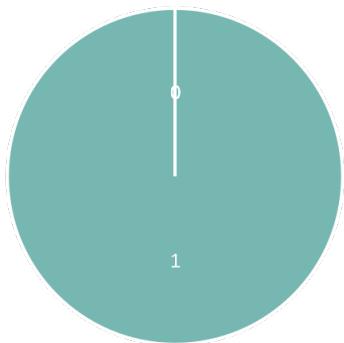
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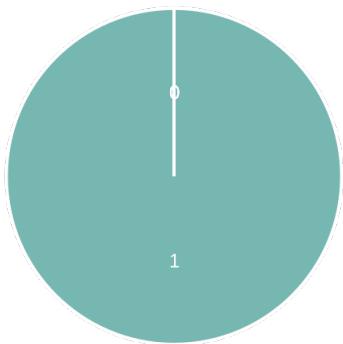
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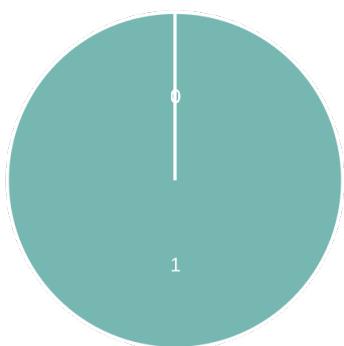
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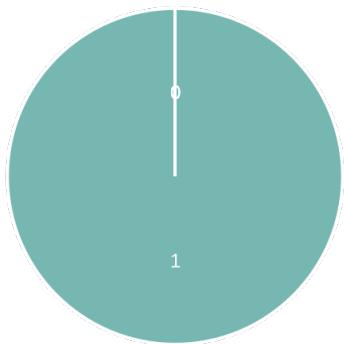
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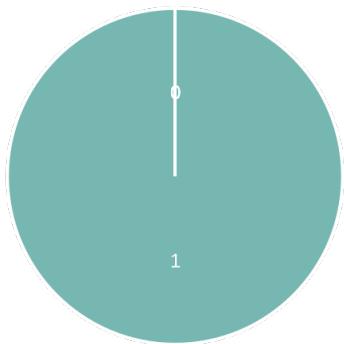
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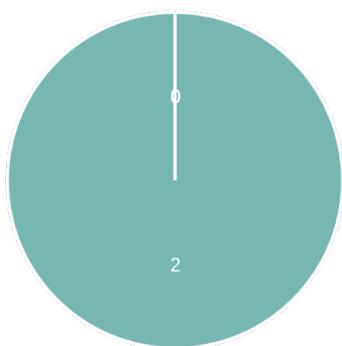
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Sue Supple

Location:

Submitted At: 10:09am 04-29-25

The reality of homelessness is a complicated one. There is no easy fix.
Don't get stuck in the historically fruitless game of tug-of-war with the county.

Take responsibility for your job. Take responsibility for our neighbors. Take responsibility for your constituents. The people on the streets are real and they need our help.

Lead with compassion

Plan with an open mind, keeping in touch with reality.

Act with respect

Mark Rodriguez

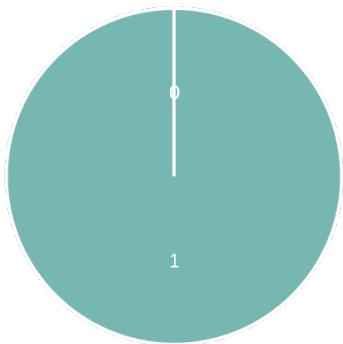
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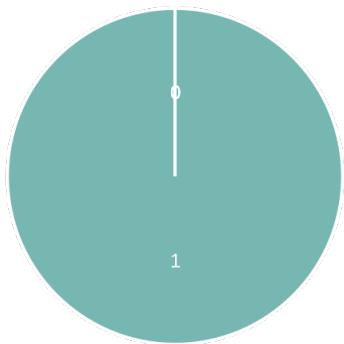
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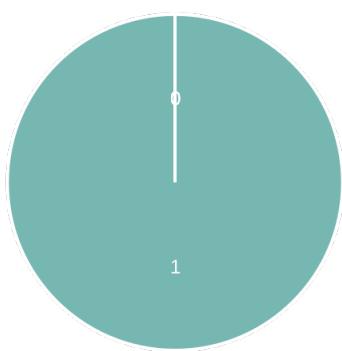
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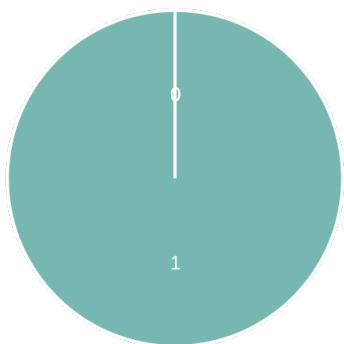
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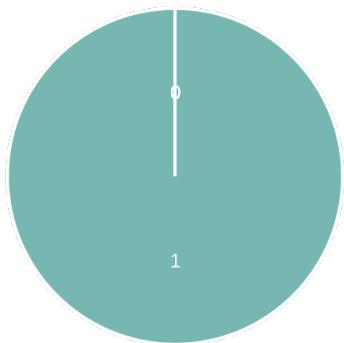
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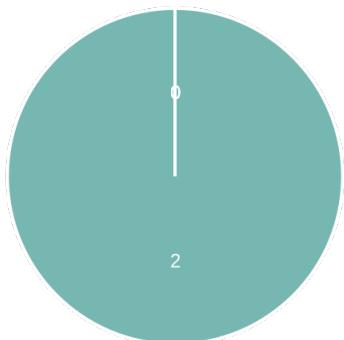
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Rosanna Montesinos

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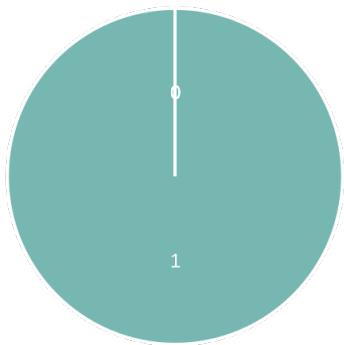
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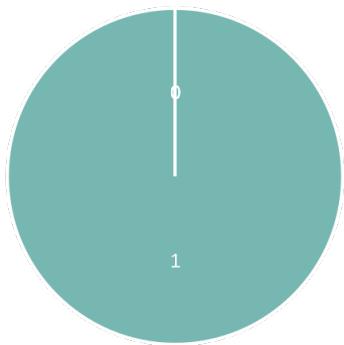
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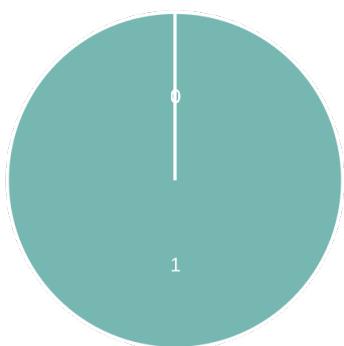
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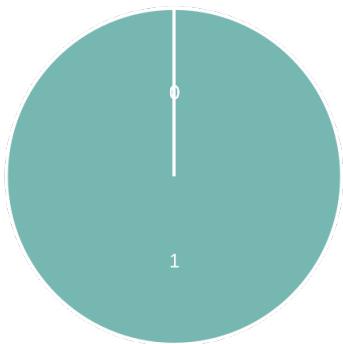
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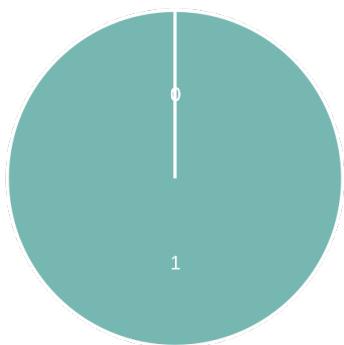
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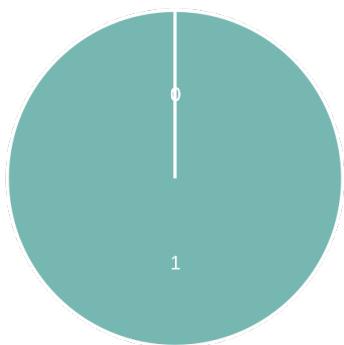
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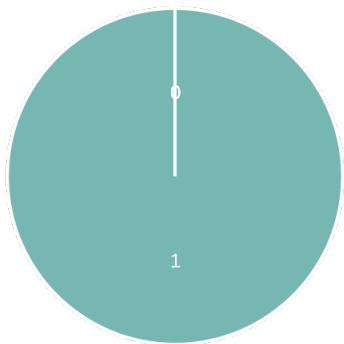
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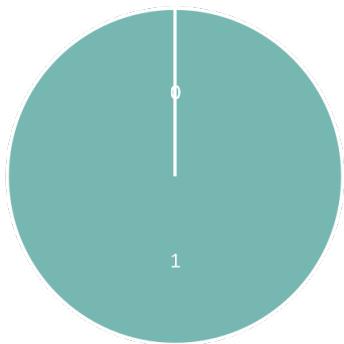
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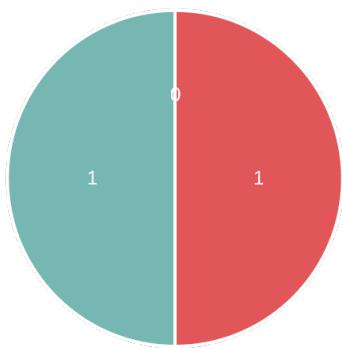
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No Response (50%)



JD Wilson

Location:

Submitted At: 10:10pm 04-28-25

Thank you for taking my Question - Why 720p and not the now standard of 1080p or 4k for the same price?
Behind the times for 2025/26/27.

Mark Rodriguez

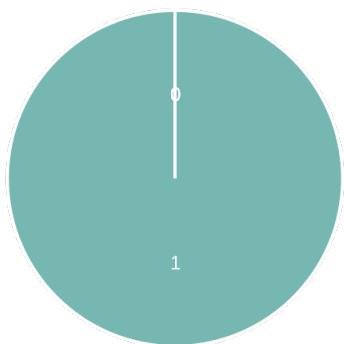
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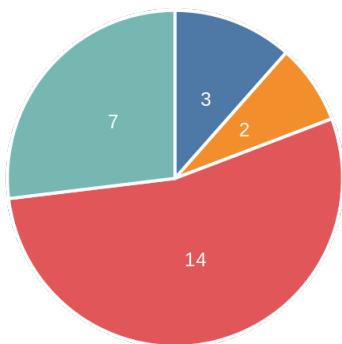
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Overall Sentiment

Support (11%) | Oppose (7%) | Neutral (53%)
No Response (26%)



Dean Dal Ben

Location: 95823, Sacramento
Submitted At: 4:34pm 04-29-25

There is no right to housing.

History has shown the failures of low barrier homeless shelters.

The cost of government subsidized very low and low income housing far exceeds the cost of housing paid for by those with moderate incomes. Adding in the costs of support services, maintenance and repairs for very low and low income housing makes the negative financial impact of government subsidies and funding for that housing. Those who work for non-government organizations and builders of homeless shelters and very low and low income housing have financially prospered while never coming close to resolving these housing problems.

When people start setting up their campers and RVs in downtown, midtown, east Sacramento, and Land Park they are quickly forced out. When they do that in other areas of Sacramento, they are tolerated.

Why is there tolerance for fire dangers caused by the homeless?

Why don't people receiving SSI have to pay a share of cost for government provided shelter? After all, the SSI payment is calculated to help pay for housing, food, and other personal expenses. Failure to have to even partially pay for shelter enables the homeless to use their funds for unhealthy and dangerous activities and continue non-constructive behaviors.

Where there is no accountability, there is no solution.

The mayor and city council have failed. Their actions only adds to problems and digs the hole deeper, expanding the suffering.

Barry F. Boyd

Location:
Submitted At: 3:47pm 04-29-25

Per the presentation just given at City of Sacramento City Council's 2pm Council meeting.

Is the \$3 Billion dollars of Supplemental monies needed to build Low-Income Housing (30% AMI) in the City of Sacramento based on the current \$500+K per door (on the market selling price) or, the actual building cost and/or

on the per unhoused persons in all of Sacramento County unhoused cases (via a PRA: 50+K registered unhoused cases are on medical, and 29+K unhoused cases registered are on the Supplemental Environmental Assistance Program SNAP/EBT; cases could be multiple individuals, meaning there are well beyond 50+K unhoused individuals in Sacramento County)?

Barry F. Boyd
Board Member - Sacramento Environmental Justice Coalition Organization (Sac-EJC.org)

Nancy Kitz

Location:
Submitted At: 2:49pm 04-29-25

Why isn't the presentation presented by Mr. Pedro available in the document you are looking at: Item 25 2025-00904 Homelessness Workshop: Approval of Strategies Addressing Homelessness in the City of Sacramento.

Genevieve Kolar

Location:
Submitted At: 2:15pm 04-29-25

Hi there, I am part of the invisible, huge network of working class Sacramentans who try our best to step in and help our unhoused neighbors where the city fails and instead further traumatizes them. Like so many people, I have gone through "invisible homelessness," couch surfed, and been subject to no-cause eviction without money on hand for a security deposit. It is all too easy to end up unhoused and the current way our city and county have "addressed" and defined this issue has been focused on city optics, not helping human beings. The constant policing, displacement and sweeps of our unhoused friends and family has led to even greater need for support. The lack of empathy including from members of this council, who are so quick to "other" their own constituents, is disturbing. People need stability, emotionally and physically, to get back on their feet. We can all empathize for our own need to grieve, heal and rebuild after trauma in our own lives -- it's alarming that this is not extended to the issue of homelessness. A focus has been placed on policing, with a tipline put in place, and constant sweeps creating fear, anxiety, alienation, and a threat of violence amongst our unhoused residents.

What is needed is compassion, support, and meeting people where they are.

Paying for supportive housing is not feasible as a first line of help for people living on the street. Many people do try to stay in hotels to not be outside, and this is not a sustainable option - public support should be free to meet people where they are. Constantly worrying about where money will come from to pay for hotels, takes away the time and energy needed to heal and improve one's situation.

Only 13% of county demand for housing services is currently met. Any unhoused individual, or community nonprofit can identify for you exactly where gaps exist and can be filled with city funding and support. I have witnessed first hand the struggle to receive services through existing means. Everyone calls 311 but there is a long, long waitlist for supportive or discounted housing from the county. I have witnessed the victim blaming that is used to justify ignoring the people who are sleeping on the street, who are often veterans, people who became unhoused while escaping abuse, elderly people, and people with disabilities, illnesses and injuries. Lots of money is allocated towards policing encampments, and hundreds of thousands is awarded in private contracts to sweep encampments and steal people's few belongings, while that money is much better spent providing services that reflect a sense of community and care, not creating further alienation. While places like Camp Resolution existed as a community-initiated, safe location for people to get back on their feet, instead of providing resources to contribute to affective means of alleviating the suffering of the unhoused, the city shut the camp down, dispersing nearly a hundred people into the summer heat with no shelter, water, or resources for most residents. Our funds and time are much better invested into community-centered resources, support systems, and social work to meet people where they are.

Please care for the people of your city, don't dehumanize them and punish them for a situation that is our collective responsibility. _

Kesha Harris

Location:
Submitted At: 1:35pm 04-29-25

Mayor and Council Members- I am a business owner and resident in the River District. As a resident of the River

District, I want to express concern and offer a community-centered perspective on the proposed strategies to address homelessness. In 2024, the River District allocated \$302,000 to private security patrols and \$375,000 to cleaning and maintenance—totaling over \$677,000 focused largely on containment and cleanup.

While safety and cleanliness are important, this approach does little to address the root causes of homelessness or create meaningful pathways to housing, mental health care, or economic opportunity. Imagine if even a portion of these funds were redirected or matched with investments in trauma-informed outreach, mental health services, and restorative community spaces.

We cannot keep investing in temporary band-aids and expect long-term healing. I urge the District to reconsider its priorities and incorporate evidence-based, humane, and equity-driven strategies that treat unhoused individuals with dignity and address systemic issues at their core.

Let's be a district known not for pushing people out, but assisting—with real care, community investment, and collaborative solutions.

Andi Bianchi

Location:

Submitted At: 1:22pm 04-29-25

I'm glad to see homelessness finally agendized for a City Council meeting, after our Mayor spent his campaign promising to agendize this crisis at every single City Council. I truly hope this Council takes this opportunity to decide to do something different than what we have been doing regarding homelessness. I hope you all are brave enough to center the needs of the people who are being continually harmed by City policies regarding housing and homelessness, rather than centering the comfortability of community members who see the unhoused as not-deserving, and less than human.

As is typical of the City when it comes to responding to this ongoing crisis, the City's proposals are vague, they disregard the history and context of our homelessness crisis, they will not move us forward with enough urgency to address the scale of the housing and homelessness crises - and they are not focused on long-term solutions.

The solution to homelessness is housing. If you're trying to figure out what goal to work towards, it's pretty simple. Housing is a human right. Society on the whole - but especially governing bodies - has a moral duty to provide everyone with housing. No one chooses to be born into this world, and the right to exist and live safely in it, should not be only accessible to the few.

How could we possibly fund more housing? Well, we could cut police funding. That's also a pretty straightforward decision. Please understand, which I know you must on some level, that continuing to sweep, punish, and kill unhoused folks - continuing to destroy their property and keep them from being able to access permanent housing, will NEVER solve this problem. I don't know how many times you need to be shown and told this.

Our focus should be on:

- Permanent policy solutions to the housing insecurity crisis
- Ensuring families and individuals stay in their homes
- Alleviating the disastrous health outcomes of the public health crisis of homelessness
- Meeting homeless families and individuals where they are at, to build rapport and connect to relevant, desired resources, NOT for surveillance, displacement, and enforcement

Instead of cutting vital services, the city should create a tax for Sacramento's wealthiest individuals and corporations, they must pay their fair share in resolving homelessness. Please do something useful with your position of power. You all have a chance to make a real difference in our community. Just in case it's not blatantly obvious to you, supporting our unhoused community will support and benefit our entire community. Communities based on extreme inequality and segregation do not benefit anyone in the long run.

- City D3 resident

Heather Fargo

Location:

Submitted At: 1:02pm 04-29-25

Mayor and Council - I urge you to reconsider safe grounds in cooperation with the County. While the best result might be to provide permanent housing, that is not realistic or affordable for the City. Waiting for any kind of housing will take too long. One of the better models may be based on KOA private campgrounds or CA State Parks, with rangers and camp hosts, collective restrooms and dumpsters. Carefully screened campers could be placed in designated campgrounds (women, youth, disabled, etc). It's not perfect but it would avoid the sweeps and provide additional safety for neighborhoods and homeless. Consider providing a safe place to park for those living in cars, but employed. Consider the models that have worked such as the converted hotel in Natomas (D3) for women and children. I also think that exiting mobile homes, regularly for sale for modest amounts, would be less expensive and immediately available. Just check Zillow. Arresting homeless and destroying their belongings is obviously not helping. Thank you.

Bill Motmans

Location:

Submitted At: 11:11am 04-29-25

Those whose campaigns promised to address the homelessness issues destroying our city need to step up. Do a full scale audit on all the city homeless programs, including dollars spent on non profits such as Sacramento Steps Forward, and learn what is working and what isn't. Even small successes can be helpful to build a foundation. Be truthful with constituents as to how big this problem really is.

Zamir Musa

Location:

Submitted At: 11:07am 04-29-25

May it be known for the record:

The 2024 Point in Time Count is not accurate, the decline evidenced in the recent iteration is because of significant under-counting (the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data displaying an "upwards trend" from January 2024 is indicative). Many among the broad community of volunteers that the city historically relies on for outreach and operating the PIT count can no longer trust the process and there has subsequently been significant disengagement as a result in this last cycle. The city has proven time and time again that the work of counting people and identifying locations of encampments is a mechanism of providing data for the city's "enforcement" apparatus of displacement to conduct violent, cyclical sweeps. Disrupting the relationships and consistency established when people can reliably expect to be found in a specific location is a significant force of exacerbation of the problem, and a form of oppression conducted by the city. City-conducted displacement through "sweeps" actively interferes with any attempts toward service providing, establishing stability, and pathways towards permanent, stable housing.

Regarding the substance of this item:

It is deeply disappointing that the city is now considering the direction of "interim housing micro-communities" after the fact of the city's current history and track record of actively dismantling, undermining, and destroying autonomous and self-determined attempts to establish communities and the forms of resilience and safety they provide (such as Camp Resolution, encampments). YES - people need safe places to stay, AND should not be forced out of our communities and into the margins. Infrastructural resources provided by local governments such as regular garbage disposal service, restrooms, water, electricity, internet, heating/cooling, and air purification in the case of wildfire smoke SHOULD be accessible to all.

Regarding the vague nature of the recommendation:

Yes, extremely affordable housing IS a solution that needs to be pursued. HOW does the city plan to do so? The staff report attached to this item states: "Recommendations in this report seek to implement strategies to reduce ongoing operating costs and accelerate the production of low-cost efficient housing that can be stood up quickly". But WHAT are the recommendations and strategies, and why are they not listed? While there is a "description / analysis" issue detail attached to this item, there is no substance - there is no attached presentation of the "new strategies" for public review; this is bad public process, do better. HOW do these strategies suggest to "reduce ongoing operating costs", and does this come at the cost of cutting existing operations and spending - and from which departments and scopes and types of work being conducted by the city? In the absence of any substance for public input or reaction to, I offer the suggestion that:

Any "reduction of ongoing operating costs" should come from the budget currently allotted towards "sweeps",

arbitrary enforcement actions that penalize and criminalize poverty, and the active displacement being conducted by the city (and impeding progress to the goal of establishing safety and helping to get / keep people in housing).

Spencer Applegate

Location:

Submitted At: 9:59am 04-29-25

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

My name is Spencer Applegate. I am a commercial real estate broker with Colliers, a board member of the River District, and I represent multiple ownership groups with properties located in the District, including 455 Bannon Street and 1401 North C Street.

The River District is currently overwhelmed by homelessness. While we recognize this issue has existed for decades and has been accepted as the norm, we can no longer tolerate it. We believe the City is failing our community. Despite the City operating multiple facilities here — including police services — illegal urban camping is rampant, enforcement is inconsistent, and the safety and economic viability of the area continue to deteriorate.

Shelters and service providers in the District often refuse to allow individuals to remain on their own properties, resulting in the displacement of unhoused individuals into adjacent private parcels, such as those I represent. These sites remain vacant — not due to a lack of market interest, but because of persistent concerns over safety and crime.

I propose the following actions for serious consideration:

- Implement a dedicated, full-time police patrol in the River District specifically tasked with enforcing the City's urban camping laws.
- Introduce a service provider assessment or tax tied to the number of individuals served by each organization. Revenue from this assessment would directly fund the dedicated police resources needed to maintain order and protect both private and public properties.

Without new, proactive measures, private investment and revitalization efforts in the River District will remain stalled indefinitely. We are committed to helping grow and improve this area, but urgent, tangible action is needed to restore basic public safety and secure the District's future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Hallee Caron

Location:

Submitted At: 9:57am 04-29-25

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I am constantly sickened and disheartened at the way I see my city treat our unhoused neighbors every single day. It's clear that the city does not have any plans to actually address cost of living and housing issues besides criminalizing and punishing the most vulnerable members of our community who are simply trying to survive. Furthermore, city and county law enforcement have also become more aggressive and confrontational toward community members that are trying desperately to fill the gaps in services by providing food and survival items to our unhoused neighbors. People who just want their basic needs to be able to be met are being harassed, dying, disappearing, and being sent to jail. These are our neighbors. Even people who don't contribute to your campaigns matter. You are still supposed to care about them and represent them.

Today's agenda includes renewed contracts that will cut shelter program staffing across multiple city funded shelters, reportedly because of overall budget shortfalls and a reduction in HHAP funds (state homelessness assistance). However, in August 2023, the City approved UNLIMITED OVERTIME for Sac PD, Code Enforcement and DCR to implement its Homeless Response Protocol, which focuses on enforcement of anti-homeless laws and encampment removal, with the goal of closing 311 calls. So in other words, the City is investing in unlimited

overtime budget for sweeps and harassment while services are being cut. Not only is this an unconscionably heartless way to address the housing crisis, it is absolutely ineffective in terms of addressing the root cause of the problem. Instead of sustaining or increasing the already incredibly bloated Sac PD budget, the city needs to invest in long term solutions that actually address the root causes of this crisis such as ensuring families and individuals stay in their homes in the first place by protecting tenant rights, alleviating the disastrous health outcomes of the public health crisis of homelessness, meeting homeless families and individuals where they are at, to build rapport and connect to relevant, desired resources.

The city's tired old playbook of surveillance, displacement, and enforcement has not done anything to ameliorate the housing crisis. Please stop wasting our city's money on policies that harm our neighbors. I don't want my tax dollars going to sweeps. It's infuriating. Do your job and listen to people with lived experience like the Sacramento Service Not Sweeps Coalition which put forward a comprehensive plan back in 2020 that is unfortunately still very relevant. The blue print is there but I believe it has not been enacted due to a lack of political will and empathy. Do the right thing. Please.

Kristina Rogers

Location:

Submitted At: 9:41am 04-29-25

over 90% of the local homeless issue is DRUGS as presented by Sac Sheriff and their HOT team at a community meeting last week. To truly help non-drug using homeless individuals, you need to be very aggressive and proactive about dealing with illegal drug use, sales and crime related to the drug use. Support Proposition 36, Support law enforcement to do it's job. Partner with Sac Sheriff. Allow diversion treatment to help move addicts into the right areas. Then you will see who's left on the streets and who needs real homeless services. It could save your city budget.

Shannon Dominguez-Stevens

Location:

Submitted At: 8:58am 04-29-25

Mayor, when you platformed with the promise to address issues of homelessness on every council agenda, did you not realize that your term started in December, not April? For decades the City Council has avoided getting into real solutions that will help actual humans in our city by having workshops and closed sessions. You've historically taken the side of punitive action for unhoused residents rather than consider the humanity of those suffering in a high barrier system with very few viable resources. Our unhoused neighbors are worthy of more than vague plans and disconnected leadership. Actual human lives are at stake, now more than ever so I beg you to use a compassionate, human centered lens as you decide on next steps. Further, rather than more meetings where we tell you what you already know, get into the streets & actually help people - consider volunteering to meet and look the people who you're impacting in the eye to share that you just don't have the time, resources, or will to support them.

Evan Ss

Location:

Submitted At: 8:24am 04-29-25

Addressing the homeless situation is complex. But I fail to see why are these city codes NOT being enforced upon "vehicles and vehicle camping outfits" ?

No one from the city council wants to answer this question.

City code 12.52.020 defines "Camp facilities include but are not limited to tents, huts, vehicles, vehicle camping outfits or temporary shelter"

12.53.030 states that it is "unlawful and a public nuisance for any person to camp, occupy camp facilities, or use camp paraphernalia in the following areas:

A. Any public property

Is the status quo of having homeless within 100 feet of your living residences, for years on end without remedy an acceptable policy for District 3 and the city?

I've reported the same camp, hundreds of times, spanning years here in Natomas. Multiple vehicles continue to

remain here unabated for years. 311 reporting is doing nothing to change this. The Hope Collective just makes them feel right at home. When will public safety be taken into account? People are urinating, polluting and trashing up the street, parkway and waterways. The city is literally allowing water quality laws and other environmental laws to be violated by allowing these vehicle camps to remain.

We can't utilize a local Oak Park without having to encounter homeless in the parking lot. Same people are here every day. It's just one big liability waiting to happen. God forbid it doesn't, but a public search request would show that the city failed to kick out people who camp here all day then migrate to the street at night

Code enforcement seemingly can only make them move a few hundred feet, in which they promptly return. They are never given notice to vacate this area and this has continued on for seven years now in the same area. The Grants Pass ruling is not being enforced. Other people I know have reported this as well but I've seen no evidence that these issues are being taken seriously.

Why are city codes 12.52.020 and 12.53.030 NOT being enforced upon "vehicles and vehicle camping outfits" as written?

I'll ask one more time; why are so many exceptions being made for city codes? Why are city codes 12.52.020 and 12.53.030? The city is welcoming blight and crime by failing to enforce its own city codes and ignoring the Grants Pass ruling. WHY IS NO ONE TAKING ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THIS?

Kyla Xiong

Location:

Submitted At: 8:01am 04-29-25

What happened to single room occupancies? What about renovating abandoned buildings? Wouldn't this help with homelessness? And why are there so many barriers to accessing services. We need less barriers because everyone experiences homelessness differently.

JD Wilson

Location:

Submitted At: 12:17am 04-29-25

Thank you for taking my comment.

First, arresting people and/or collecting everything they have in the world and throwing it away like trash is dehumanizing and shameful. Shame on this committee for enacting these policies. Shame on you all. May you live with the anguish you have caused others for all of the days of your life.

Moving on, we have many unoccupied office buildings including the huge federal building downtown just sitting. That building has many offices, plentiful restrooms, including showers. We have many other state and city buildings in the same condition, just sitting, unoccupied with AC running and water flowing.

To help the unhoused we don't have to start with perfect. A room with a carpeted floor, a lock, yoga mat, blankets and a light with a bathroom down the hall, a place to park for free without worrying about condition or registration or insurance and to store their things safely overnight is a start.

Do they deserve better? Absolutely!! We 100% need to do better. If there are no shelter beds available and no hotel vouchers available, it's the least we can possibly do. Again, it's hopefully better than sleeping in their cars or the street waiting to be ticketed, towed, rained on, cold, harassed or worse.

There are many unhoused that get up and go to work every day from their cars, a porch, a floor or a park. They are doing their best and being crushed with no hope in sight. I know several that are working, spending their entire minimal paychecks to feed themselves and gas up their cars to go to work daily with nothing left. They're not getting 40mi/gal like the council, maybe 10-15. They're working to try to save up to drive out of state to their families. Their families can't afford to help them on their journey but have space for them when/if they ever get there.

Have we considered financial assistance to get people where they're trying to be? If their families are available for

them elsewhere, two of the people I know are trying to get to Houston and Kansas City, wouldn't spending \$3000 in gas/motel money to help them get home be better spent than a motel or shelter?

Yes, I recognize the opportunity for tricksters. The only way to measure the success rate is a test run. Start asking shelter/hotel participants if they have family waiting for them outside of Sacramento or California? It's not an attempt to shirk our responsibility to help people. This would be a way to help *some* people in a meaningful way provided we can verify with the family member / friend they are willing to take the person in. People with very little can likely get on a plane for a few hundred dollars, those with a vehicle and all their belongings can receive gas money and those traveling less than 1000mi can get on a grayhound.

Spitballing of course but worth a conversation.

Barbara Ramm

Location:

Submitted At: 7:46pm 04-28-25

Please note I'm all for the City addressing the situations surrounding our unhoused citizens. Per the City document released for this meeting, the City currently has 1,375 beds at a cost of \$34.5 million per year. This equals - \$25,090 per bed. This is a significant number and I know there are organizations which actually get people and families off the street, get them their GEDs, get them jobs, mental health care and help with substance use, daycare and housing, for less than the City is paying for a bed. Organizations like St John's Program for Real Change. Let's expand this concept and just keep replicating it in addition to other solutions. \$25,090 for a bunk bed is too high. And it's likely all the people are getting is an actual bunk bed. Per the 2024 Point in Time Count, homelessness is down dramatically! 28.7% in fact. We are doing something right. But Sweeps are not the answer. Services are the answer. People do not get well in a cell. Less police, less warrants, less sweeps, less extremely expensive and violent policing and more wrap around services for those experiencing homelessness. I know more police will not solve homelessness. Let's come back to the City's vision of being a Sanctuary City, a Blue Zone and a City where everybody thrives.

Take a breath, finish the audit, figure out where we are and bring in all the organizations currently helping the homeless and come up with some solutions. Thank you

Faye Kennedy

Location:

Submitted At: 1:34pm 04-28-25

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Muriel Strand

Location: 95820, Sacramento

Submitted At: 12:34pm 04-28-25

I am unclear on the legality of the council approving measures that are not actually described for public review and input, in particular any dollar estimates of expenses and explanations of the sources of revenue dollars. In specific amounts of accounted dollars.

The Grants Pass Supreme Court decision of April 22, 2024, affirmed the legal right of cities and counties to enforce any and all public camping ordinances, no matter how cruel and unrealistic. Justice Sotomayor noted in her dissent - "nothing in today's decision prevents local governments from declining to criminalize people for sleeping in public."

Doing the same thing and expecting different results is not going to work. Kicking people when they are down will never help anything. We all need to be thinking way outside of the box of doing the same old thing. So how can we make camping on public land work well?

All humans have basic physical needs that must be adequately met in order to be productive members of society. These are: clean air and water, healthy food, cooking, comfy shelter, and plenty of sleep and exercise. As well, without the reasonable confidence that these needs will be met for the medium to long term, the insecurity and stress felt by the poor and homeless will sabotage their re-inclusion in society and employment.

Consider the daunting details of what it's like to be homeless. Being homeless takes a huge proportion of a person's energy to survive. Every day you have to find water & food, in & out. Sleep is a necessity without which people soon develop serious mental illness. Maintaining one's thermal balance so as not to freeze or get heatstroke is also essential. Without this survival foundation, nobody can thrive.

My observations indicate that unsheltered citizens must:

Be prepared for home invasions by cops.

Be prepared to pack up all your stuff in 5 minutes and carry it with you.

Be prepared for the cops to steal valuables like your ID and birth certificate while you are walking around looking for water and food and a restroom.

Be prepared for government employees to make promises of help that they rarely keep.

Be prepared to be bored a lot while you are waiting for realistic and constructive assistance.

Be prepared to be bullied and attacked by sheltered people who are afraid of you or just mean.

Beware of being attacked by some harmful and unsheltered people while you are asleep.

But don't be prepared for the cops to take a crime report about your injuries.

And yes, self-medication and solidarity are ways to buffer all the stress.

Not long before the Covid epidemic, I took California's 2 basic real estate classes at Sacramento City College. One of the instructors told us point-blank that in real estate the 'highest and best use' of any piece of land is defined as whatever makes the most money. This is a recipe for unaffordable housing.

Sacramento city and county leaders have the power and the responsibility to organize legal, safe, practical, stable and affordable living spaces for people with little or no money. One very sensible action would be to restore the city's inclusionary housing measure whereby developers were required to actively build a certain proportion of very very affordable housing as part of any new development or redevelopment, rather than letting them off the hook with a rather pathetic fee for the housing trust fund.

Sacramento sheltered people have the power and the responsibility to learn how to live with all our neighbors. Many people feel nervous or embarrassed by homeless people. Please inform these sheltered Sacramentans that unsheltered people are in much more danger from sheltered people than the reverse. Remind them that crime rates have been declining for decades. Remind sheltered Sacramentans of what most of us can take for granted. Imagine having no roof, no walls, no tap water, no sink, no stove, no toilet, no heater, no fridge, no trash can, no electricity, no laundry... and then try to imagine getting an affordable rental and a job.

Homelessness is a market failure. So market experts like chambers of commerce have the power and the responsibility to make the market work for everyone.

Stealing the tents, cars, and campers of people who are unable to follow the rules is totally wasteful and totally counterproductive. It's a loss of shelter and a loss of public money that just makes everything worse for those who are unable to follow the rules that are meant for people who have money. Two wrongs never make a right. It is a mystery why the business community wants Sacramento city and county to keep wasting money on policies that everyone knows don't work.

Sacramento city and county leaders have the power and the responsibility to audit what they are spending - of our taxes - on trying to make homeless people disappear so businesses and scaredy cats can pretend they don't exist. Living breathing people will not evaporate. It is a mystery why the city and county don't even seem to know what we are spending on sweeps, cops, Forensiclean, ER visits, jail, courts, etc. How much has been accounted for each such line item? Utah pioneered housing first, and they saved \$10k per person per year. Why can't we?

According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, there are 2 main types of homeless people. There are those with mental and/or emotional maladies such as PTSD, often resulting from having too many Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE). As we all know, the closure decades ago of hospitals for the mentally ill has led to many, perhaps most, of these unfortunate people becoming homeless or at best housed in trauma-inducing jails and prisons. It appears to me that a small proportion of this population is truly psychotic, while for the majority, meeting their basic physical needs plus trustworthy TLC from kind and stable humans is the most likely path to healing and stability.

The other type of homeless people are the increasing number of citizens who lack the \$500 to maintain financial stability in the face of a crisis such as a rent spike, cancer, layoff, car crash, or divorce. Rapid re-housing is reported to be the most effective strategy for helping these people bridge these economic gaps and keep the tax-paying jobs they had before they were destabilized. 75%-90% of such households remain housed a year after being rapidly re-housed.

It's reported that the homeless population in Sacramento has recently grown faster than other large cities. We have our work cut out for us. It's reported that 3 times as many people become homeless as find housing. We have our work cut out - in the richest country in the world

Poor people don't have the power to fix the system. That's why there are so many legal ways to rip them off. It's why James Baldwin remarked how 'extremely expensive it is to be poor.'

The 'poverty industry' is the many ways opportunists, public and private, make bank off people who have few other options and little or no meaningful recourse. Payday loans and checking account fees yield over \$61 million/day in fees collected from low-income Americans, plus predatory student loans which Ryann Liebenthal's recent book "Burdened" describes in gory detail. Daniel Hatcher's books are also fact-filled and infuriating: Injustice, Inc., and The Poverty Industry. All are in the Sacramento County Library collection.

In fact, middle-class people enjoy far more in financial benefits, such as the mortgage interest deduction than the much smaller amounts devoted to the shredded 'safety net.' In 2020 the federal government allocated over \$193 billion on homeowner passive subsidies, including second homes. But only \$53 billion was allocated for low-income direct housing assistance. And TANF has a lifetime limit for cash welfare to poor parents of five years, but mortgage interest deductions lasts as long as the mortgage, typically 30 years.

In a democracy voters elect decision-makers. Elected decision-makers depend on campaign contributors. Leaders who apply tough love when it's needed tend not to get re-elected. All citizens have the responsibility to stop bullying the unhoused. Can Sacramento leaders tell citizens these inconvenient truths? Can they understand and make citizens understand that the standard policies of sweeping and theft of homeless people's pitiful possessions have not worked, are making things worse, and will never work ever? Can Sacramentans understand that kicking people when they are down will never help? Can Sacramento do what's right? Together?

Now, climate chaos is waiting in the wings and stepping out into the world. The result will be lots more homeless people and lots more migration. Continuing to sweep homeless people hither and yon just means we will soon be as overwhelmed as the sorceror's apprentice.

More and more engineers & scientists agree that we can't actually replace fossil fuels with PVs, windmills, batteries, nuclear, etc. Trying to maintain the oil-dependent American way of life with Potemkin anti-camping ordinances wastes time and energy. Not thinking outside the box is a recipe for stringent and painful natural selection and evolution. We need a paradigm shift.

Getting real about managing all kinds of shelter and all kinds of people living in Sacramento is a dress rehearsal for the worldwide turbulence ahead. We had better get ready.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Beric Wessely

Location:

Submitted At: 9:15am 04-28-25

Dear Mayor McCarty, Councilmember Pluckebaum, and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of 29th Street Development, a proud real estate developer operating in the City of Sacramento, I am writing to share our perspective regarding the City's efforts to expand temporary shelter programs and pilot new housing solutions. We are thrilled to be part of the revitalization of Sacramento, particularly in the T9 District – a designated Opportunity Zone where we have invested heavily in developing 374 sophisticated apartment homes, with plans to deliver an additional 72 units in the near future. Our goal is to bring much-needed, high-quality housing to a neighborhood full of potential.

However, the persistent and worsening homelessness crisis in the River District has made it extremely challenging for us — and others investing in this area — to succeed. Our ability to rent the units we are supplying has been severely impacted by the visible and ongoing struggles associated with encampments. Daily, our residents and staff encounter serious quality-of-life and safety concerns: individuals sleeping in our breezeways, blocking entrances to homes, and creating environments that feel unsafe. Despite significant expenditures on

security services, our ability to truly address these challenges remains limited under current conditions. Our team is consumed with cleaning up urine, feces, graffiti, trash, and debris — all within a brand-new community we are striving to keep pristine.

Without urgent and effective action, these conditions threaten the success of private investment in neighborhoods like ours. More importantly, they undermine the efforts to build stable, thriving communities for both current and future residents. We support the City's efforts to expand temporary shelter options and pilot interim housing strategies. However, we urge the Council to prioritize and accelerate implementation of meaningful solutions that can reduce unsheltered homelessness, protect businesses and residents, and ensure that those investing in the city can continue to do so successfully. The River District cannot sustain continued growth of encampments while we attempt to revitalize this area.

We respectfully request that the City focus on immediate enforcement of public safety standards alongside longer-term housing strategies, ensuring that neighborhoods like ours can thrive and contribute to Sacramento's future.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to our community.

Sincerely,

Beric J. Wessely
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Patrick Stelmach

Location:
Submitted At: 10:24am 04-27-25

I would like to express my strongest support for rapid housing solution and the city must enforce the laws against daytime camping and sidewalk obstruction. - Patrick Stelmach

Mark Rodriguez

Location:
Submitted At: 3:40pm 04-26-25

Please do not go to Sun Spa, located at 6804 Fruitridge Rd #A
Sacramento, CA, 95820, They will claim that they are too busy for you.

Harris Liu

Location:
Submitted At: 4:14pm 04-25-25

Harris Liu, McDonald's Franchisee 200 Richards Blvd Sacramento CA

I am travelling on the day of this meeting. I do want to express my concern and frustration that the River District is getting worse while other areas of the City (where I operate McDonald's at 2331 Broadway) are improving. I can't help but make a supposition that the mentally disturbed and unhoused are being squeezed into our District. There has also been an uptick in violence this past month. I have 2 cases where SPS Security, which we have hired at significant expense have had to violently interact with individuals. In the 3/23/25 case, Sac PD bribed the individual to leave with food and a ride instead of citing and removing the individual, in effect rewarding terrible behavior.

On 4/21/25, SPS officer, had to physically defend themself from a violent trespasser/vandal and a potential interloper before Sac PD arrived to arrested the trespasser/vandal.

The writeups from SPS are below:

ON [SUNDAY, 3/23/2025] AT APPROXIMATELY [1617], I, OFFICER C. FIGUEROA, BADGE #20, WHILE

WORKING AS A UNIFORMED PATROL OFFICER FOR SACRAMENTO PROTECTIVE SERVICES, ARRIVED AT MCDONALD'S, LOCATED AT 200 RICHARDS BLVD, RESPONDED TO A CALL FOR SERVICE PLACED BY MANAGEMENT, STATING THEY HAD A SUBJECT REFUSING TO DEPART THE BUSINESS. UPON ENTERING THE BUSINESS, I MADE CONTACT WITH BRADDOCK(S-1) (XREF 1964803) , WHO WAS TRESPASSING AND REFUSING TO DEPART.

BRADDOCK(S-1) STATED THAT HE WAS NOT GOING TO LEAVE. I ADVISED HIM THAT IF HE DID NOT DEPART, HE WOULD BE PLACED UNDER ARREST FOR VIOLATING PENAL CODE 602(O). BRADDOCK(S-1) THEN TOLD ME TO ARREST HIM BECAUSE HE WAS NOT GOING TO LEAVE THE PROPERTY. I ADVISED BRADDOCK(S-1) THAT HE WAS UNDER ARREST AND PLACED HIM IN MECHANICAL RESTRAINTS. AS I DID SO, BRADDOCK(S1) ATTEMPTED TO RESIST BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.

I ESCORTED BRADDOCK(S-1) OUTSIDE OF THE BUSINESS AND ALLOWED HIM TO SIT COMFORTABLY. I THEN CHECKED HIS HANDCUFFS FOR FITMENT AND COMFORT AND DOUBLE-LOCKED THEM. I CONTACTED THE SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT. APPROXIMATELY 25 MINUTES LATER, SACRAMENTO POLICE OFFICER ALVARADO (#236) ARRIVED . OFFICER XXXXXX OFFERED TO BUY BRADDOCK (S-1) 2 CHEESEBURGERS AS A BRIBE TO LEAVE THE PROPERTY. BRADDOCK(S-1) AGREED TO DEPART IF OFFICER ALVARADO GAVE HIM A RIDE AS WELL. OFFICER XXXXXXXXX ASKED ME TO REMOVE THE RESTRAINTS, AND COMMANDED BRADDOCK TO SIT ON THE BUMPER OF HIS CAR, WHILE HE WENT INSIDE TO PURCHASE THE BURGERS. OFFICER XXXXXXXX STATED HE WAS GOING TO GIVE A CITATION TO BRADDOCK (S-1). OFFICER XXXXXXXX BROUGHT THE BURGERS OUT TO BRADDOCK (S-1), OPENED THE REAR DOOR OF HIS PATROL VEHICLE AND LET BRADDOCK(S-1) ENTER WITHOUT APPLYING HANDCUFFS. OFFICER XXXXXXX THEN DEPARTED THE PROPERTY WITH BRADDOCK (S-1) WITH OUT GIVING HIM A CITATION. 17:5

ON MONDAY, APRIL 21ST , 2025, AT APPROXIMATELY 1115 HOURS, I, OFFICER C. FIGUEROA, BADGE #20, WHILE WORKING AS A UNIFORMED PATROL OFFICER FOR SACRAMENTO PROTECTIVE SERVICES, ARRIVED AT 200 RICHARDS BLVD AND CONDUCTED A PROPERTY CHECK. I OBSERVED ANTOINE MOSLEY (DOB 08/13/1969 XREF: 5573008) REFERENCED HEREIN AS (S-1), AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN VERBALLY ADMONISHED OVER 15 TIMES BY MYSELF, AS WELL AS BY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND OTHER SACRAMENTO PROTECTIVE SERVICES OFFICERS. MOSLEY (S-1) IS KNOWN TO BE HOSTILE AND VIOLENT, AND HAS BEEN OBSERVED VANDALIZING VEHICLES AFTER BEING DENIED MONEY WHILE PANHANDLING IN THE DRIVE-THRU.

I ENTERED THE BUSINESS AND THEN EXITED THROUGH THE SIDE ENTRANCE WHERE I OBSERVED MOSLEY (S-1) OUTSIDE. UPON SEEING ME, MOSLEY (S-1) IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPTED TO FLEE. I GAVE CHASE, AND WHILE ATTEMPTING TO MAKE THE ARREST, MOSLEY (S-1) STRUCK ME IN THE FACE WITH HIS FIST. THE IMPACT CAUSED BOTH OF US TO LOSE BALANCE AND FALL TO THE GROUND SEPARATELY, RESULTING IN INJURIES TO MY HANDS, ELBOWS, AND KNEES. MOSLEY (S-1) THEN RAN TO THE SIDEWALK, LAUGHING AND STATING THAT HE WOULD "WHOOP MY ASS" IF I EVER TRIED TO TOUCH HIM AGAIN. I NOTICED THAT MOSLEY (S-1) HAD LEFT HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS ON THE PROPERTY. I APPROACHED THE ITEMS, AT WHICH POINT MOSLEY (S-1) RETURNED TO THE PROPERTY, THREATENING TO "BREAK MY FACE" IF I TOUCHED HIS BELONGINGS. I ADVISED HIM TO SPEAK TO ME RESPECTFULLY OR HIS ITEMS WOULD BE DISPOSED OF AS ABANDONED PROPERTY. MOSLEY(S-1) CONTINUED TO ISSUE THREATS, AT WHICH POINT I MADE A SECOND ATTEMPT TO ARREST HIM. HE AGAIN ATTEMPTED TO STRIKE ME, BUT I MAINTAINED CONTROL AND GUIDED MOSLEY (S-1) TO THE GROUND USING A CONTROLLED TAKE-DOWN TO POSITION HIM FOR RESTRAINT.

AS I STRUGGLED TO APPLY MECHANICAL RESTRAINTS, A CROWD BEGAN TO FORM. A BLACK MALE ADULT,LATER IDENTIFIED GILMORE FAHERM (DOB03/19/1991 XREF: 5042417) APPROACHED ME AGGRESSIVELY AND THREATENED TO "REMOVE" ME FROM MOSLEY (S-1). I VERBALLY WARNED THIS INDIVIDUAL TO RETURN TO HIS BUSINESS OR BE TRESPASSED FROM THE PROPERTY. AFTER APPROXIMATELY SEVEN MINUTES, I SUCCESSFULLY APPLIED MECHANICAL RESTRAINTS TO BOTH OF MOSLEY (S-1)'S WRISTS. I CHECKED THE RESTRAINTS FOR PROPER FIT AND COMFORT, ENSURING I

COULD FIT TWO FINGERS UNDER EACH CUFF, THEN DOUBLELOCKED THEM. I ADVISED MOSLEY (S-1) THAT I WAS GOING TO ASSIST HIM INTO A STANDING POSITION, SO WE COULD MOVE OFF THE HOT CONCRETE AND OUT OF THE PARKING LOT. MOSLEY (S-1) ATTEMPTED TO RESSIT, BUT STOOD UP. I WALKED MOSLEY (S-1) TO THE FRONT OF THE BUILING INTO A SHADED AREA AND GAVE HIM THE OPTION OF SITTING ON THE CURB OR AGAINST THE WALL. MOSLEY (S-1) THEN PULLED AWAY IN A ATTEMPT TO RESSIT.

I HELPED GUIDE MOSLEY (S-1) INTO A SEATED POSITION. AT APPROXIMATELY 1131 HOURS, SACRAMENTO PROTECTIVE SERVICES OFFICER HUFNAGEL #125 ARRIVED ON SCENE, ALONG WITH THREE SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS. ONE OFFICER, IDENTIFIED AS OFFICER D. WILLIAMS 352 , REVIEWED MCDONALD'S SURVEILLANCE FOOTAGE AND STATED THAT MOSLEY (S-1) CLEARLY COMMITTED A 242 (BATTERY) AGAINST ME. GILMORE (S-2) WAS TRESPASSED FROM THE PROPERTY. MOSLEY (S-1) WAS ALSO TRESPASSED AND PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED TO SACRAMENTO COUNTY JAIL, THOUGH I HEARD CONFLICTING STATEMENTS FROM MULTIPLE OFFICERS REGARDING HIS FINAL DISPOSITION. I SIGNED A PRIVATE PERSON'S ARREST FORM, AND AFTER BEING CLEARED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT, I DEPARTED THE SCENE.

Kathy Peter

Location:

Submitted At: 2:13pm 04-25-25

To The City Council Members

I will not be able to make the meeting

In 1982 or 1983 Loaves and Fishes came to the neighborhoods about starting the program. Our block agreed with the promises from Loaves and Fishes, that we would get streetlights on our street, which we still do not have, and the homeless that come in that they Loaves and Fishes would be feeding, would have no impact on our neighborhood. My dad kept everything; I am hoping to find the draft.

My street is really not bad, the other streets are worse. We try and keep up on moving them out, because of the traffic, trucks and customers that come up and down our road. Coming into work, I come via 12th to North B, to Ahern, to McCormack. I come in before the River District Security they have in place, starts. It can be quite scary. Last week I saw a homeless woman get chased and beaten, by a homeless man. Daily I see the homeless going to the bathroom anywhere and everywhere. Just last Wednesday, I saw a homeless attack another, and then proceed to break a car window of a private citizen trying to help. We have security cameras, and we share what we can with the private security and the Sacramento Police Department.

We do have an encampment that is shown on the video that continues to grow. The encampment is now 30 feet wide and 20 feet deep and takes up half the street, causing issues with traffic. We contact 311 weekly, with no success. We are currently on 8 weeks of trying to get this encampment moved.

I really hate to say anything, I was told by our last city government official for our district, that I needed to have compassion. This is also why I have never come back to the River District Meetings, as he pulled me aside after the meeting to tell me this.

Thanks,

Kathy Peter

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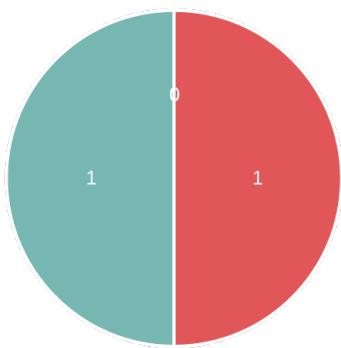
1517 McCormack Ave

Sacramento, CA 95811

916-446-7829

Overall Sentiment

Support (0%) | Oppose (0%) | Neutral (50%)
No Response (50%)



JD Wilson

Location:

Submitted At: 11:05pm 04-28-25

Thank you for taking my comment. - I'd like much more information on the specifics of the proposed project, much more.

What does \$200k/ea for 100 units acquire? I don't see unit heat and AC in the details I have access to. AC/heat is mandatory. City plumbing/water to each unit? Land leveling and appropriate drainage for each unit? Specifics would be appreciated.

What is \$1400 per unit per month paying for? That's \$1.68 MILLION per year for this single project. Is the \$1400 a MONTH renters insurance, smud, pge, water, sewer, trash, gardening and an instacart personal shopper subscription? It seems like a huge amount of money for a populous who qualify for low income programs for everything I've noted and either presently or will have medi-cal/medicare cover health needs, including therapy and medications, free or reduced cost on RT/ paratransit, social worker, etc.

If I read the information the program funds cannot pay for the managers lodging, etc.

I'm hard pressed to understand what \$1400/mo, more than the occupant could possibly receive a month in SSI/SSDI or TANF cash aid, is paying for.

I'm anticipating there will be a neighborhood pantry with food and sundries including toilet paper to be stocked at all times. Laundry should be free and secure with text messaging.

A specific break down of costs for this specific project and actual for previous projects in the state would be appreciated. I'd like to understand actual versus proposed to ensure the funds are being spent on the occupants to the amount allocated rather than paid without utilization.

Separately, I'd like to ensure the neighborhood lighting is developed with the occupants well being in mind rather than lighting for a prison mindset (as bright as possible). No one can sleep well with bright lights in their windows, scientific fact.

I am in support of the program. I want to ensure the occupants are receiving the best we can give them and that we are spending our hard earned tax dollars as logically as possible. \$200k can build a lot more home than 280sqft tiny home. I want to understand the specifics of what we are paying for.

Thank you

Mark Rodriguez

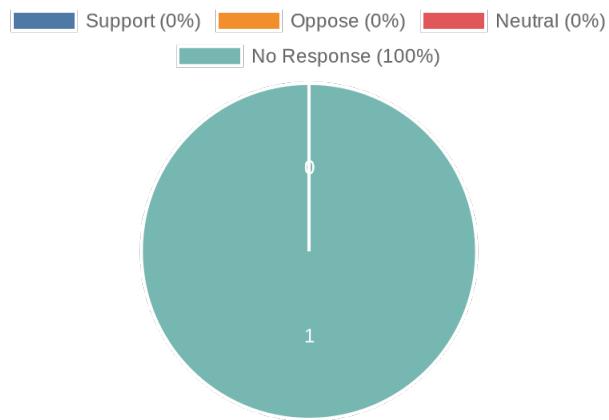
Location:

Submitted At: 3:41pm 04-26-25

Please do not go to Sun Spa, located at 6804 Fruitridge Rd #A
Sacramento, CA, 95820, They will claim that they are too busy for you.

Agenda Item: eComments for 27. Notification of Parcel Map of Rancho Del Paso (Z22-089/FPM 23-0045) File ID: 2025-00929

Overall Sentiment



Mark Rodriguez

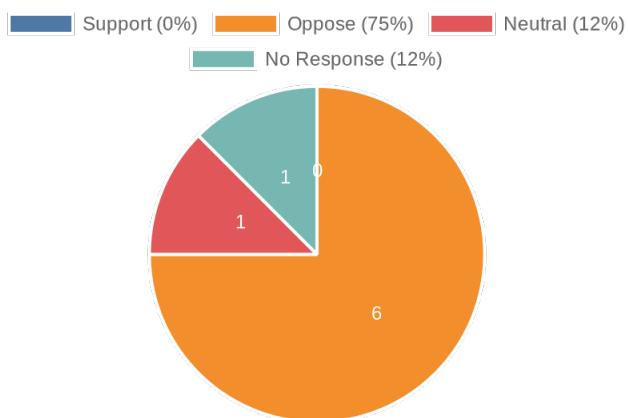
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Submitted At: 3:42pm 04-26-25

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Agenda Item: eComments for Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda

Overall Sentiment



Dean Dal Ben

Location: 95823, Sacramento
Submitted At: 3:56pm 04-29-25

I attended the April 26, 2025 meeting at the Panell Community Center at 2450 Meadowview Rd. concerning the search for the next city manager.

I learned about this meeting via a city web posting showing these meeting that asked: "The Sacramento City Council wants to hear from YOU as they search for the next City Manager.

What qualities, knowledge, and skills should the next leader have to guide Sacramento forward? Join CPS HR Consulting at one of these upcoming town halls—virtual or in person—to share your voice. Sessions run April 19th through April 26th across the city and online."

The Saturday 4/26 meeting was set for 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Sam and Bonnie Panell Community Center. I arrived about 10 minutes early only to find one person waiting to enter the building for the meeting and the door locked. At about 2:55 PM the door was unlocked and I was the only one entering the meeting room only to find the 2 women organizers of the meeting setting up 2 information posters.

Since we 3 were alone, I asked them about their organization (CPS HR Consulting), their accomplishments, and the sources of their funding. We started a conversation. In a few minutes the other man waiting came in and he was followed by 3 other men. The woman leading the meeting told me the organization is based in Sacramento and is hired to conduct searches and recommendations for candidates for executive government positions. She said she has worked for CPS HR Consulting for over 22 years and has done this job for local, county, and state governments searching to fill these types of job throughout many places in the USA. She said she has done this over the years for several thousands of government positions.

She said her organization's funding sources are other organizations, but when I asked what are the funding sources for those organizations, she answered their money comes from a variety of government sources from local to federal levels. She confirmed that the money to do this job is basically from government taxes, fees, and other government receipts and without that money, her organization would not be paid to do this job.

To make the connections clear, government is paying a non-governmental organization to do a job specific to

government (in this case, recommending the new Sacramento City Manager) by non-government employees who have been hired to do that critical and sensitive job not subject to the review, evaluation, or other job measurements that are documented and applied in regards to Sacramento City employees. We are to assume they are neutral in this, but continued discussions show significant concerns that this is not the case.

Any agenda or bias of this organization or their employees influences their process and recommendation. In speaking with their meeting leader, it was clear there was a strong bias toward recommending someone with prior city manager experience with an emphasis with what is commonly referred to as DEI as a very significant factor. I wanted to ask her other questions about more common specific demographic characteristics of the people she has recommended such as age, sex, race, education, experience, financial issues, political background, and job history, but the nature of this meeting didn't allow time for this.

Because of this and other factors, the city council must more carefully evaluate the people conducting this review and insure they have no bias in doing this job. It is clear that those who didn't have a past city manager or other similar position are likely to be screened out. Review of the demographic data mentioned above may illustrate other biases. I fear any importance of merit or what was or was not accomplished during a prior job, or why they left a prior job, will be left out, glossed over, or redefined rather than covered in a neutral manner.

The public may recommend skills and abilities needed for city manager. My recommendations given during this meeting (also provided in writing) were:

- 1) Transparency - open and forthcoming about operations, providing easy access to public records, documentation, and services
- 2) Integrity – commitment to law, merit, and accountability
- 3) Clarity – use specific words and avoid technical language

Ability to understand math.
Ability to recognize the obvious and act accordingly.
Ability to not be bullied.
Ability to accept reality regarding all the above. (Consequences)

Time did not allow me to add details about these recommendations. You can see this list does not favor any political party and the agenda is one of neutrality.

I hope the mayor and city council can agree about the merit and validity of my recommendations. I bring this up to you during today's city council meeting because I do not trust that the words I said during this meeting will be evaluated fairly. I am also concerned that CPS HR Consulting is not up to the job needed for Sacramento.

One last note about the 6 members of the public (including myself) attending this meeting. All 6 are male, likely over 40 years old, and as best as I could determine, there were no members of the public from Asian, Hispanic, or Native American communities present. While we were told by the meeting leader that many comments were received via a comment web site link, there was no mention or no documentation shared concerning the demographics of those responding (unless the city council has a method to determine this). It is clear that notice of this meeting in South Sacramento did not get the distribution needed. Other District 8 community meetings had much better attendance, but it would be fair to say this meeting about selecting a city manager was basically ignored.

This meeting ended at 4:15 PM, far in advance of the expected 5:00 PM ending time. One of the attendees was video recording much of the meeting and he and others were vocal expressing their concerns. While some the 6 attendees were still eager to speak to comment or explain concerns, but the leader brought the meeting to a close.

Thank you,
Dean Dal Ben
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Rosie Yacoub

Location:
Submitted At: 12:23pm 04-29-25

Dear Sacramento City Council

The undersigned organizations are writing to encourage the City to officially oppose Assembly Bill 306 (Shults, Rivas), which would impose a moratorium on all new state and local building codes for residential buildings from 2025 - 2031. This bill, as drafted, would effectively prohibit cities and counties from adopting any local reach codes that impact residential buildings over the next 6 years, in addition to pausing updates to state code. The City of Elk Grove has already opposed this

The passage of AB 306 would curtail electrification efforts that the City began in 2019 with the acceptance of the Mayors' Commission on Climate Change. The City has committed further resources in creating a strategy for Existing Building Electrification, one plank of which was to implement a Heat Pump replacement policy; which again staff has worked to get cost efficacy studies completed in order to get ordinance corresponding with one of CalGreen's optional reach codes requiring heat pumps at time of replacement for air conditioners. This practical implementation is due to come to Council this year, but AB 306 could prevent that.

AB 306 (see: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB306) is moving through the Legislature quickly. The bill passed off the Assembly floor on Tuesday, April 1st and will now move to the Senate. At this time, we do not know if the bill will be fast tracked in the Senate.

Please fill out this form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtEGtIHUO4F7ys6iqljI9tMvQkGkhcTxH7cTI-MXLK08FTUg/viewform?usp=sharing>

to sign on to this letter:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uAkY4yIT23bo8ZaBPHOzVxyb6STHIEWdqmapkYMOez8/edit?usp=sharing>

Due to the time sensitive nature of this bill, please consider signing on as soon as you are able to. We will leave sign-ons open for this letter for as long as the bill is in the Senate, but may submit an initial letter earlier if the bill is moving quickly. The letter will be addressed to different legislators depending on which committee the bill is currently in at the time of submission, but content will remain the same.

Model building codes are updated every three years to keep pace with technological advancements, improvements in building science, methods, and best practices, and to incorporate lessons learned after disasters. According to the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS), for every \$1 invested, California's codes provide as much as \$12 in mitigation savings against seismic risk, \$8 in wildfire mitigation savings, and \$6 in flood mitigation savings. These benefits represent avoided casualties, property damage, business interruptions, first responder and annual home ownership costs, and are enjoyed by all building stakeholders: from governments, developers, titleholders, and lenders, to tenants and communities. For its part, FEMA estimates California's codes offer the mitigation equivalent of \$470 million every year in avoided losses from earthquakes, structure fires, wildfires, and flood risks. FEMA recognizes community flood hazard mitigation efforts—including the regular updating of construction codes—through reductions in National Flood Insurance Program premiums. Dozens of California cities and counties participate in this program. AB 306's prohibition on code updates by the state as well as local amendments would lead to the forfeiture of existing insurance premium reductions for numerous communities, including Los Angeles County. For some communities, the resulting premium increases could be as high as 30 percent.

Thank you for your consideration, and let us know if you have any questions.

Signed,

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Rosie Yacoub, 350 Sacramento, rayacoub@yahoo.com

Eugene Lee, Environmental Council of Sacramento, eugeneenergy22@gmail.com

René Venegas

Location:
Submitted At: 11:11am 04-29-25

Re: MMH Project, 930 Blaine Avenue, DR25-042_Rev1

To Whom It May Concern:

Like many of my neighbors, I have serious concerns about the multiunit dwelling development proposed at 930 Blaine Avenue that intends to introduce large buildings, busier street traffic, minimal green spaces, concrete and asphalt jungle to a quasi-rural neighborhood.

While the goals of Missing Middle Housing (MMH) may be noble, this proposal to achieve such a goal at this location falls dramatically short. The following are various concerns that when considered together should result in a significant reconsideration of the project

14 Units on a one-half acre lot is a dramatic distortion from what would be considered “blending into existing neighborhoods”. With 150 feet of Blaine Avenue’s 2,150 feet of street front, this proposal would increase the number of units on the street from 30 to 44. It would introduce rental units in a neighborhood of mostly owner-occupied residences. More distortion of the neighborhood.

Currently the average property on Blaine is slightly more than .38 acres. The proposed project proposes .13 acres per unit. It also introduces two-story elevations to the street side where no such elevation exists on the street.

Blaine Avenue is a quasi-rural street that lacks streetlights, sidewalks, streetside gutters and public sewage while having ditches for drainage. The homes receive only City water and each property maintains its own septic system. The street is 18 feet wide, narrower than what the City permits nowadays (a minimum of 24 feet). Street parking is seasonal due to the ditches that are muddy in the wetter months.

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The narrow street with additional street parking will further impact public safety. Emergency vehicles are up to 10 feet wide. The narrow, shoulder-less street barely can accommodate emergency vehicles today. Adding 14 more units would only further compound this public safety issue. More so for the folks downstream from the project. Never mind that Blaine is a dead-end with only one entrance and exit at May Street. The proposal shows 15 onsite parking spaces. That suggests one visitor parking space for the visitors. Crowding 14 units, together with numerous additional residents, their visitors and vehicles does nothing to improve either traffic or pedestrian safety.

I do not believe that this proposal’s packing of 10 units onto the street side half of a half-acre property, together with its lack of parking, additional traffic and infringement on the public health, safety and neighborhood environment suitably meets the goals and intent of the MMH.

s/René Venegas
rdvenegas@yahoo.com
953 Blaine Avenue, 95838

John Becerra

Location:
Submitted At: 9:38am 04-29-25

CONCERNS ON 930 BLAINE AVE.

John Becerra
950 & 956 Blaine Ave

Dear Roger, staff & whomever else this may concern:

I apologize for the foregoing long winded letter, but I am urgently reaching out in hopes of sincere consideration from you and your professional decision making staff up top. The objective is 930 Blaine Ave. our next door neighbor which was recently purchased by an outside (investor) who seems eager to build on it.

Myself, my family, and the Blaine Ave residents and their families are barely finding out about the property in question at the last minute, so bear with me. Such short notice on this issue demanding immediate action is a little stressful and, not to mention, unfair to us here on Blaine. It seems we were the last to know what's trying to transpire in our own front yard.

So once again, bear with me. My father has owned the properties adjacent to 930 Blaine Ave since 1976. I was 3 years old when we got established on Blaine, and in doing so, we all have made several memories on this small, quiet, hidden street that's definitely unique and has its own character like no other.

The residents on Blaine Ave are all homeowners, where I grew up and made most of my childhood memories. 930 Blaine was home to the Algers, who would always give fruit to the neighborhood kids. When Mr. and Mrs. Alger passed in the '90s, their family took over and kept the same atmosphere for some years. Eventually, they sold the property to the previous owners a nice couple who also fit right into the community, keeping the same vibe for many years before recently deciding to sell, leading up to these current events.

So I ask for the bigger picture of the property and neighborhood in question to be sincerely and thoughtfully looked into. The current investor, who I assume lives elsewhere, is understandably trying to get the most out of this 930 Blaine Ave. purchase, then move on to the next. But for this particular investment and address, they want to build multi-unit structures on just do not in any way fit the environment and neighborhood with so much history behind it. It's my deepest concern what they're trying to do here.

Some years before it was sold, my father and I were asked to maintain the property for almost 7 years while the previous homeowners went to visit family/vacation in Mexico. We kept in contact often, communicating that if they ever wanted to sell or do something with the house, to let us know first. He agreed. But then a change of events occurred, causing the daughter to take over the property affairs. Her father was distraught after losing his wife while on vacation. I'm sure the daughter was also in the same state of mind, not knowing about the previous arrangements between our fathers, and eventually put the property on the market for a substantial amount of \$300,000.

When there weren't any bites, it was lowered to \$250,000. At that time, an outside (profit investor) "not someone looking for a place to call home" decided to come take a look then told her it wasn't worth much due to the repairs it needed. enticed her with \$150,000 cash in hand. Of course, first down-talked the property naturally pointing out all the negatives when trying to make an investment purchase. The daughter being a little naive, took the "money right now" offer, totally catching her off guard, as she put it, and not thinking clearly, overlooked previous arrangements.

I understand that is past tense and there's not much we can do about it now. But here we are at this phase of it, and hopefully, there is something we can do at this point to change the final outcome.

We residents (homeowners, not renters) here on Blaine Ave are strongly against the proposed construction of two-story or any multi-unit complexes on our little street especially next to our address at 950 Blaine Ave, where my family and I have lived since 1976. For almost five decades, as we know it, this has always been a quiet, close-knit, single-family neighborhood a place where long-term residents have built their lives and cared for one another.

The introduction of two-story or any multi-unit structures so close to our single-family homes would completely

destroy the privacy we have valued for generations. Structures of that height would loom over our properties, making it feel as if we are constantly being watched much like living under a watchtower. This is not the environment any homeowner should be forced to live in, especially on a street that has remained largely unchanged as we know it for more than 50 years.

The presence of these apartment-like/multi-unit dwellings would not only eliminate privacy but also bring increased noise, traffic, foot traffic, and parking congestion along with more unwelcome changes affecting the entire character of our street. My neighbors and I, many of whom have lived here just as long, if not longer, chose this area for its quiet, family oriented atmosphere not to live in the shadow of a commercial style development years later.

Our history here deserves respect and consideration. We are not opposed to thoughtful growth like single story homes similar to others on this street but placing apartment/multi-unit complexes, let alone two-story buildings, beside long-standing single-family homes is not thoughtful development. It is disruptive, intrusive, and inconsiderate to the people who have made this community what it is and their home for many years.

I sincerely urge you and your professional team to respectfully and thoroughly look into this special situation, opposing the construction of a commercial style plan at 930 Blaine Ave to protect the integrity, privacy, and dignity of the families who have called this neighborhood home for generations.

Just as an example: I don't think anyone, if were in the same situation, would want a watchtower or multi-unit structure next door looming over their living room, kitchen, and bedrooms changing life as they know it. Which, in our case, is the exact problem.

We ask that you and your team thoughtfully and respectfully stand up for us here on Blaine and not allow such towering structures next to our single-story family homes. Again, we are okay with normal single story family homes similar to what's already in the neighborhood but commercial style apartments or multi-units simply don't belong on our little street in particular.

I'm confident the investor will still make a significant profit building one or two "single-story" homes on the property, and in doing so, help preserve the neighborhood as it's been for many years.

My grandparents used to own at the end of the street by the bike trail, which used to be the ranch. On the corner of Blaine and May, my aunt also lived. So all in all, we are asking for your help here with so much history involved.

I'd love to give a personal guided tour of the neighborhood for whoever wanted to participate? I'll do my best to help your staff of decision makers better understand how personal and invasive this proposal has become to all of us.

We've seen everything slowly change since the '70s. My father owns the 950–956 Blaine Ave properties, which I will one day inherit, and eventually pass on to my kids and grandkids. There are many families on this street that have built up their lives here with the same vision including my cousin, George Becerra, down the street (42 years), the Lane family, who have lived across from 930 Blaine since before the '70s. Manuel and his family down at the end of the street have also been there for as long as I can remember all the pillars and Elders of the street knew the original owners, of 930 Blaine Ave the Algers.

So in conclusion, to my deepest heartfelt input and super long letter, I sincerely ask that you take all this into deep consideration. I believe you and your staff have the authority to approve or deny this proposal. I believe anyone with such history in a certain place would also put up a fight for what they believe in protecting theirs and their family's safe haven.

If anyone is up for the tour, I'd like to personally walk them through our yard as well at 950 Blaine and show exactly what our concerns are regarding the proposed structures.

So I ask please help us here on Blaine Ave. My neighbors and I deeply request that these neighborhood watchtower like multi-units not be built at all. Again, one or two normal single story homes would be great for the neighborhood but multi-unit, two-story structures with a bunch of new people, traffic, and all the other impacts that

come along with them, just isn't ideal.

Many families on Blaine are raising kids and grandkids in this environment and have enjoyed its slow pace all these years without it being commercialized

Thank you for your time and careful, thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,
John Becerra & the Blaine Ave Community
916-308-8367

rd Dominguez

Location:
Submitted At: 8:26am 04-29-25

We are homeowners who are very concerned with the proposed application for 10 units on 930 Blaine avenue, application number DR25-042.

We have many neighbors who have lived in the neighborhood for over 50 years and over 20 years. When my husband and I looked for a new house 20 plus years ago, we looked for this neighborhood. We chose this for the fact that it is a small street, established neighbors, larger lots. We did not look and invest in a home next to a multiunit development. This project will significantly change the dynamic of the neighborhood., the 2 story buildings will impact the neighbors privacy and how the sun or lack of sun impacts their established plants. These may be small items to some individuals, but imagine you have spent years to grow your yard and then it changes. Home is what we make it and we invest in it to suit who we are. We have spent many years investing in the home, the neighborhood and have mutual respect for our neighbors. We do not want this project to destroy the neighborhood. We are strongly opposed of this project. Please save our neighborhood.

This neighborhood is established homeowners who's intentions are to live on a quiet street with larger lots and homes.

We have many concerns.

The dynamic of the neighborhood will change. - single family homes works in this neighborhood. This is not the block for this type of build.

The street is too small, creating congestion and safety issues.- currently the road is congested, adding 10 or 14 more units would overwhelm the street.

We are on septic. -

The neighborhood has not been informed. - This is an investor who is not interested in the neighbors. Again, we have many concerns and hope you can help save our neighborhood.

M. Lor

Location:
Submitted At: 5:28pm 04-28-25

The proposed housing development under DR25-042 at 930 Blaine Avenue raises serious concerns about safety, infrastructure limitations, traffic congestion, emergency access challenges, and compatibility with the neighborhood's established character. While housing expansion is important, it must be pursued responsibly to ensure the well-being of existing residents and the integrity of this family-oriented community.

1. Safety Concerns for a Family-Oriented Neighborhood

The neighborhood surrounding 930 Blaine Avenue is designed for families, offering a peaceful and secure environment for children to grow up safely. However, the lack of sidewalks and proper street lighting creates dangerous conditions for pedestrians, particularly young children who walk, bike, and play outdoors. The absence of designated walkways forces families to share road space with moving vehicles, increasing the risk of accidents.

Additionally, poor lighting makes it unsafe for residents—especially families with young children—to navigate the neighborhood during evening hours. Introducing higher-density housing without infrastructure improvements would further compromise the safety of the community, making everyday activities more hazardous.

2. Insufficient Infrastructure to Support Increased Population

As a family-oriented neighborhood, this area lacks the necessary infrastructure to accommodate a high-density

housing development. The existing sewage system is not equipped to handle additional residents, increasing concerns about drainage issues, environmental hazards, and public health risks.

Furthermore, sidewalks are essential for family-friendly communities, yet this area lacks them entirely. Without safe pedestrian pathways, residents—including children walking to school, parents with strollers, and elderly individuals—will be forced to navigate unsafe conditions. The absence of street lighting further exacerbates these risks, making nighttime visibility poor and raising security concerns.

3. Traffic and Parking Constraints in a Family Neighborhood

930 Blaine Avenue is situated in a quiet, family-oriented neighborhood where children play outside, ride bikes, and walk to nearby parks and schools. However, the proposed 10-unit development would introduce substantial traffic congestion, putting families at greater risk.

The existing streets were not designed for high-density living and are already narrow, limiting safe vehicular movement. Increasing the number of residents would create significant parking shortages, forcing overflow parking onto streets and reducing accessibility. Families rely on predictable traffic patterns for safety, but introducing a high-density development would disrupt this stability.

4. Disruption of Neighborhood Character and Architectural Intent

Families in this neighborhood have invested in single-family homes because of the quiet, community-oriented atmosphere. The introduction of a 10-unit housing complex does not fit with the architectural integrity or the family-centered intent of the area.

This neighborhood was designed for families seeking a peaceful and stable environment. A high-density housing development would fundamentally alter this character, diminishing the sense of community and safety that families value. Approving this project would open the door for additional high-density developments, further eroding the identity of the neighborhood.

5. Noise Level and Its Impact on Family Living

The proposed development at 930 Blaine Avenue would result in higher noise levels, disrupting the peaceful nature of this family-oriented neighborhood. Increased activity from multiple households, vehicles, and outdoor gatherings would create disturbances that negatively impact families, particularly those with young children or individuals who work from home.

Single-family residential areas offer a controlled, quieter environment, which is why many families chose to live here. The approval of DR25-042 would jeopardize the neighborhood's tranquility, making it harder for families to maintain their quality of life.

6. Constraints on Emergency Access in a Family-Oriented Area

The street layout near 930 Blaine Avenue includes narrow roads with no outlet, making emergency access a critical concern. Fire trucks, ambulances, and law enforcement vehicles already face challenges navigating these streets.

A high-density housing complex will increase congestion, further delaying emergency response times. This poses a direct threat to families who rely on timely emergency services, reinforcing why the development should not move forward without major infrastructure improvements.

DR25-042 Should Be Rejected to Preserve the Safety of This Family-Oriented Neighborhood. The proposed 10-unit housing development at 930 Blaine Avenue under DR25-042 would severely impact the family-centered character of the neighborhood. The lack of sidewalks, lighting, proper sewage infrastructure, and emergency accessibility makes this project unsafe and unsuitable for the area.

This neighborhood was designed for families seeking a peaceful, secure, and community-oriented environment—and the introduction of high-density housing would negatively impact safety, quality of life, and accessibility. Approval of this project sets a dangerous precedent for future developments that could further erode the family-friendly nature of the community.

For these reasons, the DR25-042 proposal should be rejected entirely, ensuring that family-centered communities remain safe, accessible, and true to their original intent.

Rosa Lane

Location:

Submitted At: 2:49pm 04-28-25

The Neighborhood of 930 Blaine Avenue opposes the future build of duplexes on Blaine Avenue. We were not properly spoken to during the planning and given one notice with a week to reply. The street is a one-lane, no sidewalk, no sewage, no lighting of which we are already paying for, but have never received. Please read the attached.

Mark Rodriguez

Location:

Submitted At: 3:42pm 04-26-25

Please do not go to Sun Spa, located at 6804 Fruitridge Rd #A
Sacramento, CA, 95820, They will claim that they are too busy for you.

From: sacpeach@aol.com <sacpeach@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 11:53 AM
To: Greg Sandlund <gsandlund@cityofsacramento.org>; Matt Dulcich <medulcich@ucdavis.edu>
Cc: Elmhurst Assoc <president@elmhurstna.com>; Deborah Cregger <dcregger@hotmail.com>; John Whitfield <john@jbwhit.com>; Eric Guerra <eguerra@cityofsacramento.org>; Mayor <mayor@cityofsacramento.org>
Subject: Comments for the Record regarding Helipads at UCDMC

Mr. Sandlund and Mr. Dulcich,

I have lived in Elmhurst for 37 years and have experienced the Life flight/air ambulance program from the beginning; literally when it was on the "ground floor" and several hundred yards from the ER with only one helipad and mostly one helicopter. Since the Life flight program has been defunct, UCD has two helipads and welcomes multiple allied helicopter companies who contribute to the noise pollution and fumes. The addition of two new helipads is overkill (pardon the pun). Is it necessary to have 4 helipads?? Besides the CONSTANT noise pollution from construction projects and associated traffic, current sand blasting (city project), ground ambulance's sirens and back up horns, the response from Community Relations, Council Member Eric Guerra, (then) Assembly member McCarty has been pathetic. Adjacent Neighborhoods have been neglected and rejected. UCD and previously mentioned elected representatives have not taken responsibility to work with authorities and air ambulance companies to make sure they adhere to the approved flight path unless of a weather diversion.

The mitigation aspect of this proposal is basically not plausible given that the helicopters fly over from all directions every day and night without wind, rain, or other weather related causes (this behavior has been going on for years). How can UCDMC mitigate accurately if the helicopters are able to fly over any and all neighborhoods whenever they want instead of flying over the UCDMC campus?? Noise disturbances are horrible now and will be much worse if there is not a definitive flight path from the South over the hospital grounds. Mitigation should be widespread to all residents in both the Med Center Neighborhood and all of Elmhurst. Or simply put in place enforcement of the approved flight path from the South.

Please add this to the record.

Thank you,
Kerry Freeman
Elmhurst Neighborhood



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To: Sacramento City Council
From: Muriel Strand, District 5
Re: Sacramento City Council April 29, 2025, Agenda Item # 25

The **Grants Pass** Supreme Court decision of April 22, 2024, affirmed the legal right of cities and counties to enforce any and all public camping ordinances, no matter how cruel and unrealistic. **Justice Sotomayor noted in her dissent - “nothing in today’s decision prevents local governments from declining to criminalize people for sleeping in public.”**

Doing the same thing and expecting different results is not going to work. Kicking people when they are down will never help anything. We all need to be thinking way outside of the box of doing the same old thing. So how can we make camping on public land work well?

All humans have **basic physical needs** that must be adequately met in order to be productive members of society. These are: **clean air and water, healthy food, cooking, comfy shelter, and plenty of sleep and exercise.** As well, without the reasonable confidence that these needs will be met for the medium to long term, the insecurity and stress felt by the poor and homeless will sabotage their re-inclusion in society and employment.

Consider the daunting details of what it’s like to be homeless. **Being homeless takes a huge proportion of a person’s energy to survive.** Every day you have to find water & food, in & out. Sleep is a necessity without which people soon develop serious mental illness. Maintaining one’s thermal balance so as not to freeze or get heatstroke is also essential. **Without this survival foundation, nobody can thrive.**

My observations indicate that unsheltered citizens must:

Be prepared for home invasions by cops.

Be prepared to pack up all your stuff in 5 minutes and carry it with you.

Be prepared for the cops to steal valuables like your ID and birth certificate while you are walking around looking for water and food and a restroom.

Be prepared for government employees to make promises of help that they rarely keep.

Be prepared to be bored a lot while you are waiting for realistic and constructive assistance.

Be prepared to be bullied and attacked by sheltered people who are afraid of you or just mean.

Beware of being attacked by some harmful and unsheltered people while you are asleep.

But don’t be prepared for the cops to take a crime report about your injuries.

And yes, self-medication and solidarity are ways to buffer all the stress.

Not long before the Covid epidemic, I took California’s 2 basic real estate classes at Sacramento City College. One of the instructors told us point-blank that **in real estate the ‘highest and best use’ of any piece of land is *defined* as whatever makes the most money.** This is a recipe for unaffordable housing.

Sacramento city and county leaders have the **power and the responsibility** to organize legal, safe, practical, stable and affordable living spaces for people with little or no money. One very sensible action would be to restore the city’s inclusionary housing measure whereby

developers were required to actively build a certain proportion of very very affordable housing as part of any new development or redevelopment, rather than letting them off the hook with a rather pathetic fee for the housing trust fund.

Sacramento sheltered people have **the power and the responsibility** to learn how to live with all our neighbors. Many people feel nervous or embarrassed by homeless people. Please inform these sheltered Sacramentans that **unsheltered people are in much more danger from sheltered people than the reverse**. Remind them that crime rates have been declining for decades. Remind sheltered Sacramentans of what most of us can take for granted. **Imagine** having no roof, no walls, no tap water, no sink, no stove, no toilet, no heater, no fridge, no trash can, no electricity, no laundry... and then try to imagine getting an affordable rental and a job.

Homelessness is a market failure. So market experts like chambers of commerce have the **power and the responsibility** to make the market work for everyone.

Stealing the tents, cars, and campers of people who are **unable** to follow the rules is totally wasteful and totally counterproductive. It's a loss of shelter and a loss of public money that just makes everything worse for those who are unable to follow the rules that are meant for people who have money. Two wrongs never make a right. **It is a mystery** why the business community wants Sacramento city and county to keep wasting money on policies that everyone knows don't work.

Sacramento city and county leaders have the **power and the responsibility** to audit what they are spending - of our taxes - on trying to make homeless people disappear so businesses and scaredy cats can pretend they don't exist. Living breathing people will not evaporate. **It is a mystery** why the city and county don't even seem to know what we are spending on sweeps, cops, Forensiclean, ER visits, jail, courts, etc. How much has been accounted for each such line item? Utah pioneered housing first, and they saved \$10k per person per year. Why can't we?

According to the **National Alliance to End Homelessness**, there are 2 main types of homeless people. There are those with mental and/or emotional maladies such as PTSD, often resulting from having too many Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE). As we all know, the closure decades ago of hospitals for the mentally ill has led to many, perhaps most, of these unfortunate people becoming homeless or at best housed in trauma-inducing jails and prisons. It appears to me that a small proportion of this population is truly psychotic, while for the majority, meeting their basic physical needs plus trustworthy TLC from kind and stable humans is the most likely path to healing and stability.

The other type of homeless people are the increasing number of citizens who lack the \$500 to maintain financial stability in the face of a crisis such as a rent spike, cancer, layoff, car crash, or divorce. Rapid re-housing is reported to be the most effective strategy for helping these people bridge these economic gaps and keep the tax-paying jobs they had before they were destabilized. 75%-90% of such households remain housed a year after being rapidly re-housed.

It's reported that the homeless population in Sacramento has recently grown faster than other large cities. We have our work cut out for us. It's reported that 3 times as many people become homeless as find housing. We have our work cut out - in the **richest country** in the world

Poor people don't have the power to fix the system. That's why there are so many legal ways to rip them off. It's why James Baldwin remarked how 'extremely expensive it is to be poor.'

The 'poverty industry' is the many ways opportunists, public and private, make bank off people who have few other options and little or no meaningful recourse. Payday loans and checking account fees yield over \$61 million/day in fees collected from low-income Americans, plus predatory student loans which Ryann Liebenthal's recent book "Burdened" describes in gory detail. Daniel Hatcher's books are also fact-filled and infuriating: Injustice, Inc., and The Poverty Industry. All are in the Sacramento County Library collection.

In fact, middle-class people enjoy far more in financial benefits, such as the mortgage interest deduction than the much smaller amounts devoted to the shredded 'safety net.' In 2020 the federal government allocated over **\$193 billion on homeowner passive subsidies, including** second homes. But only **\$53 billion was allocated for low-income** direct housing assistance. And TANF has a lifetime limit for cash welfare to poor parents of five years, but mortgage interest deductions lasts as long as the mortgage, typically 30 years.

In a democracy voters elect decision-makers. Elected decision-makers depend on campaign contributors. Leaders who apply **tough love** when it's needed tend not to get re-elected. All citizens have the responsibility to **stop bullying the unhoused.** Can Sacramento leaders tell citizens these inconvenient truths? Can they understand and make citizens understand that the standard policies of sweeping and theft of homeless people's pitiful possessions have not worked, are making things worse, and will never work ever? Can Sacramentans understand that kicking people when they are down will never help? Can Sacramento do what's right? Together?

Now, **climate chaos** is waiting in the wings and stepping out into the world. The result will be **lots more homeless people and lots more migration.** Continuing to sweep homeless people hither and yon just means we will soon be as overwhelmed as the sorceror's apprentice.

More and more engineers & scientists agree that we can't actually replace fossil fuels with PVs, windmills, batteries, nuclear, etc. Trying to maintain the oil-dependent American way of life with Potemkin anti-camping ordinances wastes time and energy. Not thinking outside the box is a recipe for stringent and painful natural selection and evolution. **We need a paradigm shift.**

Getting real about managing all kinds of shelter and all kinds of people living in Sacramento is a dress rehearsal for the worldwide turbulence ahead. **We had better get ready.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Dear Sacramento City Council

The undersigned organizations are writing to encourage the City to officially oppose Assembly Bill 306 (Shults, Rivas), which would impose a moratorium on all new state and local building codes for residential buildings from 2025 - 2031. This bill, as drafted, would effectively prohibit cities and counties from adopting any local reach codes that impact residential buildings over the next 6 years, in addition to pausing updates to state code. The City of Elk Grove has already opposed this

The passage of AB 306 would curtail electrification efforts that the City began in 2019 with the acceptance of the Mayors' Commission on Climate Change. The City has committed further resources in creating a strategy for Existing Building Electrification, one plank of which was to implement a Heat Pump replacement policy; which again staff has worked to get cost efficacy studies completed in order to get ordinance corresponding with one of CalGreen's optional reach codes requiring heat pumps at time of replacement for air conditioners. This practical implementation is due to come to Council this year, but AB 306 could prevent that.

AB 306 is moving through the Legislature quickly. The bill passed off the Assembly floor on Tuesday, April 1st and will now move to the Senate. At this time, we do not know if the bill will be fast tracked in the Senate.

Please fill out [this form](#) to sign on to this letter: [“Oppose” letter on AB 306](#).

Due to the time sensitive nature of this bill, please consider signing on as soon as you are able to. We will leave sign-ons open for this letter for as long as the bill is in the Senate, but may submit an initial letter earlier if the bill is moving quickly. The letter will be addressed to different legislators depending on which committee the bill is currently in at the time of submission, but content will remain the same.

Model building codes are updated every three years to keep pace with technological advancements, improvements in building science, methods, and best practices, and to incorporate lessons learned after disasters. According to the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS), for every \$1 invested, California's codes provide as much as \$12 in mitigation savings against seismic risk, \$8 in wildfire mitigation savings, and \$6 in flood mitigation savings. These benefits represent avoided casualties, property damage, business interruptions, first responder and annual home ownership costs, and are enjoyed by all building stakeholders: from governments, developers, titleholders, and lenders, to tenants and communities. For its part, FEMA estimates California's codes offer the mitigation equivalent of \$470 million every year in avoided losses from earthquakes, structure fires, wildfires, and flood risks. FEMA recognizes community flood hazard mitigation efforts—including the regular updating of construction codes—through reductions in National Flood Insurance Program premiums. Dozens of California cities and counties participate in this program. AB 306's prohibition on code updates by the state as well as local amendments would lead to the forfeiture of existing insurance

premium reductions for numerous communities, including Los Angeles County. For some communities, the resulting premium increases could be as high as 30 percent.

Thank you for your consideration, and let us know if you have any questions.

Signed,

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Month XX, 2025

The Honorable Nick Schultz, Assemblymember
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RE: Assembly Bill 306 (Schultz): Building Codes – OPPOSE

Dear Assemblymember Schultz,

On behalf of the undersigned local governments, we write to inform you that we must respectfully oppose Assembly Bill 306. Local governments share the goals of increasing housing supply and lowering costs, and stand at the frontlines of the climate crisis -- grappling directly with the impacts of wildfires, extreme heat, drought, sea level rise, and coastal erosion. However, a moratorium on new state and local building codes for both new and existing housing would not enhance affordability, but would take away a key tool for local governments to streamline processes, ensure public safety, address energy security and affordability, and to achieve their climate commitments.

Far from increasing building costs, state and local reach codes that incentivize all-electric adoption and energy efficient appliances have helped reduce construction costs¹ by as much as \$10,000² per home, and saved over \$100 billion in avoided energy costs over the last 50 years. AB 306 will block continued progress and the incorporation of emerging efficient technologies into new and existing buildings. Equally important, maintaining alignment with model building codes is critical to hazard mitigation: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) projects that adhere to current and upcoming codes will avoid more than \$600 billion in cumulative losses from floods, hurricanes, and earthquakes by 2060.³

As drafted, AB 306 would also prevent improvements to the code by state and local jurisdictions – including the ability of the Building Standards Commission and local governments to adopt and accept online forms, streamline codes & compliance systems, and adapt existing code to accommodate cost-saving technology advancements. Pausing new building code updates would prevent the incorporation of pending revisions to the National Electrical Code that would help homeowners avoid unnecessary electrical panel upgrades; these provisions would reduce cost and delays for homeowners. Electric service upsizing and panel replacement costs range from \$3000 to \$30,000 per household, and unnecessary utility service upsizing contributes to escalating electricity rates.

¹"FAQ - Electrification" CEC, 2022

²"Residential Building Electrification in California" E3, 2019

³FEMA, Building Codes Save: A Nationwide Study, 2020

While the stated objective of AB 306 is to increase the supply of housing, this bill freezes updates to building codes for alterations of existing housing. These provisions are critical intervention points for local governments to increase efficiency in existing homes to reduce energy bills and improve climate resilience. Research shows that the costs of land, labor, material price hikes from the pandemic, and entitlement processes are largely responsible for California's high housing costs.⁴ Local reach codes are one of our most essential tools for serving regional climate and housing needs. The State requires local Climate Action Plans - and ambitious local plans have been proving grounds to pilot concepts that have been subsequently adopted as part of state code. AB 306 would stall these time sensitive efforts to address the climate and biodiversity crises with the urgency that they demand and deserve.

Curtailing the state's ability to update codes in general, and eliminating local codes advancing safety, permit streamlining, and sustainability, will not effectively address the intended outcomes of this bill.

For these reasons, we must respectfully oppose AB 306.

Sincerely,

cc: Speaker of the Assembly Robert Rivas
Senate Pro Tempore Mike McGuire
Other legislative members and staff to be determined

⁴ ["Californians: Here's why your housing costs are so high"](#) CalMatters, 2024

Mr. Mayor, City Councilmembers, and staff. My name is Rosa Lane, and I am concerned about DR25-042, a plan to build 10 units on Blaine Avenue and from my understanding has been increased to 14 units.

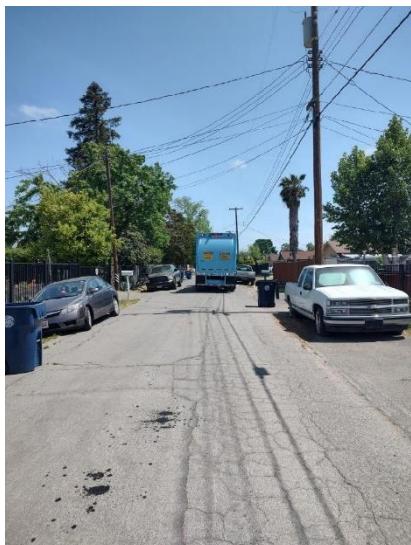
**The photo published by the architect is a misrepresentation
of the Blaine Avenue Neighborhood**



- Blaine Avenue is a one-lane, open ditch, no sidewalks street. This applicant displays and has been published in another city, 2-lanes.
- The 14 Units will cause traffic congestion on the single lane road
- There are no sidewalks on Blaine Avenue; no parking available for multiple cars that this 14-Unit will produce.
- There is no public sewage. Therefore, using septic is a potential setup for an environmental septic disaster of future failures of on-site waste-water treatment systems, leading to the discharge of sewage into surface and groundwater resources, and potential contamination of waterways and drinking water sources.
- Blaine Avenue does not have street lighting.
- The residents pay for sewage, street lighting, etc., yet to receive this service. Let's take care of this first. Why don't we have public sewage and lighting?
- Due to no sidewalk, families walk in the middle of the road. Children ride their bikes on this road.

- We have a system when entering our driveway. If another car is on-coming or behind, we pull over to let them pass prior to opening our gate to enter our driveway.
- Blaine Avenue are single family homes.
- Parking will cause Neighborhood disputes.
- With more cars parked in the road, the mail-truck will need to change how he delivers the mail, not being able to drive to each mailbox.
- The neighborhood is quiet and not conducive to multiple family-living duplexes.

This is Blaine Avenue Today



In addition to the current neighborhood count. Garbage and Recycling Collection might damage cars if congested with the additional cars from the 14-unit development.

The Blaine Avenue neighborhood was never informed of these meetings and do not want this development.

NOTICE OF PLANNING

APPLICATION

DR25-042

Project Name: MMH - Blaine Avenue Multi-Unit Dwelling Development

Location: 930 Blaine Avenue (Council District 2)

Zoning: Single-Unit Dwelling Zone (R-1)

Historic District: NIA

Applicant Information: Ramon Baguio, 818-452-3644, statusplandesign@gmail.com

Project Description: Site Plan and Design Review to construct 4 duplex dwellings and one single-unit dwelling on a 0.5-acre parcel with an existing single-unit dwelling for a total of 10 units utilizing the Missing Middle Housing ordinance in a Single-Unit Dwelling Zone (R-1) within the Citywide Design Review Area.

Requested Planning Approvals: Site Plan and Design Review

Recommended Comment Deadline: April 28th, 2025

Questions? Please contact the Staff Planner: Armando Lopez, Associate AIA, 916-808-8239, ALopezJr@cityofsacramento.org

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