

Rosemary Balsley

From: Marina Eyre <marinaeyre@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 7:06 PM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Homeless

Dear Santa Cruz City Council,

I am writing to you in response to the last City Council meeting as a concerned citizen as to the direction you are taking in regards to the homeless situation. I want my voice to be heard. I was unable to attend the meeting as I have 4 children to care for at home my husband who attended the meeting shared information with me.

From what I gathered from the information presented is that we have beds available in the already existing shelters in Santa Cruz. The people in the Ross camp are choosing to live in unsanitary conditions, creating a health crisis for the city of Santa Cruz. They are able to live "freely" drugs, crimes, littering, polluting the city with no accountability for their actions all in the name of "homelessness". It seems to me that the city has done it's civic duty by spending \$52 million for drug rehab last year, providing clean needles 300-600 per day, providing safe, clean, warm, sanitary shelters that are going unused. If Santa Cruz continues on this path of accommodating a group of people who do not want to live by the laws that the rest of us adhere to than the crime and drug use will continue to escalate. To me this is a drug problem in Santa Cruz where all I see is our local leaders enabling the drug addictions. The City Council wanting to create more encampments with "zero barriers" is crazy to me. Do we keep supplying more and more needles in hopes there isn't an outbreak of Hepatitis A??? We need to change the direction of how we care for the homeless if we want to see any improvement for our future. I know there is not a simple solution and it's very complex, however enabling drug use and accommodating their "free" lifestyle which leads down a path to often times death is not doing them any service.

Lifting the ban on overnight parking will only attract more transients and will not solve our homeless crisis and city health crisis. Why would you create more unsanitary low-barrier encampments in our neighborhoods and near our schools? This would attract even more crime to the neighborhoods and put us all at risk for a Hepatitis A break out, which costs the state millions.

We need to provide permanent housing solutions with mental health and rehabilitation services. Barbara Poppe who presented a city-commissioned study last year to help Seattle and King County leaders tackle a homelessness emergency in one of the world's wealthiest cities. >>>>The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, which Poppe ran for five years, remains opposed to encampments as part of any official response, arguing they can distract communities from connecting people to permanent housing <<<< >>>>"Encampments are a real distraction from investing in solutions," Poppe said. "You can see it takes a lot of energy to get them running and they don't solve the problem. You still have people who are visibly homeless, living outdoors.">>>> >>she wrote, "USICH believes that government-funded and sanctioned encampments are not a solution to homelessness, nor do they serve well those who are experiencing homelessness."<< Experience: Served as executive director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness from 2009 to 2014 and executive director of Community Shelter Board in Columbus, Ohio from 1995 to 2009

I would also encourage you to read this article. I find it ironic that one of the most conservative states in our nation is leading the way in caring for the homeless and solving real problems. I would hope you could learn from others who have succeeded in actually helping the homeless and doing so in a cost effective way.

<https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2015/02/housing-first-solution-to-homelessness-utah/>



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The Shockingly Simple, Surprisingly Cost-Effective Way to End Homelessness Why aren't more cities using it? By Scott Carrier; Photography by Jim McAuley February 17, 2015 11:00 AM

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Thank you,
Marina Eyre

Rosemary Balsley

From: Judith Skenazy <myokyo@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 9:35 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Westside Transitional encampment and safe sleeping site

As a woman in my 70s who lives near the proposed Westside "transitional encampment site", I am voicing opposition to this plan. My primary concern is safety: the safety, particularly of children, and of adults as well who, like me, are frequent pedestrians in this residential area.

Unfortunately, many among the homeless have mental health issues that are untreated. Sometimes their behavior is unpredictable and occasionally violent. Last year I was assaulted at mid-day on Pacific Avenue by an apparently homeless woman. Introducing that risk into this quiet, well kept neighborhood is a bad idea.

Secondarily, the proposed encampment site would very likely result in garbage, waste, and sanitation problems that would not be welcome in this quiet, well kept neighborhood. It would likely result in an eventual migration from and deterioration of the entire extended neighborhood.

I respectfully request your reconsideration of this ill-conceived transitional encampment site.

Sincerely,

Judith Skenazy
260 High St. #206
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Rosemary Balsley

From: Steve McCarty <mccartysteve014@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 9:19 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Transitional encampments, safe parking ordinance

Dear City Council:

I write again to voice my opposition to the establishment of transitional encampments in city parks and transient parking on the streets. Doing this would ruin the enjoyment of the regular, tax paying people and wreck the environment that so many of us have tried to protect. Do not pass this ordinance, and do not declare an emergency to get around our existing laws.

Steve McCarty

Rosemary Balsley

From: Dillon Paige <dillonpaige1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 9:12 AM
To: City Council; Susie O'Hara
Subject: 3/19 Homeless shelter crisis, NO

Dear City Council

I rarely write to you, but this situation has gotten so far out of hand that I must speak out at this time.

As someone who has experience working with people struggling with addiction, I need to tell you that you are on the wrong track with the people at the Ross camp. As I understood Dr. Leff's presentation at the last meeting, fully half of the people living there are using IV drugs on a daily basis, up to 600 needles being supplied per day. I am sure that there are others at the camp struggling with different issues, especially mental illness, and that is a separate topic that I am not experienced with, but I do know a lot about addiction.

The way people who are addicts turn their lives around (if they do) is through hitting the worst rock bottom through their own action or inaction. Only through extreme suffering do addicts finally come to the conclusion that they have to do something to end their addiction. Usually the way this works is that people get busted and go to jail, where they finally come to realize how low they have sunk and get help. For others, having an extreme medical emergency does the trick. But it has to be an extreme event or circumstance before people are finally shaken out of the denial system that props up their use.

By housing drug addicted people, giving them needles, providing health care, etc., you are only prolonging the inevitable for most of these people and their families, families who pray every day that their loved one will finally seek help. You are only permitting the suffering to continue much longer than it would have if you just left things alone. Why can't you see this? Spending money to prop up addicts' addictions will not make them seek help; only suffering will make them seek help. Maybe you think this is hard hearted, but it is well accepted in the recovery community. Maybe the city council and city staff needs to go to some Al-Anon meetings to get the picture.

For the chronically mentally ill, yes, those people need services and should be housed, maybe in a mental health facility like Santa Cruz used to have at Emeline. Spend the money that way. By squandering resources on drug addicts, you are "pissing in the wind" so to speak, wasting money that could be used for more important city services.

Do not declare a shelter emergency. There is no emergency about it. This has been brewing for a very long, long time, in part due to the misguided tolerance and misplaced compassion of the citizens and city council. Make people accountable for their actions, give them that respect at least, don't infantilize people, and don't enable them to continue to use by preventing them from hitting rock bottom.

There are beds available (Salvation Army) and help available for people who really want it. Don't support the lifestyle of people who don't want help. You are only enabling them to continue their addictions, by contributing both financially and emotionally to their drug addiction. Stop it for their sake, and for the sake of their families.

Dillon Paige

Rosemary Balsley

From: Kris <kristinaannemitchell@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 9:10 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless Census

Do a more accurate census of the local transient population before you decide how to spend that 10M dollars. People are tired of the played out 100 year old commie class war narrative. The current census shows it isnt a class war anyway!!! And people are tired of being assaulted by middle aged white boys hopped up on military grade drugs. We just want to be safe so we can keep paying our taxes. Thanks.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Perry Hernandez <perryhernandez@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 9:06 AM
To: perry hernandez
Subject: Proposed Declaration of a Shelter Crisis

Dear Mayor Watkins and Santa Cruz City Councilmembers,

How many times have you found needles on our beaches or public parks when visiting with your children or grandchildren? For me, in the last 2 years it has been 4, and I have been a homeowner in downtown Santa Cruz for the last 20 years.

The homeless encampment behind Ross has brought a huge increase in trash and detritus in the surrounding areas, especially downtown.

Cleaning up Loudon Nelson park has been a step in the right direction, but I don't dare bring my daughter to River street duck pond park anymore. Every day I see people casing out homes in my neighborhood and riding carts heaping with bike parts, ghost riding bikes, or even just carrying front tires. At Walgreens yesterday I saw a man and an elderly woman selling drugs to a crowd of homeless people on the corner, in broad daylight, out from the back of her wheelchair. There was a very obvious exchange of cash and hands and shifty eyes-- couldn't have been more obvious. It was a shameless and threatening atmosphere.

With respect to the proposals being reviewed at the March 12 City Council Meeting, I'd like to express my deep concern over a declaration of a state of emergency that suspends the enforcement of laws and provisions designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the City's residents. I am particularly concerned about a decision to allow unfettered overnight camping to take place in public parks.

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To that end, I would ask the City Council to: -Table this matter so that there can be a full review of the impact of the proposed resolution; -If the matter is not tabled, make revisions to the proposal to ensure public review for proposed policy revisions; -Require a public hearing before any encampment permit is issued, as opposed to granting permits as an administrative matter, as currently proposed; -The public should be given 21 days advance notice of a permit hearing. -Every residence/business/school located within 2 miles of a possible encampment should receive notice of a permit hearing. -Should we establish safe parking/transitional encampments, the City should enforce our "no camping" ordinance and not continue to allow people to sleep in their cars on public streets or sleep in public parks. This is consistent with Martin v. City of Boise. - -The City must direct people to shelters and safe parking zones.

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As mentioned above, solutions for the homelessness crisis, require thoughtful approaches that embrace pre-existing statutes designed to protect the City's and County's children (those with stable homes and those without).

Thank you for your time and attention.

Perry Hernandez
Downtown resident

Rosemary Balsley

From: hd2bered@aol.com
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 8:41 AM
To: City Council; Andrew Mills
Subject: Encampment issues--a suggestion

Hello,

As a very long time resident of the city and the West Side in particular, I have seen the drastic changes in the quality of life here in Santa Cruz. It is my personal opinion that much of the degradation of the quality of life is the impact a lack of enforcement of "nuisance laws" has contributed to the situation we are in today.

I propose something that in the 25 years of my residency I have NEVER seen: **Maximum enforcement.**

What I propose is a 1 year pilot program, that involves ALL stake holders to create the operating plan: The police to create specially trained teams to deal directly with the transient population.

Social work and public health resources with a plan and immediate availability to deal with those in crisis who are seeking help.

The jail and court system to accept and process the situation with a defined plan on dealing with recidivists.

The shelter and outreach programs to accept those wanting help.

When we label this population with a single title of "homeless" this does a disservice to all involved. The situation includes the mentally ill and addiction issues as well as those without shelter.

Until we at least TRY and deal in a significant, lawful way with this situation, we will continue to be creating and contributing to the problem, as we see now with years of trying this or that and all the while INCREASING the numbers rather than decreasing them.

I urge you all to consider the reasons we have the laws and ordinances in place that we do. We have an obligation to try and if we try with the full force of all our recourses to move in the same direction, perhaps we can see a change. Provide some help. Mitigate or alleviate the cost to our city. Improve the quality of life for all involved.

Karen Burgess

Rosemary Balsley

From: shawn grona <shawngrona@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 8:30 AM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Expanding Homeless Camps

This is what I cannot understand. Why exactly do these numbers line up like this? Can someone pls explain, bc to me, as a relatively new resident of Santa Cruz - it sure seems like all of these programs are just a magnet for more and more people who cannot afford to be here. And the rest of us suffer the blight, trash, bad behavior, addictions, theft, etc etc

Why is this, can someone pls explain?

I do not support expanding homeless encampments until all of the existing shelter beds are filled, regularly.
I do not support permitting church parking lots for up to 50 rv campers.

Hard numbers about homelessness rates in the City of Santa Cruz

These *facts* were derived from the City Council's resolution (NS-29,357) and from <https://www.statista.com/statistics/727847/homelessness-rate-in-the-us-by-state/>. I used 274,000 for the population of Santa Cruz County and 64,000 for the population of Santa Cruz City. I'm happy to update the numbers if anyone has better ones, but these are likely to be accurate given the sources (SC City Council; Statista got their numbers from US HUD and the Census Bureau). (All numbers in homeless people per 100,000) District of Columbia: 983 New York: 470 (highest rate of any US state) California: 329 Santa Cruz County (excluding Santa Cruz City): 495 Santa Cruz City: 1881 This means that the homelessness rate in Santa Cruz City is 3.8x higher than the rest of Santa Cruz County, and 5.7x that of the rest of California. What explains the 3.8x difference between Santa Cruz City and the rest of the county? It can't be the housing costs—if the housing were that much more affordable elsewhere in the county, why wouldn't someone just live there instead of being homeless here? Is it that residents of Santa Cruz City are 3.8x more likely to become homeless than those in the rest of the County? I doubt it. That leaves one more option: Santa Cruz City is attracting homeless from outside the city (whether from the rest of the county, the rest of the state, or the rest of the US).

Why, then, are Santa Cruz City residents being asked to shoulder the burden for this?

Rosemary Balsley

From: John Epperheimer <j.epperheimer@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 8:01 AM
To: Drew Glover; Martine Watkins; Donna Meyers; Chris Krohn; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Cynthia Mathews; City Council
Subject: Concerns regarding the proposed declaration of a shelter crisis

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Thank you for your time and attention.

Best regards,

John M Epperheimer

Rosemary Balsley

From: Adriana Chuzak-Trufyn <adrianachuzaktrufyn@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 7:08 AM
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Thank you for your time and attention.

Adriana Chuzak-Trufyn-Epperheimer

Rosemary Balsley

From: Darlene de la Cerna <dmdsc57@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 1:19 AM
To: City Council
Subject: PROPOSED DECLARATION OF SHELTER CRISIS

Dear Mayor Watkins and Santa Cruz City Councilmembers

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Thank you for your time and attention.

Darlene de la Cerna
408-810-8855
Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Carol Polhamus <polhamus@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 11:47 PM
To: City Council; Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Donna Meyers; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Sandy Brown
Subject: Please do not declare shelter crisis/emergency

Dear City Council

I beg you not to declare a homeless shelter emergency on 3/19.

Do not undermine the rules and regulations that serve to protect our neighborhoods and environment, including CEQA. Do not permit camping in city parks. Do not allow overnight parking on city streets.

There are 65,000 residents in this city. Please do not choose to undermine the health, safety, security and environment of the 65,000 citizens in a misguided attempt to “help” the estimated 2,000 people experiencing homelessness. Establish the River Street camp again and work with willing churches and the county to address services. But please protect the neighborhoods, schools and parks by preserving the existing laws that govern them.

Thank you for listening.

Carol Polhamus

Sent from my iPad. Please excuse spelling mistakes and brevity. Thanks!

Rosemary Balsley

From: Robin Cunningham <robinwc@got.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 10:52 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Martine Watkins; Donna Meyers; Cynthia Mathews; Chris Krohn; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover
Subject: Institutionalized Encampment proposal

Dear City Council,

Undoubtedly you will receive numerous requests from Santa Cruz Citizens to cease and desist from putting an encampment at *any of the considered locations* discussed at this week's meeting. I would like to *insist* that to put ANY encampment in the locations listed would be *the most unwise act* you could do as stewards of our town.

I'm in a profession that puts me into contact with people who come specifically to our town because it is known, far and wide, that Santa Cruz is a soft touch for those with addiction problems and doesn't enforce rules. People take advantage of this fact because we have no plan or rules or enforcement. This has been a known fact for decades, but in the recent past it has become much, much worse. If our **city chooses to institutionalize homeless encampments** we will sink; we can't afford it, it is not the path to 'permanent housing', and to place camps all over town will only put the rest of us in danger. Just ask anyone unfortunate enough to live close to the Gateway Shops.

If you aren't on NextDoor or among those who are patched in to emergency calls it might be illuminating to do so. Fires break out all over town practically every day, residents report thefts day and night and our public spaces are littered with needles, refuse and human waste. Can you imagine if a fire took hold during a particularly windy, dry day in late summer due to the recklessness that inevitably takes place in a community where those individuals are getting a free pass to ignore the rules the rest of us live by? Seriously: who is at fault if this idea backfires (which it already is) and the city burns or someone's property or family is harmed due to proximity to an encampment? It is already happening, so it is not a theoretical concept. Citizens living close to the colonized area behind Ross are asking for the protection of the police right now; do you expect that not to happen in some other location?

I read in the 'resolutions' posted on the city website how busy the attorneys are crafting language to hold the city harmless in the inevitable case that something could go wrong---and, it is no wonder the city is scrambling to find legal cover for what you know will come to pass...because it already is.

There is no way for this camp idea to be 'temporary' once you institutionalize it and the welcome mat is broadcast across the nation. What will happen is that the balance will shift and people will move out, tourists (who fund this town) will go elsewhere and who will be left holding the bag at the end of that day? I can't emphasize enough how flawed this concept is: to model this idea after a failed project in an enormous city like Seattle...have you been there and seen it? You *must* be kidding. What is the plan for moving people into housing? I see maps with locations to spread this problem that has unfortunately been allowed to gain traction all over the town but, ...then what? Most of the people in the camp don't want to be sheltered, they want to 'live free' without rules that those of us who have worked for our shelter *have* to abide by. Who is in charge here? I heard one presenter at the meeting actually say that 'residents will self-govern' (!) If what is taking place right now is any measure of what to expect I would love to know what fantasy island that concept comes from. We can't even get the non-homeless to pick up their own trash half the time. I watched the meeting wondering if these presenters, with all their good intentions, had actually lost their minds. And this is not an attempt at humor.

Poor governance, lunging toward an incompletely considered idea and wishful thinking will backfire in more ways than one. Politicizing this mess is even more shameful. Don't think those of us who vote are not paying attention while we are

busy working and paying taxes here. Those of you considering enacting this idea better be careful or you could be making the mistake that ruins Santa Cruz irreversibly.

Thank you for your attention,
Robin Cunningham

Rosemary Balsley

From: Marciano Gutierrez <marciano_gutierrez@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 10:34 PM
To: City Council
Subject: A plea for a reasonable, rational approach

Dear Council Members,

I understand that we need to have an effective, compassionate response to our homeless crisis, but fear that we are exacerbating the problem through the emergency declaration being considered by the city council. Instead of fixing an issue, this emergency declaration and safe parking program is simply shifting the burden to families and neighborhoods who face their own struggles in dealing with the cost of living in Santa Cruz. There is a major difference between helping families and the working poor, and asking entire communities to absorb the consequences of a population of which over 50% use 300-600 needles per day for intravenous drugs, as reported by Santa Cruz County Health Officer, Dr. Arnold Leff. It is one thing to spend resources to assist individuals who want to change their lives through job training and housing programs. However, it is something entirely different, to search for open spaces where individuals are in essence encouraged to fall deeper into desperate situations, all while putting an extraordinary amount of strain on the immediate, surrounding community. The emergency declaration and "safe parking" option, does not solve the crisis of the Gateway/Ross camp or homelessness at large, rather it asks every neighborhood in Santa Cruz to be open to have their very own Gateway/Ross camp. I implore every member of the city council, to please keep Santa Cruz residents who are raising families and trying to do their very best to contribute and make ends meet, at the forefront of their mind as they move forward. In this measure, the City Council is asking too much of communities, families and neighborhoods.

Sincerely,
Marciano Gutierrez

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Rosemary Balsley

From: David Santa Cruz <davdag@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 10:18 PM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Funding homeless encampments

To:
Martine Watkins
Justin Cummings
Sandy Brown
Drew Glover
Chris Krohn
Cynthia Mathews
Donna Meyers

City Council:

Please be advised that I am firmly against spending any city monies to fund current and/or to expand homeless encampments around Santa Cruz.

Additional services only serve to attract more homeless to our city, leading to the uncontrolled growth of this population.

Homeless services by the city of Santa Cruz are disproportionately higher than those of other neighboring cities, which only serves to disincentivize those cities from being part of the solution.

In future elections, I will vote to oppose any member of the council who supports funding and/or expanding homeless camps in Santa Cruz; in the present, I will support measures to recall any member of the council who promotes additional spending and I will actively urge my neighbors to do the same.

Sincerely

David Daggett

Rosemary Balsley

From: marija dargyte <marijadargyte@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 10:02 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Urgency / Emergency Shelter Resolution and Ordinance for TRANSITIONAL ENCAMPMENTS AND SAFE PARKING PROGRAMS

To Santa Cruz City Council,

As a tax payer, resident and constituent of Santa Cruz, I do not support the use of the High St. lot for transitional camping. It has become clear that the sprawl of the population requiring these encampments results in increased problems for surrounding neighborhoods.

I already feel unsafe and victimized in my town. Please take pity to ease my pain.

Sincerely,

Marija Dargyte

Rosemary Balsley

From: Mary Male <mmale@baymoon.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 9:58 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Proposed encampment between Peace United Church and High Street community Church

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed location of a homeless encampment in between Peace United Church and High Street Community Church. I live in the neighborhood nearby, and I am a member of Peace Church, where we have been providing a weekly shelter program for homeless people for more than 15 years. I point out that not only would the site be very close to Westlake School, but would also jeopardize the licensing of Coast Community Preschool, which operates on our site.

I have been a volunteer in both our church's shelter program as well as the city's winter shelter program. I am a supporter of providing effective services to reduce the suffering of those without shelter. But I do not think it is appropriate to locate an encampment in the location being considered.

Thank you for considering my input.

Mary Male
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831-325-6897

Rosemary Balsley

From: Johanna Epps <epps.johanna@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 9:47 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Transitional encampments

Dear City Council,

Regarding the Water property in between the churches on High Street, I would like to point out that there are several concerns that need to be added to the list.

1. No safe walking route to downtown or to a food market (it is up a steep hill with limited side walks.)
2. No close proximity to a grocery store.
 - a. Safeway on Mission is 1.5 miles away
 - b. Trader Joes Downtown is 1.6 miles away

Thank you,
Johanna Epps

Rosemary Balsley

From: Anna Matusik <annajmatusik@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 9:49 AM
To: Justin Cummings; Martine Watkins; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Concerns Regarding Proposed Transitional Encampment/Safe Sleeping Location - Site #1(Former Reservoir)

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you to respectfully request that you reconsider one of the proposed locations for a transitional encampment (Site #1, "Former Reservoir").

This location lies in the middle of a residential neighborhood on the Westside. It is:
97 feet to the nearest home on High Street 125 feet to the nearest home on Limestone Lane
440 feet to the Westlake Elementary School parking lot

Dozens of children walk directly through the lower part of this city parcel each weekday to get to and from both Coastal Community Preschool and Westlake Elementary School. Older children are often unaccompanied by an adult as they walk/bike to and from school, as this path is known to be very safe.

I understand that the city council would like for a transitional camp site to be staffed and supervised so as to combat drug use and other disruptive behaviors. However, I am skeptical that this will be possible (judging by recent encampments in San Lorenzo Park and Gateway Plaza) - and I would rather not have our neighborhood kids bear the brunt of any lapses in supervision or rule enforcement. As a resident of Limestone Lane (just up the hill from Site #1), I am also extremely wary of the overflow of any disruptive/illegal behavior in the neighborhoods immediately bordering the proposed location.

My daughter attended Westlake Elementary School, and one of the reasons we moved to Limestone Lane (from downtown Santa Cruz) was so that she could get safely to and from school - first with us walking with her, and ultimately by herself. She used the pathway that bisects Site #1 daily. Many of our friends and neighbors do the same today. In my opinion, a transitional camp would have a significant community impact on some of our youngest and most vulnerable residents. A camp at Site #1 would also affect (and possibly even eliminate) the use of this important safe school route for our children.

I again ask respectfully that Site #1 (Former Reservoir) be eliminated as a possible site for a transitional encampment/safe sleeping location.

With appreciation,

Anna Turner
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Santa Cruz, CA 95060
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Rosemary Balsley

From: rzgk1 . <jbclemens@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 11:01 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Enabling Junkies!

Can you please step back and look at the Big Picture? This is not compassion, this is not harm reduction. This is total disregard for the good of the vast majority of your constituents. Do you really want this stain on your record?

JC

Rosemary Balsley

From: Glenn Millhauser <glennm@ucsc.edu>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 10:54 AM
To: City Council
Subject: oppose Site #1 for homeless encampment

Dear City Council,

I firmly oppose the placement of a transitional encampment and safe sleeping site at Site #1, specifically, the site between the two churches on High St. and a few hundred feet from Westlake Elementary. This is a terrible idea. Unsafe for children and unfair to those living in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Sincerely,
glenn millhauser

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Jill Tardif <jctardif@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 10:07 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Site 1- Former Reservoir as possible transitional encampment

TO: Santa Cruz City Council Members

To consider putting a group of campers in the former reservoir behind Limestone Lane, 2 High St. churches, and a 2 minute walk to Westlake Elementary School is simply inappropriate and a recipe for serious disasters.

I urge you to listen to your constituents.

Sincerely, Jill Tardif

Rosemary Balsley

From: Robert Blaylock <robertpblaylock@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 9:55 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Objection to use of Star of Sea park/ Homeless relocation

Dear Council,

Several social outlets are now reporting that councilman Glover has suggested several areas for relocating the Ross Camp to areas within the Seabright community. Two of the suggestions were Star of Sea park and The Santa Cruz Bible Church parking lot. Both of these suggestions are haphazard and will not provide any of the resources that a homeless person (who is trying to transition out of homelessness) a valuable place to live. Other issues include:

Start of Sea Park - This is home to an alternative school. This park also floods during heavy rains. (It's still flooded now even after several days of full sun). It also backs up to approximately 8 houses that do not wish to have their homes that they've worked hard for devalue to the point of an inability to sale if a situation arises. This park has also had to put timed gates to prevent the drug sales that were going on in it after house. If chosen, you'll just be opening the flood gates once again now that we've finally gotten the drug issue under control.

Santa Cruz Bible Church - This church has made a huge impact to the community. It has cleaned up the area and provides a path in and out of Arana Gulch creating a larger issue as the situation would no doubt start spreading into Arana Gulch.

Furthermore, I find it very telling that Councilman Glover has chosen 4 areas all within Seabright. It seems his recommendation might be more of a personal issue than an honest attempt to help the homeless situation.

My wife and I just purchased our home in July of 2018 right here in Seabright. Se scrimped and saved every hard earn dollar for 25 years before being able to finally have the down payment to purchase our home. We went without just so that we could provide a safe and stable home for us and our children. Moving the Ross Camp situation to our neighborhood is a slap in the face for our lifetime of hard work. We, the tax payers, did not elect you to make our town worse. You ran because you thought you could make a difference. You are not only representatives of the homeless community. Please keep your tax paying constituents in mind before making decisions that will negatively impact our lives.

Sincerely,

Robert Blaylock
Seabright Community Member

Rosemary Balsley

From: Donald Smith <drsmith@ucsc.edu>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 11:32 AM
To: City Council
Subject: strongly opposed to public safe sleeping space designations on Westside

I am writing to express my strong opposition to designation of 'safe sleeping' space or RV parking space on public streets in Santa Cruz. The City's 'enabling' approach to dealing with transients and street dwellers focuses on a small minority of City residents at the expense and impact on families in Santa Cruz.

The rate of 'homelessness' in Santa Cruz is much higher than in adjacent cities in Monterey Bay or the greater SF Bay area, and proposals to enable transients to camp in parks, churches, or public space creates real health and safety issues that negatively impact families in the community.

Please start focusing on the 99.9% of us that contribute to the community rather than proposals that would further enable growth of our transient population that brings increased public health and safety issues.

Thank you
Donald Smith

Rosemary Balsley

From: Edmond Leber <bears5@pacbell.net>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 1:39 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless camp

Consider a building with toilets, showers, sleeping quarters. The homeless must use these facilities or leave the town. The current location of tents is unsanitary and dangerous. High St is definitely NOT an option.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Ann Durbin <durbin.ann@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 2:06 PM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Opposed to State of Emergency

Dear City Council members,
I've copied the below email sent to you by another citizen, since it expresses my own views so clearly. (The highlights are my own.)
Bottom line:

- Stop with the "state of emergency" and these thoughtless, heedless proposals that put our city at risk.
- Stop with building up this homeless industrial complex, and any individual political empires. A recall is looming for those who keep this up.
- Start thinking and working for the whole electorate, and for the future of Santa Cruz. We are just one smallish town, with an economy based largely on natural beauty and tourism. We should not attempt to carry the entire burden of the homeless on behalf of the United States, the central coast of California, or even the rest of the Monterey Bay area.

Sincerely,
Ann Durbin

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Dear City Council Members, The current homelessness issue we have in SC has been years in the making; **it is not an emergency**. This city spends an exorbitant amount of time and expense responding to a small portion of the overall population and **neglecting the vast majority of citizens who are impacted** by the less-than-law-abiding. In 2018 a Fiscal Emergency was declared and then a decision to spend \$90,000 a month for a city-sponsored camp was made. Measure S was approved by voters to try to close the budgetary gap and bail the city out. What did Santa Cruzans gain for their generosity? A camp that spent nearly \$1M serving around 60 people, a higher cost of living here and a continued attractant to folks looking for services from all over. For the \$900,000 that was spent, how many people transitioned to housing and are still in said housing? Isn't it peculiar that the goal is to "transition" to a housed situation when we all know housing / cost of living is extraordinarily expensive here? Rather than continue to pour good money after bad into scenarios that have been proven less-than-effective, please take the time to study the pros and cons of what other entities are doing; Berkeley's tried and failed RV parking fiasco. **Do an audit of all monies the city is currently spending** with various non-profits, etc., for efficacy rates / outcomes. Do something other than the same thing over and over that has not worked. Or preferably, enforce the County, who is awarded the money and has the responsibility, to step up and do their jobs. Our local government is consumed by this issue and it isn't our issue to solely own. A fellow SC citizen compiled the following statistics using HUD and SC City Council sources (all numbers represent homeless people per 100,000): New York (highest rate of any state): 470 California: 329 Santa Cruz County (population of 274000 excluding City of SC): 495 City of Santa Cruz (population of 64000): 1881 This would mean the rate of homelessness in SC is 3.8 higher than the rest of the county and 5.7 times higher than the rest of California. Someone on staff could / should confirm those numbers. If they're even close to true, people need to start admitting that there's something about Santa Cruz that is drawing people here. Beauty and weather don't explain it all, because nearly all of central and southern coastal CA have this, as well as a high cost of living. Could it be that our community is "too compassionate" and "overly enabling"? Just like teenagers will hang out at whoever's home has the "coolest" (least strict) parents, people looking for "freedom of choice" will come here to live their chosen lifestyle at the expense, literal and figurative, of every other Santa Cruzan. These are some items that need to be considered before opening up Santa Cruz even further as it becomes a greater attractant: **Admit SC is taking on too much responsibility** for what is supposed to be managed at the county level, most likely, for political capital. Touting "compassion" is a nice sound byte, but too much compassion is enablement; former addicts attest to this. Admit there's a drug problem and take a stance against allowing hard-drug users in any city-sponsored programs. According to Dr. Leff, the Emeline clinic spent nearly \$26M for 10 people. This is shameful. And what were the outcomes for those patients? Why do we allow this

to continue? According to Dr. Leff, 300-600 needles *per day*. If the camp is housing approximately 150 people, and 300-600 needles per day are being used, that's 4-8 syringes being used per person per day. **Stop the enablement.** Either the individual is doing the work to get clean or they should no longer receive services. Propping up users in perpetuity is not the role of our city and is a drain on our budget and every day life. Admit the current solution of collecting needles is not working Take a stand and work with the county to implement a true 1:1 system; turn in x needles receive x needles. Used needles will become a commodity and have value rather than being discarded as trash because they're so easy to come by and someone else will pick them up. **Admit SC has a budget issue and cannot fiscally support politically motivated projects. Admit SC, or any other city in demand, cannot actually provide a bed to anyone who wants one.** It's another fantastic sound-byte, but resource constraints are reality. Please remind yourselves that if the city does indeed have around 1200 homeless individuals here, there are another 60,000 who experience the ramifications of every decision you make. **We are tired of being stolen from, finding human feces and trash in our parks, sidewalks and public spaces, tired of feeling unsafe, being followed and harassed while venturing downtown, tired of funding the never-ending cycle of compassion-projects that have no proven track record of success and are draining us all financially.** Please stop. Slow down. Think. Study. Consider *all* of your constituents. Spend our money wisely, we don't have any to spare.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Lynn Renshaw <lynn.renshaw@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 1:31 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

- Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.
- Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities.
- Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Rosemary Balsley

From: hd2bered@aol.com
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 12:33 PM
To: Andrew Mills
Cc: City Council
Subject: Re: Encampment issues--a suggestion

Chief,

I know you know my background and frustration at this growing situation. I do not see ANY evidence of full scale enforcement downtown. NOT A BIT. I work down there and the lack of PD presence is quite obvious. We continue to fall victim to nuisance crimes, and when reported, are told by communications and by the CSO's that we should file our reports on line so no one even has to respond to a call for service. If you don't believe me, pull the tapes.

NO.

I completely disagree with your take on this and would be happy to show you just how bad this situation has become for downtown businesses and west side residents. We had the whole "Camp Stockton" situation last year, and it is ramping up to be another banner year down there. There was ZERO pro active policing on that, meaning the PD has an abundance of tolerance until someone complains. At that time, we were told, literally TOLD to exaggerate our call for service in order to get a more timely response. If you do not believe an officer told us that, I can provide a list of several witnesses to that particular scenario. The potential for tragedy in that situation speaks for itself.

Many of these individuals are armed. I observed a very large folding knife on one of two transients in the bike shop last week. When asked to leave, they became confrontational. They violated no laws other than loitering, but the fact that day in, day out we have to deal with this is untenable as you well know. I have been told by the downtown ambassadors that they are fearful of walking downtown alone, IN DAYLIGHT HOURS, because of the aggression of the population down there. They are precluded from walking in pairs so they do not feel safe doing their jobs. They have to lock their business door to prevent entrance which actually is in direct conflict with the mission they are providing.

While it is great that you tout all your statistics, I can give you just as many to counter them. There is no downtown business that feels served by the PD that I am aware of. Citizens have lost the ability to feel safe in our surroundings and you seem to think that giving me statistics (and copying city council) is sufficient. It is not. Change the operational plan. FTA's have to turn into something else. You know who they are, we know who they are. Take individualized action if you can. TRO's? Work with the DA and the jail and courts to try something new. Santa Clara County has had some success in establishing a Drug court, and I suspect that could be a model for other creative solutions.

Until we are all on the same page (City Council, PD, SO, DA, Court system, outreach) this will continue to fail. The sheer chaos is evident. There are people sleeping in the streets everywhere because no one bothers them. On Mission St, yesterday about 10 am. On the sidewalk. In front of a business. You are all working against each other every time you provide statistics that say you can do no more. On the contrary, we expect far better from our civil servants. Create a task force of all parties, have VISIBLE deployment and clear things out. Zero Tolerance means Zero Tolerance. The fact that I can look out the window downtown and watch drug deals, petty crimes and loitering and sleeping is visible confirmation that the PD and city government tolerates a whole lot before getting involved.

The fact that we have dozens of motor homes sleeping on our streets with ZERO enforcement (a complaint that has been lodged for years in our neighborhood) also verifies significant tolerance of law violations. If you ignore them, they clearly will come. By the way, the woman in the camper is still there, but since I also got ZERO response from anyone I stopped sending photos. We were told by our neighborhood officer that they wouldn't enforce the overnight sleeping ban because no one would tow the vehicles. You told me yourself almost two years ago that you were going to create a city tow yard to address some of this. What happened to that plan?

I want the police to be safe and they need increased numbers for that. I wholeheartedly endorse hiring to augment staffing, but I would like to see something (other than 647 F arrest stats) so show some success. We have a drug/addiction problem in this town, not a 647 F problem. Maximum Enforcement. Get the needles out of the camp. Get the drugs out of the camp. Get the "camp" out of existence (with alternatives, mental health support and enforcement) and make our town safe. Until something changes drastically, this is only going to get worse.

Karen

-----Original Message-----

From: Andrew Mills <amills@cityofsantacruz.com>

To: hd2bered@aol.com <hd2bered@aol.com>; City Council <citycouncil@cityofsantacruz.com>

Cc: Martin Bernal <mbernal@cityofsantacruz.com>

Sent: Fri, Mar 15, 2019 11:45 am

Subject: RE: Encampment issues--a suggestion

Dear Karen,

I know, based on your emails, you are frustrated and angry about homeless persons living in your neighborhood- parked in vehicles and some committing crime.

Over the years SCPD's primary strategy has been maximum enforcement. I would think most would say this has not worked well. Out of the tens of thousands of tickets written, I am told 98% fail to appear. After five failure to appears the tickets are bundled and sent to collections. There is no possibility of arrest or jail time. Some research might suggest that the inability to follow through exasperates the problem. It is akin to telling a child not to do something, then watching them do it and not correcting the errant behavior. For punishment to work, it must be certain, swift and fair. Many in this community do not want to see zero tolerance enforcement on homeless persons for things they cannot control.

Also, you may be unaware we deploy two mental health workers with patrol officers every day of the week. We offer bus tickets, shelter, and housing. The issue is the lack of space for housing, drug, and alcohol rehab beds and mental health facilities. As you know, these are funded by the state and federal government and run by the county. The city cannot and has nothing to do these operations other than to send people to them.

We also have several programs to deal with recidivistic criminality, from the PACT program to HOPES and now FIT. We have identified the most disruptive people and have focused our efforts on them. In fact, SCPD made 4,500 drunk in public arrests. Of that 69 % occurred downtown. Take away those who have been arrested once or twice, and we learned that 10 people are responsible for 40% of the drunk arrests downtown. We are systematically working with each of them, assessing how we can help them improve and aggressively ensuring compliance.

I hope this helps you to understand the dynamic efforts that many departments of the city are working together in concert to solve the complicated issues.

Best,

Andy

From: hd2bered@aol.com [mailto:hd2bered@aol.com]

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 8:41 AM

To: City Council <citycouncil@cityofsantacruz.com>; Andrew Mills <amills@cityofsantacruz.com>

Subject: Encampment issues--a suggestion

Hello,

As a very long time resident of the city and the West Side in particular, I have seen the drastic changes in the quality of life here in Santa Cruz. It is my personal opinion that much of the degradation of the quality of life is the impact a lack of enforcement of "nuisance laws" has contributed to the situation we are in today.

I propose something that in the 25 years of my residency I have NEVER seen: **Maximum enforcement.**

What I propose is a 1 year pilot program, that involves ALL stake holders to create the operating plan: The police to create specially trained teams to deal directly with the transient population.

Social work and public health resources with a plan and immediate availability to deal with those in crisis who are seeking help.

The jail and court system to accept and process the situation with a defined plan on dealing with recidivists.

The shelter and outreach programs to accept those wanting help.

When we label this population with a single title of "homeless" this does a disservice to all involved. The situation includes the mentally ill and addiction issues as well as those without shelter.

Until we at least TRY and deal in a significant, lawful way with this situation, we will continue to be creating and contributing to the problem, as we see now with years of trying this or that and all the while INCREASING the numbers rather than decreasing them.

I urge you all to consider the reasons we have the laws and ordinances in place that we do. We have an obligation to try and if we try with the full force of all our recourses to move in the same direction, perhaps we can see a change. Provide some help. Mitigate or alleviate the cost to our city. Improve the quality of life for all involved.

Karen Burgess

Rosemary Balsley

From: Julia Jackson <juliaann@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 12:29 PM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Homeless encampment at River Street

The ongoing homeless situation in Santa Cruz that has persisted for many years is at a boiling point. We no longer bring guests to our home in Santa Cruz. We no longer enroll grandchildren in Parks and Rec programs. We don't feel our community is a safe place for ourselves or others.

Julia Jackson

Rosemary Balsley

From: Nicholas Andrews <dnanicka@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 12:13 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Transitional Encampments

City Council

What are the homeless doing while away from their safe space encampments?

Their world has seem to become an ashtray and so too for everyone else that happens into it. Is this is what the community is expected to endure as fair return on providing safe space? These people need to self police, show self respect, have a bit of dignity as much as able, and to abide by our ordinances & laws if its to expected to be returned in kind with some understanding for their plight and our extension of safe space, shelter and treatment, YES? Homeless is not entitlement to disregard normal societal conventions and expectations. As long as the animal is being fed its tame, but then it should be expected that its ok to bite the hand that feeds it - let's get a grip folks it's **NOT THE CONDITION ITS THE BEHAVIOR** that is paramount needing addressing foremost.

To state an opinion, the real expansive question is where these individuals are spending the balance of time is being missed. What is not being alluded to is the before/after ingress & egress time to their provided safe space, no harm in sleeping safely. Are they looking for work, going to work, attending school, searching for skills training, working out, going to the "Y", or improving on their hopes & desires like the rest of us, or involved with some treatment? Not on their life, but it is on top of our life they trample. One has to only walk the town and see it for yourself, not by being escorted by cops during the daylight. On the street away from encampment they are just hanging out, getting stoned being non-productive nits, they are crowding out our public space, panhandling, and at times and in places displaying a visceral repugnance that will scar the town. Any interaction with these folks embattle basal emotions making for a sorrowful avoidance of these folks & places they frequent necessary, only isolating them more, and for us from parks, beaches, open space, town center and shopping hubs. How can people who desire and need our help be allowed to exist in this state of mind & inaction and be cast onto our town's core as a social aid. They are detached from community, family, friends and have reattached to their drugs, drug dealers and crime bros who will now attach to our town's core.

The upfront issue is as the carousel wheel of homelessness & abusive homeless behavior grinds up the community with its sub culture we live in. We are now are being asked to further support what seems to become a permanent socio economic demographic sub class imposed into our town as inevitable consequence of this crisis. Most of the community are unwilling to accept or endure this HUMAN DETRITUS that attaches itself to this problem as well to its spread into the core of town as some solution. WE ARE IN OPPOSITION not towards the desired end, but in the "by whose means" i.e. public safety, the taxes, adverse economic impact, loss of quality of life, access to parks & open space, expansive environmental deterioration, and strained tolerance & general fear for our kids to its influence on the public conscience that is being asked of us, or actually foisted on us by un-fettered compassion using a proposed solution thrown out hoping it sticks as some good measure in support & justification by certain political ideologues and those the least impacted.

Our small town does not spatially support numerous encampments without our town becoming, and certainly appearing to outsiders as a single encampment that is sure to attract more in the same to

"the encampment by the sea".

Any decision of you still demands ZERO TOLERANCE for aberrant public behavior.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Samantha Petovello <samantha.petovello@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 1:10 PM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Cc: Manuel Prado; Mark Petovello
Subject: Proposed solutions to Santa Cruz Homelessness - Opposition to transitional camps

Dear Members of Santa Cruz City Council,

I and my family are fairly new residents to Santa Cruz, and have been appalled by the recent course of events regarding homelessness, drugs and crime in our city that we so badly want to call home. We moved here wanting to access the natural beauty, natural living and outdoor areas that we are so fortunate to have in our backyards but have been surprised and shocked at the current state of affairs.

We moved here because we want to live here. We are tax paying, law-abiding citizens. We enjoy our public parks. We, like so many others, choose Santa Cruz. We are saddened and concerned about the direction this city is hastily taking. Our level of concern has mounted to the point where we are unsure if we will realistically be able to call this city home in the future.

We have been following the recent City Council meetings, and decisions. We are absolutely aghast that transitional camps are even being considered. This just seems to be shuffling the problem. To us, people on the streets are still people on the streets - whether its in one encampment or 2-3 specifically selected locations around the city. They are still on the streets, without shelter and subject to the dangers that come with those circumstances. In addition, the locations of the transitional camps are appalling - I can't believe that High street is a consideration. Near an elementary school!?! My daughter is assigned to Westlake and will be starting there in 2020. I have panic attacks and can't sleep at night worrying about what is going to happen. This is not okay. As our City leaders, it is your job to act in the best interest of ALL citizens. The current proposals cater to the 2% - the 2% who are using a disproportionate amount of resources and holding those of us who follow the rules hostage.

We are not without compassion, but also feel that enabling the dysfunctional behaviors that lead people to live a homeless lifestyle is the very opposite of compassion. We need to draw a line in the sand and say "No. This is not okay. If this is the lifestyle being chosen, you cannot do it here. We will give you help, but you are not allowed to endanger children and our environment in the process. By choosing to accept help, you will abide by our rules, or you will be asked to move along".

I want to be clear - we are 100% against the creation of any transitional camps and instead, want to see permanent, high-barrier (ie. rules - no drugs, curfews, etc) affordable housing created. And if people do not qualify for such housing, they need to be shown the door. They are not welcome here.

We work hard, and as society have an agreed set of expectations. No one has the right to infringe on the personal health and safety of another human. Allowing this deluge of drugs, unsanitary and unsafe conditions is unacceptable. Allowing people to sleep in parks is unacceptable. My kids play there, and I am forever terrified they are going to step on a needle, or a pile of human excrement. Who will take care of US through the fallout of such a circumstance? Is that something our City Council is willing to carry over their heads? Just imagine that headline and legal fallout that will ensue.

We will continue to fervently advocate for the law-abiding citizens of Santa Cruz, and will continue to protest, physically if necessary (by physically blocking) the creation of transitional camps.

Before solution policy decisions can be agreed and enacted, there needs to be research, outreach to communities who have overcome similar challenges (I would argue that Portland and Seattle not as successful as currently presented) and a well-thought out plan devised. I am seeing none of this. Hastily agreed motions speaks of amateur, under qualified personnel who are being grossly negligent in the execution of their Civic Duty.

In Summary:

- No to transitional camps
- No to sleeping in parks
- No to allowing overnight camping and parking on our streets
- No to free needles
- No to public urination and defecation
- No to an encampment on High Street, or any location near a school or neighbourhood
- YES to permanent, affordable housing for those needing a leg up
- YES to rehab and recovery services, provided the recipients follow the rules of the program - hard line compliance policy
- YES to fair consequences for crimes committed
- YES to a city wide clean up to fix this mess that's been created

Regards,

Samantha

Rosemary Balsley

From: Patrick Mcdonald <pjmcd42@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 10:17 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless encampments

Stop the madness by invoking more policies to attract more derelicts, junkies and thieves. If you build it they will come.

Allowing junk rv's and park camping will attract more folks who want to take from system and live by their own rules. Why does the city feel compelled to provide housing and services at the expense of the hardworking folks who pay for all of this?

Help the homeless by creating a safe law abiding site away from neighborhoods and quit enabling the ones who choose another path!

My neighborhood (Frederick st) are adamantly opposed to allowing rv camping or anything to further erode Ariana gulch park. We already live with the constant transient population that runs the neighborhood. AT any given day drive around and see the broken glass from our current population of junkies and thieves wandering our streets.

Patrick McDonald

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Jill Beneda <j.beneda@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 2:38 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Pending state of Emergency Declaration vs 2018 Fiscal Emergency

Dear City Council Members,

The current homelessness issue we have in SC has been years in the making; it is not an emergency. This city spends an exorbitant amount of time and expense responding to a small portion of the overall population and neglecting the vast majority of citizens who are impacted by the less-than-law-abiding.

In 2018 a Fiscal Emergency was declared and then a decision to spend \$90,000 a month for a city-sponsored camp was made. Measure S was approved by voters to try to close the budgetary gap and bail the city out. What did Santa Cruzans gain for their generosity? A camp that spent nearly \$1M serving around 60 people, a higher cost of living here and a continued attractant to folks looking for services from all over. For the \$900,000 that was spent, how many people transitioned to housing and are still in said housing? Isn't it peculiar that the goal is to "transition" to a housed situation when we all know housing / cost of living is extraordinarily expensive here?

Rather than continue to pour good money after bad into scenarios that have been proven less-than-effective, please take the time to study the pros and cons of what other entities are doing, e.g., Berkeley's tried and failed RV parking fiasco. Do an audit of all monies the city is currently spending with various non-profits, etc., for efficacy rates / outcomes. Do something other than the same thing over and over that has not worked. Or preferably, force the County, who is awarded the money and has the responsibility, to step up and do their jobs. Our local government is consumed by this issue and it isn't our issue to solely own.

A fellow SC citizen compiled the following statistics using HUD and SC City Council sources (all numbers represent homeless people per 100,000):

- New York (highest rate of any state): 470
- California: 329
- Santa Cruz County (population of 274000 excluding City of SC): 495
- City of Santa Cruz (population of 64000): 1881

This would mean the rate of homelessness in SC is 3.8 higher than the rest of the county and 5.7 times higher than the rest of California. Someone on staff could / should confirm those numbers. If they're even close to true, people need to start admitting that there's something about Santa Cruz that is drawing people here. Beauty and weather don't explain it all, because nearly all of central and southern coastal CA have this, as well as a high cost of living. Could it be that our community is "too compassionate" and "overly enabling"? Just like teenagers will hang out at whoever's home has the "coolest" (least strict) parents, people looking for "freedom of choice" will come here to live their chosen lifestyle at the expense, literal and figurative, of every other Santa Cruzan.

These are some items that need to be considered before opening up Santa Cruz even further as it becomes a greater attractant:

- Admit SC is taking on too much responsibility for what is supposed to be managed at the county level, most likely, for political capital.
 - Touting “compassion” is a nice sound byte, but too much compassion is enablement; former addicts attest to this.
- Admit there’s a drug problem and take a stance against allowing hard-drug users in any city-sponsored programs.
 - According to Dr. Leff, the Emeline clinic spent nearly \$26M for 10 people. This is shameful. And what were the outcomes for those patients? This is enablement, not compassion.
 - According to Dr. Leff, 300-600 needles *per day* are distributed at the “Ross” camp alone. If the camp is housing approximately 150 people, and 300-600 needles per day are being used, that’s 4-8 syringes being used per person per day.
 - Stop the enablement.
 - Either the individual is doing the work to get clean or they should no longer receive services.
 - Propping up users in perpetuity is not the role of our city and is a drain on our budget and every day life.
- Admit the current solution of collecting needles is not working
 - Take a stand and work with the county to implement a true 1:1 system; turn in x needles receive x needles. Used needles will become a commodity and have value rather than being discarded as trash because they’re so easy to come by and "someone else" will pick them up.
- Admit SC has a budget issue and cannot fiscally support politically motivated projects.
- Admit SC, or any other city in high demand, cannot actually provide a bed to anyone who wants one. It’s another fantastic sound-byte, but resource constraints are reality.

Please remind yourselves that if the city does indeed have around 1200 homeless individuals here, there are another 60,000 who experience the ramifications of every decision you make. We are tired of being stolen from, finding human feces and trash in our parks, sidewalks and public spaces, tired of feeling unsafe, being followed and harassed while venturing downtown, tired of funding the never-ending cycle of compassion-projects that have no proven track record of success and are draining us all financially.

Please stop. Slow down. Think. Study. Consider *all* of your constituents. Spend our money wisely, we don’t have any to spare.

Thank you for your time,

Rosemary Balsley

From: Jim Bogard <jdbogard@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 4:12 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Site #1" / 870 High

Dear Council,

In your report, The Overview of Potential Transitional Encampment or Safe Sleeping Sites, it is suggested that "Site #1" / 870 High St, is being considered as a site for a homeless camp site. This site is unsuitable for a homeless encampment. Do you really think that a homeless camp site located alongside the walkway of several hundred children walking to school every weekday is a wise decision? I think not. Please reconsider your site location.

James Bogard.
jdbogard@gmail.com

Rosemary Balsley

From: Judy Lee <docjlee@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 4:09 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless encampments

Dear City council,

It is of utmost concern to me, my family, and my neighbors of your intended proposal to integrate the homeless camps and lift parking regulations into our city's neighborhoods.

We are tax paying residents of Santa Cruz city since 1986, and worked very hard to earn a home in the Delaveaga neighborhood since 1998. In this time, we have, like everyone else, evidenced the rapid rise in homelessness and crime in our town. The parks and beaches that we used to safely enjoy when our kids were babies in the early 2000s are now regular meeting grounds for the homeless and drug addicted, where discarded needles and human feces are common byproducts. Parks such as Harvey West, Delaveaga, Frederick Street, Grant Street, Ocean Street, River Street, and many more. I'm hearing from more and more young families who are avoiding these public places with their young children. Now, you are considering integrating this population into our neighborhoods, churches, and parks?

In our own neighborhood, almost every resident has installed locks to their gates, home security systems and video cameras. I remember even 10 years ago when we would take extended vacations for 2-3 weeks in the summers and leave our yard gates and garage doors unlocked so that our neighbors can use our playset or any of our tools while we were away. Now, we can't even leave our shoes or umbrellas in front of the house because they keep getting stolen. Do you have any idea of the negative impact to our neighborhood and city if you allow homeless camps and parked cars near residential property?

My husband is a SC city firefighter and I work in the medical profession. We have been serving the homeless community for many years. We feel so much compassion for them, but we would not consider inviting them to live with us or station their car near our property. This population needs professional and longterm intervention. You cannot expect them to infiltrate residential neighborhoods and integrate successfully and positively without securely monitoring, treating, and educating them.

Currently, neighborhoods all over SC county are suffering from chronic property theft, and we are increasingly becoming a paranoid community who can't forget, even one time, to lock our car or house doors for fear of violation. Santa Cruz was once an idyllic place to live and raise a family, but we are so tired of needing to be constantly vigilant for our safety and our property.

I may not make it to the next city council meeting, but please consider my voice in your intentions for our community and the homeless camps.

Concerned citizen,
Judy Lee

Rosemary Balsley

From: Rick Lofvendahl <lofvendahl@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 4:07 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Response to Homelessness

We are writing to the Council to voice our opposition to the placement of a transitional encampment and safe sleeping site on High Street between 850 and 900 High Street. Placing such an encampment in a residential neighborhood, a very short distance from a elementary school, is a terrible idea and will have a very negative impact on our neighborhoods. Homelessness is a serious problem in this community but it is your responsibility to represent the interests of all citizens, not just the homeless.

There is a great deal of foot traffic along High Street. Children and their families walking to and from Westlake Elementary School, students and staff walking to and from UCSC, residents enjoying walking with their family and pets. Even with the best of intentions to monitor and control behavior of persons staying in these encampments, the reality is that the City has very little control over personal behavior and you must realize that the neighborhood is going to be negatively impacted.

Placing a transitional encampment and safe sleeping site at this location will have a negative impact on the neighborhood and it is your responsibility to protect our interests.

Rick and Lynda Lofvendahl
205 Quarry Ln., Santa Cruz

Rosemary Balsley

From: gale olson <galeolsondesigns@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 4:07 PM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: BREEDING GROUNDS for HEALTH DISASTER

Honorable City Council:

Be sure to READ the entire letter of March 8 from County of Santa Cruz HEALTH SERVICES Director.

His carefully researched information clarifies the horrific potential for a health disaster that MUST be avoided. You MUST reverse your direction before it's too late.

Far worse to fear that you cannot save face by reversing your decision....FAR BETTER you save our City from a potential HEALTH DISASTER that could spread like wildfire.

Sincerely,

Henry and Gale Olson - 40 year residents of Santa Cruz

Rosemary Balsley

From: TOM VLASSIS <tomandjudyv@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 4:06 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Sit back and breath

Hello

I realize that Camp Ross will be closing soon but I feel that you all need to take your time and really look at this continuing situation (not an easy task). I have tried to think of solutions

Reopen the old County Hospital for drug and alcohol abuse and also for the mentally ill. Then I think, maybe to costly.

Find county land, not infringing on residential areas. But I think that most of the homeless want to be in the City and would not go .

There are a lot of citizens that have many ideas and if we all work together we might just come up with a permanent solution that makes everyone happy. So, I am asking you to take your time and consider everyone when making this big decision. Just a heads up....the voting taxpayers are uniting.

Thank you
Regards

Judith Vlassis

Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: Teresa L <monteromanesca@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 3:50 PM
To: City Council
Subject: public comment for March 19th special meeting

Lately the city council and staff have been looking to Eugene OR as a “successful” program in improving the lives of the residentially challenged.

Their program started in 2013. It’s been 6 years.

What is the impact on their homeless population? In 2013, there was a point-in-time count of 1751, in 2018, it was 1642. That’s a 6% change, with an initial dip, then a rise. Six percent over six years at a linear rate would mean a century until "success". Every bit counts, but that’s really not a lot.

Instead, let’s look another oceanside tourist destination - Miami.

Over the last 20 years, Miami reduced its homeless population from 10,000 to 1,000. That’s a 90% decrease - pretty dramatic. And they did it with an individualized, highly compassionate approach that got people into housing and care.

How did they do it? What did this take?

It took \$61 to \$65 million dollars a year, for 20 years. They had a lot of private donors.

How big is Miami?

2017 population of Miami : 463,347, of Dade county : 2,751,796.

Let’s compare it to Santa Cruz.

2017 population of Santa Cruz : 65,021, and of the county : 275,897.

Santa Cruz and county is about 10-14% the size of Miami and its county.

And yet, Miami now has fewer people experiencing homelessness than Santa Cruz. Is this something we can learn from?

Using all the principles they learned in Miami, this approach would need, proportionately, \$6 to \$9 million dollars a year for 20 years.

This situation is not fixable in one season, with one hurried declaration. We need to collaborate with the county and state, secure a sustainable \$9 million dollars a year from public and private sources, and then get to work.

Do we have an attention span beyond the next meeting, the next election? I challenge our council to set a 20 year vision for this and other issues before them. And please, no more bait and switch agendas, surprise motions, and hurried midnight votes.

Teresa Luther

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Julia Elman <jelman22@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 3:36 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Proposed homeless encampment

Dear Santa Cruz City Council,

I do not think the proposed site behind the 2 churches on High Street is a viable option for a homeless encampment because it is right next to an elementary school. For several reasons including needles being discarded, safety, cleanliness, defecation, fire safety, etc. this is not a reasonable place to house a group of homeless. As we have heard from the study done on the Ross camp, over half the residents are IV drug users. This poses a major safety hazard to anyone living, working or going to school in the immediate area, especially small children.

On a similar note, I think it is a bad idea to create several homeless encampments around town. We can't even keep everyone in the one Ross encampment healthy and safe, there is no way the city would be able to enforce several camps.

Thank you,

Julia Elman

Rosemary Balsley

From: Erin Smith <erinsmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 2:48 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers
Subject: purposed homeless encampment on High St

Dear Council Members,

I am shocked to find that a purposed site to move the homeless encampment is next door, literally steps away from my daughter's preschool, Coastal Community, which is located on the Peace United Church campus. Next year she will attend Westlake elementary which is just steps further.

Are you aware this green belt is a thoroughfare for children walking to and from school? We use this path daily. It is also in eye shot of my home.

I believe the Ross camp is being shut down due to health and safety reasons. In no way is this a suitable location for those potentially suffering from drug addiction and mental illness. This greenbelt is in a neighborhood, on a slope, next to 2 schools. Please use common sense and do your due diligence.

Sincerely,
Erin Smith

Rosemary Balsley

From: Melissa Freebairn <melissafreebairn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 2:42 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Camp Ross Harm Reduction 3/19/19

Dear City Council,

I am writing to ask that you immediately suspend the secondary needle exchange going on at Camp Ross by non-medical volunteers every Thursday. It is unacceptable that City and County leaders use taxpayer money to pay for medical supplies and allow volunteers to engage with clients without any supervision or confidentiality. This mobile secondary needle exchange was never brought to the public's attention for input and operates with zero accountability.

The County HSA runs a Syringe Services Program (SSP) located at [1060 Emeline Avenue, Suite 105](#), where people suffering from substance use disorders can exchange needles, get supplies for safe injection, referrals for HIV/Hep C testing, medical care at Emeline Clinic for infections, mental health services and information about local treatment programs. The distance between Camp Ross and Emeline Campus is approx. 1.3 miles (a 6-minute walk).

When you already have licensed County medical personnel 6 minutes away, that are trained in public health best practices, why would you allow non-medical volunteers to hand out thousands of needles, kits and Narcan? All human beings deserve medical care in a private setting, not right out in the open in front of the public walking by. In private, medical professionals can help people who struggle with drug addiction and mental health issues with referrals, education, treatment options, and most importantly hope for recovery.

Our County SSP is not certified under the California Department of Public Health but it should follow basic best practices. People must dispose of their dirty needles properly to stop the appalling amount of needles ending up in public spaces, our parks and on beaches. An exchange of dirty needles for clean ones can be done in a private medical setting where the dirty needles are counted by the client in front of the medical person, then disposed of by the client into a proper container. The medical person then hands them the exact amount of clean needles...it is called accountability!

Did the City or County ever ask the local nursing community for volunteers to run a secondary needle exchange locally? I'm sure there are many, like myself that would be happy to help. Substance use disorders should be treated by licensed health professionals who have the education, dedication, compassion, experience, training and capabilities to offer hope and professional care to those struggling. If you are going to offer this program than do it right with the necessary medical team!

Sincerely,

Melissa Freebairn

Registered Nurse

Needle Exchange Minimum Standards

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=121349.&lawCode=HSC

Rosemary Balsley

From: Sufi Fox <sufifox@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 4:39 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Proposed transitional housing site

Hi,

I am writing today to strongly urge you to reconsider the idea of opening up the site behind the Peace United and High Street Community Churches as a transitional housing site.

I hope that you plan to do a Community Impact and Adjacent Use survey of that plot of land before considering it as an alternative homeless encampment, even temporarily. The fact that there is a public elementary school right there with unaccompanied children walking to and from school should be deterrent enough. There are also three preschools there (Coastal Community, Bridges to Kinder, and across the street, Messiah Lutheran). The Peace United Church also hosts Musical Mondays (a children's drama and music program) to which many children walk alone after school. High Street Community runs youth programs there two evenings a week that are attended by many neighborhood kids (not just church members). Some of their activities (hide-and-seek, go-cart racing, etc) are conducted outside in the dark.

Bringing the problems endemic to our local homeless encampments into such close proximity to our children is inviting trouble. Parents who I know personally have already had to live through the horror of bringing their 9-year-old daughter in to the ER to be tested for HIV and hepatitis after she stepped on a discarded needle in her front yard. Imagine how frequently that might happen if you move a high risk population next door to an elementary school.

As the grown-ups in this city, the onus is on us - all of us - to keep the kids safe.

There are laws prohibiting cigarette advertisements within a certain distance from a school. Surely the kids should be at least as protected from the dangers that can come with a homeless camp? And if the moral argument doesn't move you, might the prospect of associated lawsuits? One child contracting a disease (or being assaulted, molested, or exposed to drugs) at a city-sanctioned encampment that can't be avoided by that child on his way to school could end up costing the city an astronomical amount of money. Appropriately so.

Please, please, please reconsider this location as a possibility. I understand that the homeless people of the city need somewhere to sleep. But the spaces surrounding schools should not be considered a possibility. The kids shouldn't have to shoulder the burden of the grown-ups' ill-considered policies.

In addition, I also ask you not to declare a state of emergency to bypass all the extant laws and policies surrounding homelessness in Santa Cruz. I have lived here long enough to remember how much worse it used to be. The citizens, elected officials, first-responders, homeless folks' advocates and others have worked so hard for so many years to make the situation better and safer for everyone. If you declare a state of emergency, it will set us back and create a bigger, more diffuse mess to clean up.

You are in a very, very difficult position, but please remember that you have been elected to carry out the will of the people of Santa Cruz, even when it doesn't feel expedient. Santa Cruz is a wonderful city, and we don't want to take it in a Trump-y direction.

Thanks for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,

Sufi Fox
Walnut Ave.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Peggy Bogard <peggylbogard@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 1:54 PM
To: City Council
Subject: homeless relocation

To: Santa Cruz City Council Members

The Mayor

It has come to our attention and concern that you are considering re-locating some of the homeless to 870 High St. Site#1.

Have any of you checked out this property? Do you realize it is situated where children are walking to & from Westlake Elementary School? Also, there are pre-schools & children's activities throughout the week at the adjacent churches. NOT a safe environment to have in our neighborhood!

Isn't there some way to evaluate these peoples needs individually? The money we spend on the homeless now can be used to help those needing de-tox, & other health issues, as well as helping to find jobs, homes, & getting back into society. Of those not wishing to be part of our community, they must move on.

Please, put an end to this dreadful situation in a caring & humane way, not just keep moving the same problem to a different & unwelcoming location.

Victor & Peggy Bogard

301 Majors St

831-426-4034

Rosemary Balsley

From: Hloco <hloco@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 1:44 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Pilot Camp

Dear City Council,

I am opposed to the opening of any further camps in addition to the River Street camp. I am also opposed to any changes to the Shelter Emergency Ordinance.

Opening yet another camp in addition to the River Street Camp on city property as a place for the homeless is redundant, costly, vague in scope, and against the will of the majority of residents living in the City. It also sends a message to our County partners we have little interest in working with them to support real shelter models with an intake process. Homeless living in camps are considered unsheltered so creating multiple camps will likely increase our unsheltered homeless count. Creating low barrier camps with no intake process will likely draw more people from outside the City in as well. No other jurisdiction in Santa Cruz County is considering camps. The fact we have one in line to open is a pilot camp.

When the Shelter Emergency ordinance was passed last year there was a promise of a 3 step plan with the River Street Camp step 1, an interim shelter step 2, and a permanent shelter/day center step 3. Excusing code and permitting seemed necessary to expedite the promise. That fell through. We no longer have a plan co-partnering with County to follow. The only plan being offered is possible encampments by Council members with unknown providers, structure and unknown timelines.

I strongly suggest the Council not implement any further city funded camps. At the very least it would be wise to wait and hear the County 2x2 Committee's plans before putting additional camps on an agenda.

Sincerely,
Hollie Locatelli

Rosemary Balsley

From: fleebin <fleebin@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 12:44 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Plan to increase/add to Camp Ross

With 300 - 600 needles a day being used at Camp Ross (and apparently, that is not enough needles), i think it is safe to say these are not people who are working and just can't afford rent. So why increase the footprint?

It also seems clear to me that your focus should be on decreasing drug dealing and the availability of drugs on Santa Cruz, rather than increasing services and facilities to enable and welcome and enable even more junkies.

Santa Cruz has become a safe haven and destination for junkies and tweakers. We provide them to a free place to camp, we give them free needles, we set up porta potties and commercial garbage bins, we set them free right after get caught committing a crime, we provide emergency services and healthcare for them and what do we get in return? Wasted tax dollars, burglarized, yelled at, vandalized, needles in our backyards and beaches, an unsettling feeling to allow our kids to go into town and poop right on the sidewalk (yes, i have seen this).

300-600 needles a day is a substantial amount of drugs that are either being manufactured here, or brought here to be sold here, or both. These people don't wander too far from "home" so I think it is safe to say that the dealers are Santa Cruz locals, and if they are smart, reading these posts. As mentioned, Camp Ross is only going to keep getting worse and WILL keep getting bigger, with more drugs either being manufactured here, imported here, or both.

Is the city council's plan to just keep moving them to bigger and bigger sites? That is a bandaid on a fatal wound, so that it only appears to be treated.

Santa Cruz used to be such a nice place.

What a shame that it has become such a disgusting cesspool and is planning to only get worse.

I have been here 17 years and I am sad to watch it continuing to go downhill.

My Daughter is 13 and I don't feel that I will EVER be okay with her being downtown unless i am with her.

Last time we walked down River street to dine, someone asked the person in front of us if they wanted to buy some cocaine, and not in a soft voice or with any discretion what-so-ever.

That was an awkward parenting moment that required a discussion that further deflating her fairytale perception of the world and our community.

We don't take her there anymore and typically go to Scotts Valley to shop and eat.

I don't even feel comfortable with my Wife shopping alone in Santa Cruz either.

And this is coming from someone who grew up in Downtown San Jose and witnessed and was victimized by a lot of crime growing up (which is why i moved to Santa Cruz to start a family).

That is not only unacceptable, but is extremely bad for Santa Cruz business.

Brian Jacobs
Happy Valley
Business Analyst, Father, Husband, very concerned citizen

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy Tab® S

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Rosemary Balsley

From: K Lopilato <karen.lopilato@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 12:12 PM
To: City Council; Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers
Subject: Against Santa Cruz Homeless Encampments

City Council Members and Mayor,

The health, safety and prosperity of the residents and businesses of Santa Cruz are being threatened by the City Council's existing and proposed homeless encampments. The camps, by admission of city's own staff, are half full of illegal intravenous drug users.

The encampment residents are wandering the streets with their hazardous materials, potentially dropping deadly needles and drug wastes where children might find them.

Valuable businesses are suffering from the city's insane encampment policy. The Ross store, which provides essential employment and goods for Santa Cruz residents, is being devastated! The inside of the store is wasteland compared to how it was in the past. The aisles are sad and empty of real shoppers, and a security guard must be hired to keep out thieves from the camp. What an unfair burden to put on a loyal store that has only brought good to our city.

Residents have no confidence that the city is even concerned with keeping us safe and prospering. The new city proposals seem to incredibly call for making more of these disease-ridden encampments.

Citizens must try to help those plagued by drug addiction. But not by allowing them to shoot up any time in encampments. Instead the only solution is treatment. Creating these hideous camps is not treatment. It's hard to imagine anyone there is being helped.

Thank you,
Karen Lopilato

Rosemary Balsley

From: Molly Abramson <molly.abramson@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 11:47 AM
To: City Council; Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers
Subject: Objection to City Council Proposal for Homeless Encampments

City Council Members,

I am in strong disagreement over the proposal to authorize homeless encampments in Santa Cruz.

The current Gateway encampment is unregulated, unsanitary, and incredibly damaging to local businesses and communities. I understand the health supervisor estimated that 50% of encampment residents are intravenous drug users. It is not safe to allow this population to camp in our communities. Instead of encampments, we need regulated and lawful shelters.

The city council must put the safety and well-being of Santa Cruz communities first when addressing the recent homelessness crisis. This will be my primary consideration when voting for council members next election.

My neighbors and I will be attending the next city council meeting to voice our concerns personally.

Thank you,

Molly Abramson
Santa Cruz Resident

Rosemary Balsley

From: Kevin Vogel <kvogel1963@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 10:43 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Public Comment re: General Business Item #2, Response to Homelessness, Update and Direction

March 16, 2019

Dear Mayor and City Council:

I am writing in opposition to General Business agenda item #2 being brought forward Tuesday by the City Manager's Office concerning the response to homelessness, update and direction. I am opposed to the resolution declaring a homeless shelter crisis in the City of Santa Cruz and the Westside location at 870 High Street for a transitional encampment and safe sleeping site.

Following the revelation that our City had an improperly discarded syringe/hypodermic needle epidemic in the latter part of 2012, the city and community came together and devoted tremendous resources to clean up our neighborhood parks and open spaces and make them safe for everyone to share and enjoy again. You each heard the presentation and read the letter presented to you by Dr. Leff. Approving a resolution that will allow the homeless population, many who are addicted to illegal drugs, to occupy our city's parks will create the same dangerously unsafe public health conditions that the majority of you are currently allowing to exist within the encampment at Gateway Plaza. Do not allow the homeless population to hijack our parks and open spaces.

The proposed Westside location at 870 High Street for the transitional encampment and safe sleeping site is not a viable option, despite the only concern indicated by City staff is, "Limited visibility." The city staff report is a biased white wash and gives the impression that "Site #1, Former Reservoir" is a location favored by city staff because of the seemingly lack of city concerns associated with this location. How about community concerns? Every other proposed location indicates "community impact" and "adjacent uses" as a concern. I would argue the same concerns hold true for the Westside location. The proximity to Westlake Elementary School, the children's activities (including a pre-school) that the three High Street Churches provide and the proximity to the neighbors who live on Limestone, Kalkar and High Streets, make this an untenable location for a transitional encampment and safe sleeping site. Additionally, there are not sufficient resources located within a reasonable distance from this site. 7-11 is the only grocery store on the Upper Westside and Dominican Hospital is clear across the City. This is the wrong location for the transitional encampment and safe sleeping site and should not be considered as a viable option.

It's time for the majority of this Council to start representing the majority of this community. Stop placating to the special interests that are destroying the quality of life in a City that I am proud to live in and where I was once proud to work.

Respectfully,

Kevin M. Vogel

Rosemary Balsley

From: lwschork@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 8:56 AM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Feedback on Proposed Homeless Encampment - Site #1" / 870 High

I live on Spring Street on the Upper West side. Very close to where you proposed camp is. I find the idea of putting a homeless camp next to schools, playgrounds, and parks abominable. Who could ever propose such an idea and what kind of city employees do we have working for us that would allow even the consideration of such? These are not people working for me and my tax dollars. We already have a crime problem. This only will pour gas on the fire.

You will need to quickly veto this proposal and begin the hard work, for which you ran for office and are paid for, to find a solution in the interests of the taxpayers of the city over transients looking to take advantage of our services.

Sincerely,

Larry Schork

Rosemary Balsley

From: David Manson <manson106@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 8:23 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Ongoing "homeless" catastrophe

I will make this brief.

As a professional person, my wife as well, who have lived here since 1989 and are raising our 2 daughters here, I am ABSOLUTELY BLOWN AWAY at the agenda of your council to overly provide and protect these lawless transients in our city. Do you walk around and see what is going on?

My God, it is not our burden to carry this. I am seriously considering moving away from our loved home because of YOUR POLICIES!!!

Do NOT shuffle homeless encampments around the city or lift sleeping bans. These people MUST obey basic laws or be bussed back home.

I am fully behind an impeachment of certain council members for their enabling of these addicts and thieves and putting THEIR NEEDS ABOVE THOSE OF MY CHILDREN!

We are organizing and are not going to take this

It is time for some tough love. Only then will the word truly get out that the free handouts and lawless way of Life in Santa Cruz is over for those who are here to only take and not contribute.

Look around.

We are organizing

Dave Manson

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Martha <martha.mcginnis@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 7:16 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Shelter for the Homeless

Dear Council Members,

I urge you to develop and fund shelters for the homeless in our community rather than set outside camping sites on city property. The Ross camp is an unsafe environment and it would be irresponsible to merely transfer it to other locations in our city. I also urge you to work with the County to address this issue.

Thank you,

Martha McGinnis

Rosemary Balsley

From: Erendira Rubin <erendiraea@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 7:10 AM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: proposed homeless camp near Westlake Elementary

Dear Council Members,

I recently learned of a proposal to the Santa Cruz City council at your March 12 meeting to allow a homeless encampment on 870 High Street (approx 1 block from Westlake, through where a lot of students walk to and from school on High Street and the parking lots of the churches). ***It is incomprehensible that the City Council would even consider a homeless encampment in a residential neighborhood, let alone at a location in such close proximity to a school.***

If the encampment behind Ross is being closed for public health and safety reasons how will allowing new camps in other locations prevent the health and safety issues from recurring? And why risk all of the additional safety issues that will be created by allowing encampments in residential neighborhoods (including a risk of starting a catastrophic fire as we head into our dry season)? I am appalled that this is even being considered. I understand that homelessness is an incredibly complex problem but I also expect my city council to be rationale, balanced, and represent the interests of all of the city's residents, including another of our vulnerable populations: our children. I look forward to your responses.

-Erendira Rubin

Information I am forwarding to the community and parent groups I belong to:

During last night's City Council meeting, Bonnie Lipscomb, Director of Economic Development, presented the six parcels identified by a search of city-owned properties as potentially suitable safe parking or transitional encampment sites. 870 High Street, the city-owned water property between the churches, was one of the properties she identified as potentially suitable.

At around 1:08:40 in the official Council video recording, while presenting to the council, she says that 870 High "could potentially be a good safe parking site" and that it is "worth a deeper look at that site".

<http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/government/city-council/council-meetings/city-council-meeting-video-and-audio-files>

An excerpt identifying 870 High Street as "Site #1" in a list of several "Pilot Locations", on pages 42-43 of the document "Response to Homelessness Update and Direction", part of the "supporting materials" linked to by the City Council minutes: <http://scsire.cityofsantacruz.com/sirepub/agdocs.aspx?doctype=agenda&itemid=37976>



Rosemary Balsley

From: Patricia Schell <schellpatricia@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 6:38 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Transitional Encampments Ordinance
Attachments: Caution_Sanctioned_Encampments_Safe_Zones_052318.pdf

Dear City Council,

Please don't be distracted by fancy power point presentations, cherry picked statistics with carefully selected images. If your belief is not based in objective truths, you should not be creating legislation based on it. Council members should educate themselves thoroughly rather than act hastily and recklessly.

Please see the attached resource from the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness.

- Caution is Needed When Considering “Sanctioned Encampments” or “Safe Zones”

The US Interagency Council on Homelessness is basically telling other cities, “Do not follow Seattle’s lead.” So why are we doing exactly that?

Three recent papers by the California Law Review, a PhD student at the University of California Berkeley, and Seattle University School of Law caution that thinking of sanctioned encampments as a type of ‘transitional micro-housing’ can be a slippery slope to a general lowering of the standard of affordable housing (Loftus-Farren, 2011) (Herring, 2015) (Junejo, Skinner, & Rankin, 2016). There is a “growing concern that the new forms of legal encampment constitute a quick-fix, low-cost solution to the immediate problem of relieving homelessness that largely ignores the more fundamental problem of ensuring decent housing for all citizens” (Herring, 2015).

The anticipated project period for HEAP projects will begin in **April 2019**. Santa Cruz County’s share of HEAP funds is \$9,674,883.45. I implore you to not take any knee-jerk actions as we already have in place a path to resolve these issues and current crisis.

The city is trying to take on the whole problem of housing everyone. I encourage the City to partner back with the County to take care of their fair share of encampment people. The County is responsible for human services including this homeless crisis. The County needs to bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population which disproportionately impacts the city of Santa Cruz. The Camp Ross encampment is a serious public health time bomb, it should have never been allowed to grow in the first place with officials hiding behind and using the 9th district court ruling as an excuse. The County must set up a FEMA tent structure on the fairgrounds for these individuals until the HEAP fund projects are implemented.

Let’s end the class warfare, ideological politics and incivility of Santa Cruz politics, roll up our sleeves and solve homelessness using the HEAP resources.

You are our duly elected representatives and mandated to represent all of your constituents.

Permanent shelter beds = yes

Navigation center = yes

Deploying large scale FEMA-style tents as emergency shelter and closing down the Ross encampment = yes

"Transitional" encampments = NO

Best Regards,
Patricia Schell



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Rosemary Balsley

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Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 11:27 PM
To: City Council; ryan.coonerty@santacruzcounty.us; John Leopold
Subject: Caution_Sanctioned_Encampments_Safe_Zones_052318.pdf
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Rosemary Balsley

From: Katherine Wyle <katherinewyle@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 10:53 PM
Subject: needed

I need the name of the city council member that proposed (and those that voted on considering) the High st (or UCSC or Pogonip) as possible places for a homeless encampment. Please send it immediately. What kind of monster would suggest putting a drug, needle infested, crime, disease ridden shelter near one of the largest elementary schools (Westlake). These children need to be safe walking to school, and apparently need to be protected from these city council members in the future. I appreciate this information being sent to me. Thank you for those that are trying to not destroy these residential neighborhoods. I am shocked/scared that someone would suggest such a ludicrous location. Katie

Rosemary Balsley

From: Bruce L. Ross <r0sses@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 10:35 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Potential Transitional Encampment

City Council Members,

My husband & I have lived here on the Westside for about 40 years. We would like to express our concern for the proposed "Site #1" / 870 High as a potential encampment site. We agree it is unsuitable for homeless encampment use. The proximity to Westlake Elementary School is a factor alone that makes it unsuitable. Yes, children cross the area as it's next to the school and neighborhoods as they make their way to and from homes that are also nearby. It is also positioned between two churches. This would be a very poor choice resulting in a great deal of anger and fear for most of the neighbors in the area.

Sincerely, Jan Frank & Bruce Ross

Rosemary Balsley

From: berryessa112 <berryessa112@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 10:15 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless Encampment

This is very disturbing, to put our communities in harm way.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Cristina Lupano <clupano@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 10:07 PM
To: City Council
Subject: No camp site near Westlake school

The Westlake Neighbor is not supporting a campsite near the school because of safety issue.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Big Joe 77 <sckeeepinitreal@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 9:44 PM
To: City Council
Subject: 03.19.2019 Agenda Item 2: Public Correspondence: Response to Homelessness: Update and Direction

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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

Again? How many times must we write to you to object to your misguided interpretations of the roles of your elected offices?

Homeless matters are NOT municipal affairs. And given your first 10 weeks as a governing body the only thing you have demonstrated is the inability to function collectively.

Issues around homeless are social affairs. Mental health, job training, and substance use disorders are waaayyy out of your wheelhouse. Leave it to the experts.

As I remember, the \$10M is a one time pay out from the State. The River St site alone will run \$90K a month. You will burn through that entire \$10M in about a year. What then? General fund money? Forget the storm drains again for another 10-20 years?

I'm not even factoring in the \$100,000 the Parks Dept needs from you to balance their books for the 5 months worth of unfunded support for the Gateway Camp. I'm not factoring in the many service providers lining up with their hands out. Or whatever it's going to take to restore the areas behind Ross.

This is why you all need to sit back and restrict yourselves to overseeing municipal matters. You are neither qualified nor mature enough to handle the tougher issues. Leave that to the County Board of Supervisors.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Big Joe 77

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Santa Cruz, CA



Rosemary Balsley

From: Karen Poret <mcdanifer@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 9:08 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless encampments alternative

Please be realistic and understand the outcome for our city to become whole again rests in your hands!

As a responsible homeowner I am tired of cleaning up messes left behind by homeless campers and vagrants. I am doing more than my share in my Eastside neighborhood because I witness it daily, and I do care.

It's very stressful to have to be worried all the time after contributing in good faith to the welfare of Santa Cruz itself, especially by paying taxes and relying on our public servants for constant help.

Thank you for doing the right thing for us all who have resided here and do abide by the laws we are entrusted with.

Karen Poret

Sent from Karen's 

Rosemary Balsley

From: Luke Maura <lmaura@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 8:54 PM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Homeless Population, Overnight Vehicle Parking, Measure M, River St. Camp

Members of Santa Cruz City Council,

I am a tax paying, voting, homeowner who grew up in Santa Cruz. My five month old daughter, partner, mother, brother and most of my friends also live in Santa Cruz. I'm heavily invested in this town and have a deep love for it.

For these reasons it's especially difficult to witness the policy decisions some of you are attempting to force through, seemingly against the will of the tax paying, law-abiding residents of this town.

In all of my years here I've never seen things as bad as they are now.

The stats that I've seen indicate that our homeless population is multiple times higher than both the national and state averages. I would argue that most of these homeless aren't from here. Sure, they'll say they are, but they aren't. Why does this matter? Because we don't have the resources to support every person who want's to come to this town, especially if they contribute nothing, consume huge amounts of resources (police, fire, ambulance, etc.), steal and trash our environment. This includes people who want to live in their cars and not pay taxes. I've seen the 2019 budget and know that we're facing a fiscal deficit of between \$4-6mn per year over the next few years. Given we're in year ten of the longest economic expansion on record, the probability is high that these deficits will be much larger should growth slow. How do you expect to pay for this? Let me guess...raise taxes? Make it even more expensive to live and do business here? All for 2% of the population that three council members seem to want to enable, at the expense of everybody else? This makes no sense. This is not a "homeless state of emergency", this is what happens when you enable a group and aren't held accountable for poor policy decisions.

Measure M was voted against by a large margin. The people spoke. Rent control doesn't work. Most of the credible research that's been done states this as well. Why are some of you still attempting to push a different version through? Why do you listen to clowns like Robert Norse and Brent Adams, both of whom do nothing to make Santa Cruz a better place. Santa Cruz is beautiful and a lot of people want to live here. We can't accommodate everybody and it's ridiculous to think we should. I moved away after college, worked for over twenty years, sacrificed and finally saved enough to buy a home here. I didn't come back and demand that I be given something. I didn't tell the person selling me my house that they didn't have a right to ask for the price they did. The entitlement that I've witnessed and council members pandering to this group is insane. Literally insane.

To think moving people from the River St. encampment to residential areas is even being considered shows the level of incompetence that exists among some of you. These are hard core drug addicts. With drugs, especially meth and heroin, comes crime. According to Dr. Leff's presentation at the last council meeting, over 50% are injecting drugs and between 300-600 syringes are used each day. Do you not see a problem with this? Do you think spending \$26mn per year to treat ten addicts at Emeline makes more sense than spending that money to improve our schools and educate our children? You all don't even

know how many people are at the River St. camp so how do you know they aren't sex offenders, violent criminals, etc.? These are not the type of people we want here, especially around children. Crime rates around the camp have spiked, nearby residents don't feel safe, fire/police/ambulance resources consumption is extremely high. Why are we continuing to let these people stay here? Why are we not adopting a zero tolerance approach and buying them one way tickets out of our town?

I've been reading a lot of the commentary on various social networks and I can assure you that I am not the only one who feels this way. Unfortunately, compassion has turned to rage and people have had enough. The enabling of these aforementioned groups has to stop and the interests of the people who follow the law, pay taxes and contribute, need to be looked after.

Thank you,

Rosemary Balsley

From: Garrett <garrettphilipp@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 7:59 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Response to Homelessness: agenda item #2 3/19/2019

Dear Council,

I am writing to oppose the current version of the emergency ordinance to homeless shelter emergency, and really in it's entirety .

WHEREAS, the city and county has never really materially sheltered homeless as a percentage of homeless any more than the state average, no homeless emergency exists on that basis. The status quo cannot be an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Ross Camp was allowed to grow and remain on public property only within the control of the government, it is 100% responsible for it's continued existence along with the homeless that occupy it in unsafe and unsanitary community health conditions for reasons with can only be described as mysterious, a finding of irresponsibility of inaction by the authority of the city since the people have no authority on public land. This is all on you, and has always been (except for the homeless themselves).

While it is true some additional shelter maybe needed from time to time to keep the shelter rate equal to the states' so as not to encourage homeless to come here (to do otherwise burdens the people far beyond the people in nearby counties or the state) it appears the council has decided it cannot enforce criminal laws i.e. illegal public drug use, public defecation, urination, loitering , panhandling , theft, and menacing without giving away public resources in unlimited amounts unless 100% shelter needs are met by people who cost the public tens of million of dollars and contribute nothing.

This is a mistake.

I object to:

- 1) Any loosening of the rule of law as to sanitation, health, safety, defecation, urination, beyond the confines of any such encampment, and such camps to be 100% supervised at all times for criminal drug use.
- 2) Any public park being chosen as such a site. I suspect the recall petition will start the first time a homeless tent stake hits the ground in a public park..
- 3) Anywhere near schools.
- 4) Anywhere near sensitive environmental habitat.

I insist for additional protections be added to any such declaration include assurances that

- 5) Should be loaded a lot more than 25' from a residential lot
- 6) should have it's success at REDUCING the total number of homeless accounted for and reported back to the people regularly.
- 6) Be located if public land on vacant or unused land. Unused mean totally unused, literally.

7) The identities of all such occupants of camp sites known, and check for warrants and convictions of sex offense.

The philosophy of the council is not scale able therefore it is wrong. we already have 1000 more homeless than our share of the states population. The same logic applies to 2000, 3000, etc which is ruinous to the morals, economy, quality of life, and other peoples money because of people who only contribute their problems

There are those among them deserving of charity. Many are not. This is not even charity as it is involuntary. This is thinly justified by the result of irresponsible lack of action by the council and previous council, but the people are being asked to pay because of your misguided socialist ideology and not common sense and American principals.

Your lack of concern for what the majority of people want is obvious, you fool no one. Only those on the gravy train of the government are behind this. Even the homeless would rather have less homeless, than more and more come here.

If enacted please re-do the River Sat sign to say "Drew Glover Homeless RV Park and Campsite" so the hordes of newcomer homeless can't miss it.

No really, Garrett Philipp

Rosemary Balsley

From: Dennis Hagen <hagensipkin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 7:46 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Westside homeless encampment

City Council members:

I do not live on the upper Westside, but I cannot believe that you are proposing a homeless encampment in this residential area. Your proposed action is beyond belief.

The homeless crisis is not a problem the city alone can fix, and certainly not by constructing slums in residential neighborhoods.

Responsibility (and resources) reside primarily with the County of Santa Cruz. City

Council and staff should be working with County officials to determine what can be done for ***Santa Cruz residents that are now homeless.***

Why must city residents be gripped with fear every two weeks before a City Council meeting for fear that their neighborhood must absorb unemployed campers, who are not city residents, who think Santa Cruz is a cool place to hang out?

Those of us you are owner-occupants of our homes, and those of us who are paying extraordinarily high mortgages and property taxes, wonder why you think are concerns are petty. Whether we own or rent in Santa Cruz city neighborhoods, these are our homes, our neighborhoods. Homeless encampments need to be located outside of residential neighborhoods. Period.

Dennis Hagen
Santa Cruz

Rosemary Balsley

From: Emma Lepak <emmalepak@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 7:36 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Opposition to Westside location for homeless site

Hello,

I live just a short half block the proposed location on High St. and I am very concerned about having the homeless site located here. I have two very small children under 4 years old and do not feel safe having this around us. There is also Westlake Elementary school within a block of this proposed location. This neighborhood is very quiet and calm, with families often visiting Westlake park with young children. I cannot imagine what it would be like if some of the less desirable homeless population decided to make Westlake their daily hang out place. We have had packages stolen off the front porch and even had our house broken into once. I would imagine these types of crimes would increase with the camp nearby. I strongly urge you to reconsider the impact the neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Emma Lepak

Rosemary Balsley

From: kathy Pyle <gorque150@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 7:27 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Transitional homeless camps

My husband and I have lived in Santa Cruz for over 50 years. We have paid property taxes and income taxes. We raised our children here. We love Santa Cruz. We do not want any more homeless camping in Santa Cruz. Spend your 10 million dollars helping the mentally ill, drug addicts and people who grew up here or have lived here for years who need help. We would really like to shop st Ross again, Also Pet smart and our most convenient Bay Federal and Westside beauty. Right now it is too scary and dangerous. Please help those locals who truly need help and are struggling to make ends meet, while working hard to take care of themselves and their families. Thank you to our council members who care about my family, my neighbors, and all of the residents who live in and love Santa Cruz and are willing to work hard to live here. We appreciate your hard work and support.

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Deana <deananoelle@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 6:58 PM
To: City Council
Subject: High Street Church is an unacceptable location for transitional encampment/sleeping site

Dear City Council.

As a parent, as a neighbor, as a homeless services volunteer, I must express my serious opposition to considering High Street Church as a location for transitional encampment/sleeping site. Do you realize that the church is next door to a pre-k-5th grade elementary school with 500 students? Given what you know about the impact of the tent encampment behind the Ross Shopping Plaza and security and hygiene issues that have impacted the nearby businesses, do you really think it makes sense to have an encampment next door to a school serving 500 young children whose backpacks, lunches, scooters/bikes, property are left unattended outside their classrooms? Do you really think locating this encampment in a residential neighborhood with no services makes any sense?

Please reconsider. This is a lawsuit waiting to happen. You are putting children and families at risk. This does not make sense.

-Deana Tanguay
108 Quarry Ln
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Rosemary Balsley

From: Jacqueline Davidow <jac1122@me.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 6:36 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless issue

Each homeless person has a story. While some are local people unable to afford housing, many are thieves, drug addicts, alcoholics, transplants from other areas. There are empty beds in existing shelters. No one wants people who have mental health and substance abuse problems camping in our neighborhoods. We do not want feces, discarded needles, trash, vermin and disease in our parks and local neighborhoods. We need a group of people who include a barber, a drug counselor, someone that can help these individuals off the streets and back into society. Each homeless person can be offered assistance based on individual problems or they need to be informed that they are not welcome here. There are anecdotal tales about both those who want help and those who do not. By allowing these people to pitch tents, park lived in vehicles, or simply move into our neighborhoods the health and safety of all our citizens is put in jeopardy. Rather than address the homeless population as a single gestalt being, identify each one. Find out what they need to get off the street. There was recently a young couple camping in Arana Gulch who said they had just arrived from Pennsylvania. There was a man screaming at me and threatening me in Arana Gulch who claims he has a house in Nevada. There were two individuals dropped off on Seabright Avenue asking for directions to the homeless shelter. They had brand new back bags and said they had been given the backpacks and brought here from San Jose. These and others like them should not benefit from my tax dollars!! We do not need to destroy our community, and destroy home values, by catering to these individuals. Find out who they are and let's get this town cleaned up and restored to the safe and attractive community it was.

Thank you.

Jacqueline Davidow

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Eaton, Matt <Matte@rossconstruction.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 5:46 PM
To: City Council
Subject: High Street 'Safe Sleeping'

This location is absolutely ludicrous! Having junkies and the homeless population intermixing with our school aged children- come on!!! How stupid do you have to be to even consider this location? Are you all trying to get recalled?

Pogonip? UCSC meadows? Benchlands? Anywhere is better than this obscure and ridiculous suggestion.

Matt Eaton

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Mary Hesketh <marygracepaints@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 5:43 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Mary
Subject: Transitional homeless camps and pending shelter crisis resolution

Dear Members of Santa Cruz City Council:

It was our dream to move to Santa Cruz, because our daughter and grandchildren are here, and because we love this city. However, the steady stream of disastrous policies coming from city council are making us question having bought a home in Santa Cruz. It is really infuriating to play by the rules, and make big sacrifices to live here, only to watch our council set up an alternate universe for people who flout every rule and law, and who destroy the beauty and safety of our community.

In regard to the latest Shelter Crisis Resolution:

- No to transitional camps - No to sleeping in parks - No to allowing overnight camping and parking on our streets - No to free needles without needle exchange - No to public urination and defecation - No to an encampment on High Street, or any location near a school or neighbourhood - YES to permanent, affordable housing for those needing a leg up - YES to rehab and recovery services, provided the recipients follow the rules of the program - hard line compliance policy - YES to fair consequences for crimes committed - YES to a city wide clean up to fix this mess that's been created

If you want rampant drug use, crime, disease, human waste, litter, and lower property values, then please, please feel free to locate one on these transitional camps next door to *your* house!

Mary G. and Anthony R. Hesketh

Rosemary Balsley

From: Seth Levy <seth@rtpacific.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 5:37 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless encampment

I would like the city to work with the county and state to take care of their share of the homeless issues which disproportionately affect the city. The County for one is responsible for human services including this homeless crisis.

The county health officer is quoted as saying that %50 of the encampment are injecting drug users, some proportion are surely mentally ill. This is not just a local housing or shelter issue and solutions should note this.

In addition I would like to voice my opposition to allowing any vehicle camping within the city limits on public streets, with better enforcement.

I'm also greatly concerned with illegal camping within the city parks and the resulting trash which I see every time I walk thru pogonip. Again enforcement of this is very poor. This does not bode well for the new homeless garden project in pogonip. I'm opposed to this project moving forward until the city comes up with a way to make sure the park remains a safe trash and drug free environment for all users not just a dumping ground for transients and the mentally ill.

Sincerely,

Seth Levy
316 Alta Vista Dr.
Santa Cruz

Rosemary Balsley

From: elborrow@cruzio.com
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 5:17 PM
To: City Council
Subject: westside homeless camps

city council members

Do not put a homeless camp/safe sleeping place on the west side!

empower the police to remove the problem homeless the same way EVERY other city does!

If you want to keep your position on the board do not make any more temporary shelters, get off the pot and move the druggie thieves out of our town.

thanks for your consideration

Erik Borrowman

Laurel St

35 year westside resident, 21 years as a property tax payer

Rosemary Balsley

From: TOM VLASSIS <tomandjudyv@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 5:11 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless Issue Proposal

City Council Members,

3-15-19

I feel it is time to make some drastic changes in our city's approach in resolving our current homeless issue.

I started working for our city in 1971. Back then I worked downtown and dealt with our homeless every day. Our city struggled to come up with ways to help the homeless. In their infinite wisdom back then, the council implemented programs involving shelters, feeding the homeless with a state of the art \$500,000 kitchen, shower and storage facilities, and on and on. Sounds familiar doesn't it.

I retired from the city in 2003 after 32 years of service and I still have the same question I had when I started in 1971. It's "So how's that been working for us?"

Let's jump ahead nearly 50 years and ask ourselves this same question-"how's that been working for us?"

Seems to me all our city councils of the past have been doing is reinventing the same old programs, same old services, dealing with a lot of the same old homeless faces at your meetings and not making any real advances or positive changes. These year after year, after year attempts just aren't working.

Today's results are a huge increase in homeless population. Does "if you build it-they will come" sound familiar? An ever increasing crime rate. Strangers camping in all types of vehicles in front of residences and on city streets. More campsites, garbage, needles and syringes, human waste, etc.

Taxpaying/voting citizens becoming more and more frightened and uneasy in their own residences.

So here's an idea. Maybe these same old attempts aren't really the answer. Doing the same old (ineffective) things year after year and expecting different results is ludicrous.

Maybe we need to do something totally different and totally drastic.

Why don't you, our council, cut off all homeless services within our city. The City of Santa Cruz has done enough over the last 50 years. It's someone else's turn.

Make the county finally step up to the plate and provide their idea of homeless services on a countywide approach. Let the county develop a homeless camp. Let the county provide

food and other necessities of life. Let the county provide drug and alcohol treatments to those who want/need it.

Let me close with one more question I'd liked answered. How in the world can some of our current council members honestly think we have a "homeless emergency"? An emergency? Really? Our city has been dealing with these issues for almost 50 years-how can that constitute an emergency? An ever growing problem-yes. Repeating ineffective attempts to solve-yes. An emergency? NO.

I have earned the right to feel safe and protected in my own neighborhood. My quality of life is important and matters. It's your job to insure this happens. Do your job or step down and let someone who can take over.

Respectfully,

Tom Vlassis

Rosemary Balsley

From: Patty McNulty <mcnulty.lombrozo@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 4:54 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Bonnie Lipscomb; Jennifer Yeung
Subject: homeless encampments site #1 High St

To the Santa Cruz City Council :

I am writing to voice my opposition to site number 1 being used for a transitional encampment and/or safe sleeping site. This site is in a residential neighborhood and is located within less than 1/10th of a mile of Westlake Elementary School and 3 preschools: Bridges to Kinder, Coastal Community Preschool, and Messiah Lutheran Preschool. The children and families who live in the neighborhood, on a daily basis cross this site both walking and on bikes to get safety to the elementary school and preschools. They use this route to avoid the more dangerous High Street. High St. consistently backs up on a daily basis, with lines of cars waiting to get down to Mission St. Also to have a site right at the entry and exit to a major large parking lot which has a preschool, a Church, UCSC student parking and Westlake Elementary school parking seems like it would contribute negatively to traffic in the area. I have already seen an accident in that exact area of High St. Under concerns for this site I would like to see community impact, adjacent uses, and traffic impact added.

I would also like to add that I do not think a shelter crisis or emergency should be declared. I think there should be a slower more deliberate process followed in making these decisions and that the community should be informed and given an opportunity to comment on proposed solutions to the homeless situation. It seems that the city council is being pushed to rush decisions with regards to the homeless population. This has been a long term issue in Santa Cruz and is a complex issue, needing complex and well thought out decisions. Not rushed, poorly planned quick fixes. I would like to see the new funds the city is receiving to help with the homeless, used in well thought out programs, with good boundaries in place that help people to be successful in making positive changes in their lives. Some programs that seem to be working at building skills and assisting homeless individuals are the Downtown Streets Team and the Homeless Garden Project.

Sincerely,

Patty McNulty
Santa Cruz City resident
MSW

Rosemary Balsley

From: Rob Born <jrobborn@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 11:35 PM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Homeless Camp Next to Westlake

Dear City Councillors -

I understand that you are considering moving the Ross Homeless Camp to a venue next to Westlake Elementary School. It's hard to imagine a more inappropriate place to re-locate that camp. It is dangerous and unhealthy. I understand the inhabitants are going through 300+ syringes per day.

For the sake of the almost 500 children at Westlake and the 50 children at the preschool there, please reconsider this option. You are putting the future of Santa Cruz in danger.

Best,

Rob Born

Rosemary Balsley

From: Jim Cardosa <jamascabumas@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 3:45 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

- Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.
- Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities.
- Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Claire or Robert <hatcher@cruzio.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 3:31 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Claire Castagna
Subject: Drug Problem at Camp Ross and in SC

Dear City Council Members,

This was written by Ethan Miller and posted on NEXT DOOR. He expresses our sentiments exactly. Especially the bit about not enabling the hard core drug users who have no interest ingesting help. 300 needles a day for 150 people?! Are you kidding? let's stop calling it a homeless probable and call Camp Ross what it is—a drug problem.

We need to decide the boundaries of what we are willing to provide as a city—then stop. It's not a bottomless pit of tolerance—it has its limits and we have hit them.

Claire Castagna

Robert Hatcher

----- The current homelessness issue we have in SC has been years in the making; it is not an emergency. This city spends an exorbitant amount of time and expense responding to a small portion of the overall population and neglecting the vast majority of citizens who are impacted by the less-than-law-abiding. In 2018 a Fiscal Emergency was declared and then a decision to spend \$90,000 a month for a city-sponsored camp was made. Measure S was approved by voters to try to close the budgetary gap and bail the city out. What did Santa Cruzans gain for their generosity? A camp that spent nearly \$1M serving around 60 people, a higher cost of living here and a continued attractant to folks looking for services from all over. For the \$900,000 that was spent, how many people transitioned to housing and are still in said housing? Isn't it peculiar that the goal is to "transition" to a housed situation when we all know housing / cost of living is extraordinarily expensive here? Rather than continue to pour good money after bad into scenarios that have been proven less-than-effective, please take the time to study the pros and cons of what other entities are doing; Berkeley's tried and failed RV parking fiasco. Do an audit of all monies the city is currently spending with various non-profits, etc., for efficacy rates / outcomes. Do something other than the same thing over and over that has not worked. Or preferably, enforce the County, who is awarded the money and has the responsibility, to step up and do their jobs. Our local government is consumed by this issue and it isn't our issue to solely own. A fellow SC citizen compiled the following statistics using HUD and SC City Council sources (all numbers represent homeless people per 100,000): New York (highest rate of any state): 470 California: 329 Santa Cruz County (population of 274,000 excluding City of SC): 495 City of Santa Cruz (population of 64,000): 1881 This would mean the rate of homelessness in SC is 3.8 higher than the rest of the county and 5.7 times higher than the rest of California. Someone on staff could / should confirm those numbers. If they're even close to true, people need to start admitting that there's something about Santa Cruz that is drawing people here. Beauty and weather don't explain it all, because nearly all of central and southern coastal CA have this, as well as a high cost of living. Could it be that our community is "too compassionate" and "overly enabling"? Just like teenagers will hang out at whoever's home has the "coolest" (least strict) parents, people looking for "freedom of choice" will come here to live their chosen lifestyle at the expense, literal and figurative, of every other Santa Cruzan. These are some items that need to be considered before opening up Santa Cruz even further as it becomes a greater attractant: Admit SC is taking on too much responsibility for what is supposed to be managed at the county level, most likely, for political capital. Touting "compassion" is a nice sound byte, but too much compassion is enablement; former addicts attest to this. Admit there's a drug problem and take a stance against allowing hard-drug users in any city-sponsored programs. According to Dr. Leff, the Emeline clinic spent nearly \$26M for 10 people. This is shameful. And what were the outcomes for those patients? Why do we allow this to continue? According to Dr. Leff, 300-600 needles *per day*. If

the camp is housing approximately 150 people, and 300-600 needles per day are being used, that's 4-8 syringes being used per person per day. Stop the enablement. Either the individual is doing the work to get clean or they should no longer receive services. Propping up users in perpetuity is not the role of our city and is a drain on our budget and every day life. Admit the current solution of collecting needles is not working. Take a stand and work with the county to implement a true 1:1 system; turn in x needles receive x needles. Used needles will become a commodity and have value rather than being discarded as trash because they're so easy to come by and someone else will pick them up. Admit SC has a budget issue and cannot fiscally support politically motivated projects. Admit SC, or any other city in demand, cannot actually provide a bed to anyone who wants one. It's another fantastic sound-byte, but resource constraints are reality. Please remind yourselves that if the city does indeed have around 1200 homeless individuals here, there are another 60,000 who experience the ramifications of every decision you make. We are tired of being stolen from, finding human feces and trash in our parks, sidewalks and public spaces, tired of feeling unsafe, being followed and harassed while venturing downtown, tired of funding the never-ending cycle of compassion-projects that have no proven track record of success and are draining us all financially. Please stop. Slow down. Think. Study. Consider *all* of your constituents. Spend our money wisely, we don't have any to spare.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Lisa Munding <lisa.munding@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 3:26 PM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: PROPOSED HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT SITE AT 870 HIGH ST

Santa Cruz City Council Members

I am writing this letter to express my **STRONG OPPOSITION TO BRINGING THE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT TO 870 HIGH ST. AND CHURCHES IN THE VICINITY.**

I have been a resident, voter, tax-paying citizen, volunteer, working contributor to SC's economy since 2007. I believe in this city and know that the idea of bringing the encampment to 870 High St must be an oversight.

WITHIN ¼ MILE OF THE PROPOSED LOCATION are 3 PRESCHOOLS (Bridges to Kinder, Coastal Community Preschool, and Messiah Lutheran Preschool); 2 PARKS including playgrounds for children (Westlake Park and University Terrace/Meder St. Park (both of which currently provide a safe place for children and adult visitors without used needle exposure or homeless sleeping on benches (unlike other Westside parks such as Garfield Park, Trescony Park, or Neary Lagoon Park)); 1 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Westlake Elementary; currently the highest rated public school in Santa Cruz City); 1 UNIVERSITY (UCSC; which generates over \$1.3 billion per year in economic activity in Santa Cruz County). ALLOWING HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS NEAR THIS LOCATION WILL JEOPARDIZE THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ALIKE. As recently presented by Public Health Officer, Arnold Leff, 50% of individuals currently at the River St encampment are injecting IV drugs, and consume 300-600 needles per day. This is not acceptable to bring to Santa Cruz residential neighborhoods.

IT IS UNFAIR TO THE CITIZENS OF SANTA CRUZ TO SPREAD THE HOMELESS (most of which are not local to Santa Cruz) THROUGHOUT OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. Please do not forget about the many good people that are residents of this city that care about their community, city, neighborhood, home, and family!

RESPECTFULLY,

Lisa Munding, PhD.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Orville Canter <ocanter@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 2:16 PM
To: City Council
Subject: a new idea for addressing the cost of housing/homelessness issue

Dear City Council,

Greetings. I live in the Westlake neighborhood of Santa Cruz, and my kids go to school at PCS, a few blocks from the proposed overnight parking site near Natural Bridges. I am a construction plumber. With my hands and back, I build material wealth that other people own and enjoy. I share some of the concerns of the parties on both sides of this issue, and I wanted to suggest a novel way of approaching it.

I propose to bring working American families back to Santa Cruz, by opening the Natural Bridges parking areas to them exclusively, by permit. Families will apply for the right to park registered RV's there. They will have to prove that they work at least 40 hours per week, have the legal right to reside and work in the United States, and have at least one American child in their care. The City would then issue that working American family an RV parking permit.

A real community of working American families could quickly begin to rebuild and revitalize this town that has grown old, crusty, and lazy, through gentrification. They would form a buffer against the criminal activity and unsanitary conditions against which the gentry have complained. With a little support from the City, working American families could quickly recolonize Santa Cruz and transform it back into a real community.

Some may be wondering at this point how my proposal is supposed to help the homeless. My reply is that it will not "help" the homeless in the sense of offering them something for nothing. What it will do is to create a real alternative, a way for working Americans who are raising the next generation of working Americans to actually make it by working! And when the non-working homeless start to see that, then many of them will consider working and raising an American family as a viable alternative to being a bum.

Sincerely,
Orville Canter

Rosemary Balsley

From: Kathy Riley <katriles@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 4:07 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Safe Parking Program and other thoughts on our homeless issues

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council,

I posted this on NextDoor today and thought you would be interested to read as well. Of particular note, please check out the Santa Barbara safe parking program. <https://sbnbcc.org/safe-parking/> They have many sites with obviously not a ton of cars at each. I would take note of the fact that we currently can have three cars so bumping that up a tad is going to have much less impact on neighborhoods, than moving to this up to 50 model. I also noticed Santa Monica on their website discussed help with bus tickets if they are new to the area and are homeless and that they can not provide services AND discourages folks from coming for services. Perhaps someone at the city needs to call and find out how they will be handling policy matters with the Boise ruling. Same with Santa Barbara. And how about Half Moon Bay?

Here is info on Marina's safe parking Program. They would be worth calling as well. <https://www.montereyherald.com/2018/01/16/marina-safe-parking-program-off-to-slow-start-in-first-month/>

Respectfully yours, Kathy Riley

"It is curious to me why our city is using Seattle and Portland as models. Kings County of which Seattle is a part of) spends 1 billion a year on homeless services and has 900 unsanctioned encampments. Portland has 2400 unsanctioned encampments. It is hard for me to say these cities are successful in dealing with their homeless issues with these number of encampments. Both cities at least ten times our size. Why not look at Santa Barbara. They have a safe parking program that takes care of 134 at 23 sites. Our churches currently can host 3 cars. So this would be more like six vehicles. We are a small city, we should be looking at what other coastal towns in CA are doing. The Santa Barbara program has been going since 2004. Our city needs to put down the big guns and start looking at reasonable solutions that could have some buy in from the community. I also heard I think Suzy O Hara at the last meeting mentioning the successful encampments were in industrial areas.

There also needs to be more work about what exactly the new Boise Supreme Court Ruling means. As I understand it, that new ruling means that if there is not enough shelter beds, folks have the right to sleep on public lands. That has implications for Santa Cruz for sure when you think about the fact that we host probably close to 1/2 the homeless for our county. How much more heavy lifting are we expected to do? This is a countywide problem and the county needs to take responsibility in dealing with what is going on. With the Boise ruling, each city and town in the United States needs to ramp up their own services and not bus people out to areas like Santa Cruz. We are NOT in the position to take care of everyone that comes our way and needs help. Our budget has some serious issues for years to come. The only reason that the River Street shelter is even opening back up is because we are getting ten million from the state in county funding for homeless. That site is 90K per month. What would we be required to do under this new ruling if we didn't get the ten million for the county homeless funding?

Does the Boise Ruling also ensure the right to form huge illegal encampments where there is clearly huge health and community safety issues present? Dr. Leff, our Health Director is desperate to get the camp closed down ASAP. He mentioned repeatedly at the city council meeting what a huge community health hazard it is. And yes I have a lot of compassion for homeless folks. Our city needs to look at realistic solutions that our community will accept versus a huge battle waged that takes massive resources, lawsuits and time on all sides.

<https://sbnbcc.org/safe-parking/>

Rosemary Balsley

From: Sheryl Lee Burnell <shersquest@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 11:19 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Decision on where to put more homeless camps

Dear city council members,

I suggest you put your ears to the ground and listen to what a huge majority of residents are saying about our ever growing - way to big for this small town's homeless population!

The idea of putting these infectious disease time bombs (not to mention crime hubs due to drug use and desperation) next to elementary schools (as in high street option) or right near the biggest tourist (revenue) draw in our town (boardwalk) and our world renowned and visited bike trails (pogonip, etc) is beyond outrageous to the tax paying, LAW abiding citizens that are starting to feel overrun and unsafe.

It's time to admit being "compassionate" is not allowing these temporary camps to exist. We can ONLY handle a small population of homeless and need high barriers to entry for the right to live in this expensive town for free. And it should not ever be a forever allowance.

I will be there along with many others to be sure you have heard our message. Time to speak for the majority - and the long term legacy of this beautiful town that is becoming a disaster & a magnet for homeless drug users around this nation.

Thank you,

Sheryl Burnell
Santa Cruz resident
Mother of two children
(One of whom was recently slammed into by a wasted, homeless person on a stolen bike right in the middle of town!).

Stop the madness & cut the numbers !

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Christopher Hohn <chohn@hopkinscarley.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 11:18 AM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: New homeless camp next door to an elementary school?

Dear Council Members,

I am a long-time resident of Santa Cruz. One of my two children attends pre-school at Westlaw Elementary School.

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Sincerely,

Christopher Hohn
Associate

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Rosemary Balsley

From: John Steele <moriarti@ucsc.edu>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 10:52 AM
To: City Council
Subject: No homeless camp on High ST

Dear City Council,

There is a rumor that space behind High St Church is a possible site for the homeless encampment.

This is next to primary schools, preschools and day care centers.

As a parent who lives in this neighborhood, I find this solution entirely unacceptable.

Best,

John Steele

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Kimberly Gomez <gomez.kimberly@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 9:44 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Upper Westside homeless camps and parking

Hello Santa Cruz City Council,

I was born and raised on the upper Westside of Santa Cruz. I'm married, a property owner and mother to 4 girls ages 4,9,12 and 14. My children attend Bridges to Kinder, Westlake and Mission Hill presently. We are saddened and down right furious at the ideas and proposals your council is making in regards to placing a transitional homeless camp on High Street and allowing Homeless people to park in our churches and neighborhood parking lots. We are a small town and not a city like Seattle or San Francisco. We will go to whatever measure it takes to shut down and destroy this proposal. I can't believe that our town is allowing people like you to even allow or propose such as idea. Here is one that you all should consider. Please take the taxes that we pay in April and December and buy gray hound tickets....send all these mother fucking drug addicts back to where they belong and let their town or city deal with it. Stop being the instigator and kick these people out of our beautiful town. Zero tolerance and close down all services that promote this activity to continue.

All the best,

Kimberly Gomez

Rosemary Balsley

From: Ariana Hohn <arianahohn@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 7:49 AM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: New Homeless camp next door to an Elementary school?

Dear Council Members,

A parent just informed me that one of the sites you are considering to move the Ross Homeless Camp is the green belt above High Street, next to Westlake Elementary School. I was born and raised in Santa Cruz and attended Westlake as a child. I've just enrolled my child at Westlake and this is very exciting for us as we have so much pride in our town. As you are aware, Westlake has no perimeter fencing, and anyone at anytime can walk from that green belt onto the school property.

The conditions at the camp are not ok, they shouldn't be brought feet from our children's school:
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Sincerely,
Ariana Hohn

Rosemary Balsley

From: s Smith <demilo_75@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 11:00 PM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Proposed Westlake property for homeless encampment

Hello

I am emailing you all as both a concerned parent of a small child at Westlake Elementary but also a frustrated citizen of SC county.

First of all, have any you even considered the safety of all those small children when considering moving 100+ adults, without any knowledge of their history, within blocks of a non-gated school? This is a very irresponsible proposal. I would be shocked if the district office approved this proposal and if they have I would be interested in their response.

But most of all, has anyone on your council considered what the homeless need to improve their situation and get off the streets rather than the perception of our homeless by tourists? Considered a location near the River Street Services or within their walking distance of a clinic, grocery, pharmacy or clothing store? Eugene has addressed these issues with their homeless, they've set up temporary housing in thoughtful area rather than a money draining encampment like the original one on River. The city and surrounding communities within this county need to do better. Has anyone considered speaking with Goodwill (isn't their mission to help those in need) and considered working with them and their property near Costco? Perfectly located for services etc? Could have more formal tents like those in some of San Jose camps set up on asphalt. The alternative is the homeless will move back into the forests off a highway 9 and we will be faced with wildfire threats all over again like in 2018.

Regardless of what ails our homeless, down on their luck, addicts, mental health, at the end of the day these are human beings and the solutions need to be tailored as such. Not just moving them someplace else so they are someone else's problem.

Thank you for your time.

Stephanie

Rosemary Balsley

From: Linda Minor <lindacminor831@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 10:18 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Fwd: Homeless encampments

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Linda Minor <lindacminor831@gmail.com>
Date: March 13, 2019 at 10:19:18 AM PDT
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sbrown@cityofsantacruz.com, dglover@cityofsantacruz.com, ckrohn@cityofsantacruz.com,
cmathews@cityofsantacruz.com
Subject: Homeless encampments

We need to just stop pulling people out of the river, we need to go upstream and find out why they are falling in...Desmond Tutu

Putting up homeless encampments all over the city isn't solving the issue of homelessness.. that encampment by Ross is a health hazard for those who live there due to the crowded conditions and lack of sanitation (over 200 people living on less than an acre of property in the mud is not compassionate) its a health issue for all of us who live here in SC, and us who go shopping at the stores there. I would like to know how many people that come here are from California or even Santa Cruz... we can't solve the nations issue of homelessness, mostly due to substance abuse and mental health issues. The fact that they put a sharps container at the Ross camp is basically condoning drug use there. To me these encampments are inhumane, there is MRSA at that camp and scabies, and I can't believe there isn't Hepatitis A there, as we know was downtown when there was an encampment by the post office. It seems that our tax dollars are going towards daily visits there by the police and fire dept. because of fights, and I understand at least four people have died there.. not to mention a fire which could have caused many more deaths if it got out of hand. I know a lot of people don't feel safe going to that shopping center, me included because we have been approached by someone asking for money, or hanging out by our cars. What about the businesses there and their rights? Is anyone down there trying to reconnect them with family? Or working to get them mental health counseling? Or intervention for substance abuse? Or is it just a free for all.. A couple of years ago there was a push to get people to walk along the river and enjoy this natural resource, I know of no one who is comfortable doing that anymore. We all pay taxes to live here and support our city and I feel we have less rights than those who choose to come here because they know they can live in their cars (there's a woman who has been parked by Steamer Lane for months living in her car, is anyone helping her? She is obviously strung out most of the time) or they can put up a tent on the side of the road... and no one bothers them. I'm all for compassion as far as helping people, but if they don't want help, just a place to pitch a

tent and do drugs, or are from out of state, my compassion runs thin. As far as putting up a Homeless Camp on High Street by an elementary school and residential property to house drug addicts and who knows what, (are these people being checked to see if they are sex offenders? Pedophiles? Criminals?) makes me wonder if some people in the city Council are on drugs themselves.

Linda Minor

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Kevin Melrose <krmelrose@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 9:01 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless campsites in the wrong places

Moving these homeless persons from the new Ross State Park into sites that are near schools and churches that are nowhere near main transit areas, medical and health facilities and homeless services is not a very bright idea. You had a place on city property on River and you shut it down causing this new problem. Why don't you look at a more central locations or unused school properties that have infrastructure to handle them. Why don't you lease the property at Thurber and Soquel Dr. it's already used by many homeless persons.

Sent from my iPhone Kevin M. 831-332-1295

Rosemary Balsley

From: Aron Conger <aron.conger75@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 8:39 PM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Please Protect Our Neighborhood

Dear City Council Members,

It has come to my attention that the Santa Cruz City Council is considering the location behind the High St. Community Church as a possible location for a homeless encampment and allowing the area churches to house additional homeless campers.

I cannot stress how strongly I oppose this idea. As a city resident and parent of students at Westlake, it is abundantly clear how the safety risks and health hazards of this proposed plan far outweigh any possible benefit. For the sake of our neighborhood and our children please abandon this terrible plan.

Sincerely,

Aron Conger

Rosemary Balsley

From: Marios Cavadias <cavadias@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 8:39 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless Camps in Santa Cruz

Dear City Council:

I am writing to express my opposition to relocating the unsupervised homeless campers on to our neighborhood streets and parks once the Ross campground is closed. All this will accomplish is put city residents further at risk.

For years we have been throwing money and services at the homeless problem and it only gets worse. For one third of homeless it's a lifestyle choice and another third it's drugs and alcohol according to a City study. Perhaps it's time to end the "if we build it they will come" and stop building and start dismantling. Perhaps many of those who choose the life style and substance abuse will voluntarily choose to move to greener pastures like Seattle or San Francisco.

Your are elected to look after the safety and well being of the law abiding and contributing residents of Santa Cruz.

Thank you

Marios Cavadias
101 Overlook Dr.
Santa Cruz

PS: I served on the old SC City Housing Advisory Committee for 9 years.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Amanda Conger <amandaconger8@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 8:36 PM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Protect our elementary schools and neighborhoods

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Sincerely,

Amanda Conger

Rosemary Balsley

From: edward bailey <ebatsc@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 7:37 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless shelters

Subject: Concerns re: the Proposed Declaration of a Shelter Crisis Dear Mayor Watkins and Santa Cruz City Councilmembers With respect to the proposals being reviewed at the March 12 City Council Meeting, I'd like to express my deep concern over a declaration of a state of emergency that suspends the enforcement of laws and provisions designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the City's residents. I am particularly concerned about a decision to allow unfettered overnight camping to take place in public parks. This creates multiple zones of health and safety hazards not only for the City's children who use the parks, but I would suspect for the very individuals camping in the parks themselves. While I understand the gravity of the homeless situation in Santa Cruz, I feel strongly that we should hold fast to the preexisting democratic processes for vetting new policies. To that end, I would ask the City Council to: -Table this matter so that there can be a full review of the impact of the proposed resolution; -If the matter is not tabled, make revisions to the proposal to ensure public review for proposed policy revisions; -Require a public hearing before any encampment permit is issued, as opposed to granting permits as an administrative matter, as currently proposed; -The public should be given 21 days advance notice of a permit hearing. -Every residence/business/school located within 2 miles of a possible encampment should receive notice of a permit hearing. -Should we establish safe parking/transitional encampments, the City should enforce our "no camping" ordinance and not continue to allow people to sleep in their cars on public streets or sleep in public parks. This is consistent with Martin v. City of Boise. - -The City must direct people to shelters and safe parking zones. Encampments and safe parking zones must be drug-free -Any safe parking zone and encampment must be fenced in, have rules in place for who can stay and for how long, and on what conditions, and provide mental health, substance abuse counselling and social services. As the City Council continues to grapple with the homelessness crisis, I strongly encourage the City council to also: -Work with the County to use its resources and also locate county-owned properties, not city-owned properties for encampments and safe parking zones. Homelessness is a crisis throughout Santa Cruz County, and thorough problem solving should involve close partnership with the County -Ensure that whatever population you allow to inhabit any space complies with Megan's Law, Jessica's Law, and Chelsea's law. As mentioned above, solutions for the homelessness crisis, require thoughtful approaches that embrace pre-existing statutes designed to protect the City's and County's children (those with stable homes and those without). Thank you for your time and attention.
Edward bailey

Rosemary Balsley

From: Nancy Maynard <mtnmom3@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 6:12 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Free camping in Santa Cruz no

Stop calling them camps
They are ghettos with drugs and crime ..and health problems
How many are on parole
When will administrators get fed up with this
Nancy Maynard

Rosemary Balsley

From: Laina Jacobs <lainajacobs@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 4:03 PM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: New Homeless camp next door to an Elementary school?

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Laina Jacobs

Rosemary Balsley

From: anniemanako@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 3:57 PM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Concerns re: the proposed declaration of shelter crisis

Is this true?

“The City Council was just told that one good site for a homeless encampment would be the water property behind High Street Community Church, backing to Limestone Lane. When the capacity of this site is added to the 50 that the proposal would allow for *each* church on High Street, that makes at least 200-250 homeless campers, 50% of whom are intravenous drug users (by the County health officer’s admission) within two blocks of Westlake Elementary.”

This is a horrible horrible location. This is not my neighborhood, so that’s not the reason I don’t think it’s a good plan. This is outrageous and so obviously a shitty plan. Why is this being allowed or even considered? These homeless people have been offered shelter and reject the offer because they don’t want rules. If shelters don’t allow dogs, then sadly they need to find someone to foster their pets until they can get on their feet again. If they are mentally ill, they should seek assistance to get better. If they are chemical dependent, they should take advantage of resources available to them to get their lives back on track. If you don’t follow basic rules in life that make for a thriving community, you should be asked to leave. Providing land to fuck up and neighborhoods to rob is just like giving hundreds of little kids rocks in preschool and having them throw them at each other. An obvious bad idea.

Please think this through and don’t even get me started about the elementary school.

Lifetime locals and new community members who work hard and pay taxes and contribute to the community are being robbed of a safe city if you allow this nonsense.

I’m a compassionate and believe you are providing a huge disservice to this homeless population but enabling them.

Dumb. Dumb. Dumb.

-Annie Manako.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 11, 2019, at 8:22 PM, anniemanako@gmail.com wrote:

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Thank you for your time and attention.

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Garrett <garrettphilipp@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 3:47 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless shelter emergency ordinance 3/19

Dear Council,

My personal best idea is to put the heat on the county to declare a homeless shelter emergency, enact the Glover doctrine but out of town camps on county land, and bus them to county services in the city like Medical health care and Welfare. Those services cannot be moved so easily, and they deserve and need them. Then drop the hammer on drug use, criminal activity, homelessness in the city and regain law and order (and loose the tolerant morals). The NGO's can commute. No give away public land. No abandoning health , safety of anyone. No expansion of shelter within the city limits (not even your current plans which could be made very temporary).

We just need to make the county an offer they can't refuse somehow. The city residents have had it, and do not deserve this expansionary plan within the city limits. The outrageous excess of homeless numbers is not their problem or doing and the city council should not be making it so.

The excess services, drug use and other tolerance, is the cause of excess (563%) homelessness here. Don't make it worse.

No Glover plan here. Make it so. The county has no real excuse not to.

Sincerely, Garrett Philipp

Rosemary Balsley

From: Polly Malan <pollybmalan@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 5:39 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

- Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.
- Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities.
- Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Thank you,
Polly Malan

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: TIM BARTLETT <TIMISOVER@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 5:21 PM
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Rosemary Balsley

From: Jennifer DeLozier Smith <delozmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 5:11 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Proposed tent encampment upper west side

I am writing in opposition of the city council's suggestion to create sanctioned tent encampments within residential and school neighborhoods. As a citizen of this town, one who at times has had to leave in order to have affordable housing and save enough money to live here, I am both empathetic and yet weary of the homeless situation.

The city council's proposals to place a homeless encampment on upper High Street within close proximity of Westlake Elementary is a terrible idea because it will limit children's freedom to roam, and potentially cause them increased fear and stress.

I have a child who goes to Westlake. Given the severity of the homeless situation in this town the children of Westlake aren't immune to homelessness even before an encampment is allowed. My children walk to school and we have done so for years. There have been many mornings when we walk through the Cardiff field and are walking alongside sleeping persons, many of those times there has been an empty glass liquor bottle next to them, which gets left behind or broken. The kids have paths through the "woods" along High Street and many times they've run into camps and garbage in this location.

One of the favorite pastimes of the Westlake kids is to run up the hill between the school and church and meadow above the church to explore while their parents help teachers or wait for an older sibling. The innocence and freedom of this activity will be taken from them. Running through woods with potentially used needles and personal belongings will prevent them from enjoying and exploring their environment around them.

Children are inherently afraid of persons who are loud, confused or just plain "strangers", be they homeless or not. A tent encampment with strangers coming and going along the same routes during the during the same hours kids are coming and going will certainly increase the stress and unease in these children, many of whom are currently allowed to make this trek on their own as they reach upper ages. As an example, my daughter begs for us to not go to downtown Santa Cruz because of how many times she has been frightened by persons who are yelling, talking to themselves etc.

I'm not proposing by any means we can keep kids innocent to the complexities of the world forever, but is it too much to ask of a community that kids be given their own space to grow and learn and explore safely? The kids of this town are already subjected to bad displays of behavior downtown, needles in parks and on beaches, the inability to use a public restroom at parks (including little league bathrooms), and public displays of urination and defecation. My kids have personal experience with every single experience listed above.

I am asking (begging and pleading) that the city council consider the size of this county and find a location to endorse sanctioned tent encampment that allows space to minimize communicable disease, decrease the property crime and environmental thrashing that occurs as a result of these camps. And lastly, please give the children of this town the opportunity to have some spaces that are safe and free for them to learn and explore their world.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Smith

Rosemary Balsley

From: ROBERT ELLEDGE <grompa@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 5:07 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Bob Elledge

211 Washburn Ave.

Santa Cruz, Ca 95060

Rosemary Balsley

From: Johanna Epps <epps.johanna@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 5:07 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Oregon's Homeless Problem is growing and Eugene shouldn't be an example for us to follow

Dear City Council,

Please don't look to Eugene for how to handle homelessness. There problem is growing not getting better.

<https://www.kgw.com/article/news/local/the-homelessness-problem-is-growing-in-oregon/283-b79b0758-4287-4945-a008-a4bc787197df>

Thank you,
Johanna Epps

Rosemary Balsley

From: Jill Elliott <gardeningjill@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:51 PM
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Rosemary Balsley

From: favabean babe <favabeanbabe@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:48 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I am REALLY confused about what is being proposed, what has passed, and what will be voted upon in the near future.

I don't understand why people are talking about closing the Ross camping site. It seems far enough from the river, close to services at HSC, downtown, and Emeline, and is not in the middle of residential neighborhoods. I also like how visible it is... it makes it impossible to forget the unsheltered in our community.

Please **don't be hasty** and throw ill-conceived and unvetted solutions onto a very complicated problem. The unsheltered in our community deserve compassion. **The more that unsheltered live on top of residential neighborhoods, the more negative interactions occur.** Homeowners and renters in our community will harden their hearts to the unsheltered folks here, making the problem worse.

Already, I have seen **human feces in our neighborhood**. I have seen **needles**. I have had to **call the police** when the alleyway to our house was blocked by someone who decided to camp there. I have two teens that walk and bike in this town and deserve not to be yelled at, cursed at, or be **legitimately afraid for their safety** in their own neighborhood.

This is a complicated and nuanced problem that needs the support of the entire community to make it work.

Everyone deserves a place to be warm, to shower, to have access to electricity. Please help fix the homeless problem by NOT moving the folks from the Ross location until there are real solutions in place. By real solutions, I mean not opening up our treasured city parks for camping, or opening random parking lots in the middle of residential neighborhoods.

Please, wait on the declaration, or amend it so that people cannot camp in our city parks or on our beaches without first requiring public and environmental review. And amend the declaration so that the County understands it needs to contribute its fair share to helping us solve this problem.

Thank you,
Demi Terceres

Rosemary Balsley

From: msperouse <msperouse@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:47 PM
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You, the Santa Cruz City Council, have been presented with an alternative option of where to create an encampment but have so far not acted on a suggested resolution (or be it a partial resolution).

Allowing unsupervised, unmonitored camping and overnight parking in hi density residential neighborhoods is not a solution.

Regards,
Ruth Moe
Housing Provider
Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Perouse <Perouse@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:46 PM
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Sincerely,

Rick Moe

Rosemary Balsley

From: Pam Brown <jpamples@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:37 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I oppose the proposed "shelter crisis" designation. The crisis at hand is hundreds of non-locals flocking to Santa Cruz because we are so accommodating of the homeless.

If the "crisis" designation passes, I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

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Additionally, I recommend Staff remove ALL recommended sites with the exception of #3 and #6. All other sites are located within existing residential communities and in close proximity to schools and/or parks, and are entirely inappropriate for placement of this type of project. The fact that Staff even brought them to the table makes me question their foresight.

Regards
Pam Blanc Brown

Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: Gina Katz <katzgina@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:36 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Gina and Steve Katz
503 Lighthouse Avenue
Santa Cruz CA 95060

Rosemary Balsley

From: Ray Launier <raylaunier@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:33 PM
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- Amend the Declaration so that homeless services only to persons who qualify as legal documented residents of the City of Santa Cruz

Rosemary Balsley

From: Zane Brown <zanebrown@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:28 PM
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Sent from my iPhone

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Johanna Epps
Harland Epps

Rosemary Balsley

From: Nadene Thorne <nadenetd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:20 PM
To: City Council
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Thank you for your consideration of this critical community safety issue.

Nadene Thorne
140 Averitt Street
Santa Cruz 95060

Rosemary Balsley

From: John LaTurno <johnhlaturno@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:20 PM
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John LaTurno
Santa Cruz, CA

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Chris Mille <ebaycmille2013@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:19 PM
To: City Council

Dear City Council Members,

The current homelessness issue we have in SC has been years in the making; it is not an emergency. This city spends an exorbitant amount of time and expense responding to a small portion of the overall population and neglecting the vast majority of citizens who are impacted by the less-than-law-abiding.

In 2018 a Fiscal Emergency was declared and then a decision to spend \$90,000 a month for a city-sponsored camp was made. Measure S was approved by voters to try to close the budgetary gap and bail the city out. What did Santa Cruzans gain for their generosity? A camp that spent nearly \$1M serving around 60 people, a higher cost of living here and a continued attractant to folks looking for services from all over. For the \$900,000 that was spent, how many people transitioned to housing and are still in said housing? Isn't it peculiar that the goal is to "transition" to a housed situation when we all know housing / cost of living is extraordinarily expensive here?

Rather than continue to pour good money after bad into scenarios that have been proven less-than-effective, please take the time to study the pros and cons of what other entities are doing; Berkeley's tried and failed RV parking fiasco. Do an audit of all monies the city is currently spending with various non-profits, etc., for efficacy rates / outcomes. Do something other than the same thing over and over that has not worked. Or preferably, enforce the County, who is awarded the money and has the responsibility, to step up and do their jobs. Our local government is consumed by this issue and it isn't our issue to solely own.

A fellow SC citizen compiled the following statistics using HUD and SC City Council sources (all numbers represent homeless people per 100,000):

New York (highest rate of any state): 470

California: 329

Santa Cruz County (population of 274000 excluding City of SC): 495

City of Santa Cruz (population of 64000): 1881

This would mean the rate of homelessness in SC is 3.8 higher than the rest of the county and 5.7 times higher than the rest of California. Someone on staff could / should confirm those numbers. If they're even close to true, people need to start admitting that there's something about Santa Cruz that is drawing people here. Beauty and weather don't explain it all, because nearly all of central and southern coastal CA have this, as well as a high cost of living. Could it be that our community is "too compassionate" and "overly enabling"? Just like teenagers will hang out at whoever's home has the "coolest" (least strict) parents, people looking for "freedom of choice" will come here to live their chosen lifestyle at the expense, literal and figurative, of every other Santa Cruzan.

These are some items that need to be considered before opening up Santa Cruz even further as it becomes a greater attractant:

Admit SC is taking on too much responsibility for what is supposed to be managed at the county level, most likely, for political capital.

Touting “compassion” is a nice sound byte, but too much compassion is enablement; former addicts attest to this.

Admit there’s a drug problem and take a stance against allowing hard-drug users in any city-sponsored programs.

According to Dr. Leff, the Emeline clinic spent nearly \$26M for 10 people. This is shameful. And what were the outcomes for those patients? Why do we allow this to continue?

According to Dr. Leff, 300-600 needles *per day*. If the camp is housing approximately 150 people, and 300-600 needles per day are being used, that’s 4-8 syringes being used per person per day.

Stop the enablement.

Either the individual is doing the work to get clean or they should no longer receive services.

Propping up users in perpetuity is not the role of our city and is a drain on our budget and every day life.

Admit the current solution of collecting needles is not working

Take a stand and work with the county to implement a true 1:1 system; turn in x needles receive x needles. Used needles will become a commodity and have value rather than being discarded as trash because they’re so easy to come by and someone else will pick them up.

Admit SC has a budget issue and cannot fiscally support politically motivated projects.

Admit SC, or any other city in demand, cannot actually provide a bed to anyone who wants one. It’s another fantastic sound-byte, but resource constraints are reality.

Please remind yourselves that if the city does indeed have around 1200 homeless individuals here, there are another 60,000 who experience the ramifications of every decision you make. We are tired of being stolen from, finding human feces and trash in our parks, sidewalks and public spaces, tired of feeling unsafe, being followed and harassed while venturing downtown, tired of funding the never-ending cycle of compassion-projects that have no proven track record of success and are draining us all financially.

Please stop. Slow down. Think. Study. Consider *all* of your constituents. Spend our money wisely, we don’t have any to spare.

Chris Mille
Moore St. Neighbor

Rosemary Balsley

From: Cathie <cathleen.hamby@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:18 PM
To: City Council
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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

I further urge you to discontinue the adoption of policies abhorrent to private property rights and a waste of taxpayer dollars which could be better used for other purposes!

Rosemary Balsley

From: Shawn McMurdo <shawn_mcmurdo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:16 PM
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- Shawn

Rosemary Balsley

From: H Dowling <hdowling7@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:11 PM
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Very sincerely,
H. Dowling

Rosemary Balsley

From: Paul Skenazy <pskenazy@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:10 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I am appending my own thoughts to those of the Santa Cruz Together group. It seems to me that all the amendments they propose are reasonable and useful. There is an ongoing need in the Santa Cruz area for aid to the homeless and for providing shelter for them. This idea of opening all public lands for shelters will both not meet that need and will make matters worse in terms of safety, health, and local community support for ongoing care for the homeless. It is impractical and self-defeating to declare that the so-called 'crisis' will be solved by indiscriminately circumventing state and local laws.

But even more significant to me is the idea that once this crisis declaration is put into effect, the City Council abrogates its oversight until the 'crisis' is resolved. The 'crisis' will not resolve itself, and the Council knows that as well as anyone. It won't at least until we have a saner understanding of the causes of homelessness and some serious and meaningful intervention on the state and national level. Which means that the Council is simply declaring that this is a one-stop solution that denies them what seems to me their ongoing responsibility to govern the whole city for the good of all the citizens, homed and homeless.

This resolution makes no sense: it solves nothing, ruins much, and disavows future reconsideration.

Paul Skenazy

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Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:08 PM
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Chris Mille
Moore St. Neighbors

Rosemary Balsley

From: ELLEN KETT <bucciel@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:05 PM
To: City Council
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Cheers Ellen Kett

Please forgive any errors as this is sent via my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Rebecca Arnesty <rebaarnoka@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:05 PM
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Thank you for your consideration of this very challenging situation.

Rebecca Arnesty

Rosemary Balsley

From: Geri Sproule <feebleger@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:02 PM
To: City Council
Subject: homeless encampment

Council members,

I most vehemently am opposed to relocating the “transitional encampment and safe sleeping site” to the Westside location virtually adjacent to the Westlake school and area many children and their parents use daily. It is inconceivable this would even be brought up. NO!!

Geri Sproule,
Santa Cruz resident for 47 years, 37 on the Westside of town.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Kenneth Garges <garges@ucsc.edu>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:01 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I somewhat support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

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- Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Eddy O'Connor <light10up@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 3:58 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19: - Amend the Declaration so that shelters **cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.**

- Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities. - Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors **create shelter locations outside the City**, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Respectfully,

Eddy O'Connor
236 Cayuga St.
Santa Cruz, CA. 95062

Rosemary Balsley

From: Sabine Prather <sabinenprather@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 3:55 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

- Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.
- Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities.
- Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Thank you.
Sabine Prather

Rosemary Balsley

From: David Green Baskin <dgbaskin49@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 3:54 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; Drew Glover; Justin Cummings; Martine Watkins; Sandy Brown
Subject: Emergency Shelter Homeless Shelter Crisis Resolution

This note is to register my opposition to the propose Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Resolution that would allow city property to be used as homeless facilities without sufficient environmental or public review.

It is simply not appropriate that property in the City will be potential sites for open camping and placement of homeless shelters without environmental review and without adequate time for public comment. This proposal threatens the welfare, safety and public health of the entire City. We can enact sensible shelter policies with proper environmental review and an opportunity for public comment.

Please address these issues in the ordinary course and consider remedies for our homeless situation with proper review, environmental analysis and public comment.

Thank You, David Green Baskin

Rosemary Balsley

From: Marcus Smolanovich <marcus@vanguardrealtors.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 3:53 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

- Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.
- Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities.
- Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Patricia Futoran <pat.futoran@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 3:50 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

- Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.
- Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities.
- Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Patricia Futoran
Landlord of three properties in Santa Cruz.

Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: Andrea Muzzi <amuzzi@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 5:41 PM
To: City Council
Subject: No more homeless help in city need county to step up!

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable County or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

- Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.
- Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities.
- Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Andrea Muzzi

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Quinn McLaughlin <quinn@coincidence.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 8:06 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

- Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.
- Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities.
- Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Rosemary Balsley

From: k.mueller@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 8:04 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Though I support City efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I ask Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that Council amend The Declaration set for vote March 19 as follows:

- Shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets or sidewalks without public and environmental review,
- Only allow public exemptions for managed, staffed and secure shelter facilities,
- Request that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and have the County bear its fair share of helping the homeless population.

Thank You,

Karsten Mueller

Rosemary Balsley

From: Terry Ballantyne <terry@serenogroup.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 7:51 PM
To: City Council
Subject: homeless need managed shelter

Dear Member,

Once again I am stunned with the decisions coming from your group. The beauty, safety, and civility of Santa Cruz would be forever tarnished if the unskilled, uneducated, mentally ill and socially inappropriate homeless are left to camp anywhere.

Part of every civil society is the responsibility of each citizen to provide for himself, find shelter they can afford, not to litter and leave trash everywhere.

While I sympathize with the temporarily unhoused who should be provided assistance, I am weary about the endless energy spent on the career homeless who will never manage a household. Build a humane facility where they are managed. Parks, beaches and sidewalks are public recreation or transportation corridors and not hotels.

Terry

Rosemary Balsley

From: Linette Quist <linette.quist@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 7:49 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members: Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review. I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19: - Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review. - Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities. - Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Lisa Soon <lissoo@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 7:42 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Santa Cruz City Council Members:

I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property. However I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review. Please make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

- Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.
- Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities.
- Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Sincerely,
Lisa Soon

Rosemary Balsley

From: Terry Ballantyne <terry@serenogroup.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 7:41 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

- Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.
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- Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Christine Bloome <cb.surfcity@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 7:37 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Transitional Encampment and Safe Sleeping Site

I am opposed to the Transitional encampment and safe sleeping site at the High Street Community Church and the Peace United Church of Christ also on High Street. Number one it is too close to Westlake School and the surrounding neighborhood. Secondly, older children walk/ride their bikes through the neighborhood to school early in the morning not accompanied by a parent and the same goes for after school to back home. This would not be a safe environment for the children. Plus the fact that there are families that live across the street from the parking lot.

Christine Bloome

Rosemary Balsley

From: Candice Loero <candzland@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 7:32 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

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- Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Alan Peevers <peeves@pacbell.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 7:30 PM
To: City Council
Subject: High street homeless encampment

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my thoughts about the Westside location that is being considered as a "transitional encampment and safe sleeping site" at next Tuesday's Special City Council meeting and Study Session.

I have 2 young children that currently walk to Westlake Elementary and play in the neighborhood. The proximity of that camp being close to three preschools and the elementary school is just entirely unacceptable and unsafe. My concern is of the nature of these occasionally dangerous and disorganized folks. Their behavior can be very scary and dangerous to even those of us who are adults. Furthermore, the transient lifestyle makes it hard to pinpoint any potential pedophiles living and sleeping so close to so many children. This location that is indicated in the document prepared by the City is, "Limited visibility", yet for the other 5 locations being considered within the City, both "Community Impact" and "Adjacent Uses", along with other concerns are listed. Are "Community Impact" and "Adjacent Uses" not concerns for those of us who live on the Westside? I think the majority of us will agree that these are extraordinarily important concerns for us. The approval of a transitional encampment and safe sleeping site at this location will have a tremendously negative impact on those of us who reside on the Westside and especially for those who live in the Westlake Area and have children who attend Westlake Elementary School. Please do not allow this to happen in one of the nicer neighborhoods left in Santa Cruz.

Thank you for your consideration,
Alan Peevers

Rosemary Balsley

From: Anna Abend <Anasita@Comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 7:29 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

- Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.

- Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities.

- Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations OUTSIDE OF THE CITY and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

These amendments would show some respect for the citizens of Santa Cruz!!! Please act and vote like you care about the longer residents of the city.

Anna Abend

Rosemary Balsley

From: Michelle C <micampi1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 7:25 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members: I think you have all lost your minds.

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

- Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.
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Michelle Campisi

Rosemary Balsley

From: dan jones <grovelerdan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 7:24 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I propose giving each homeless person \$100 and a bus pass to Scott's Valley of Pacific Grove etc.

If not,

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

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Dan

Rosemary Balsley

From: Tom <desoto56hemi@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 7:03 PM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Homeless situation

Good afternoon,

I have been a Santa Cruz resident for the past 15 years and have watched as the homeless problem has continued to grow without any mitigation. I don't believe there is any such thing as "solving the homeless situation" any more than solving world hunger. While it's reasonable to provide services for long term Santa Cruz residents who experience homelessness, it is not reasonable to accommodate those who demand services on their terms only; anything less being an impingement of their freedom.

The residents of Santa Cruz who are not homeless (and are paying for those who are) also have a right to use and enjoy the community they support without being stopped by people panhandling on every block downtown, sprawled on the sidewalks, or begging on multiple traffic islands in the same intersection, as happens at River Street.

I am strongly against expanding homeless encampments throughout Santa Cruz because once established they will continue to expand and will never be closed. I would like to see existing funds used to provide services to people who are looking for help, rather than free goods and services to enable their "lifestyle," and will cast my votes accordingly in upcoming elections.

Thank you,
Thomas Gordon

Sent from my iPad...excuse typos.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Amory Langmo <amorylangmo@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 7:03 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council members,

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

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Amory Langmo

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: John O'Donnell <johnodonnellre@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 6:56 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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John O'Donnell
831 345-6583
Lighthouse Realty and Property Management
BRE#01344081

Rosemary Balsley

From: Michael Adams <michael@serenogroup.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 6:56 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Franklin Harris <fjharris57@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 6:48 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Dell Elliott <dell_elliott@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 6:41 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Nancy Maynard <mtnmom3@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 6:26 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

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Nancy Maynard

Rosemary Balsley

From: Julie Francis <julieafrancis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 6:15 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Opposition to the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I oppose City Council's ill-conceived idea of an Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review. This has been proposed with no plan and no consideration for the residents of Santa Cruz. This is an invitation for chaos, and will cause a public health emergency, environmental issues and major safety issues for the residents of the City of Santa Cruz. I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19: -

- 1) Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.
- 2) Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities.
- 3) Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Julie Francis

Rosemary Balsley

From: Laurie Rivoir <laurierivoir@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 6:14 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

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Sincerely,
Richard Rivoir

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Kristine Eriksen <kmeriksen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 6:12 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I do not support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on any City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

- Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks.
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Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Scott Richards <scott@santacruzsystems.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 6:11 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

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Scott
(831-234-3161)
Pay It Forward!

Rosemary Balsley

From: Victoria Traylor <oceansol@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 6:02 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

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Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: RoseAnn Scornaienchi <roseannscornaienchi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 6:02 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members: Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review. I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19: - Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review. - Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities. - Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Rosemary Balsley

From: McKenzie Dilloughery <mickydilloughery@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 6:01 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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- Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

I hope the council chooses to be receptive to their tax-paying constituents' concerns.

McKenzie Dilloughery

Rosemary Balsley

From: Georgann Caponigro <dgcap@pacbell.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 6:01 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

- Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.
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Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: Samuelson, Pam <Pam.Samuelson@cbnorcal.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 5:54 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless enactments

To whom this concern,

I am born and raised Santa Cruz, my kids after 5 th generation, I am extremely opposed to allowing the homeless in this community to be able to park our city streets, parks and neighborhoods. That will inviting drugs, theft etc in our neighborhoods where we live. Something is wrong this this city council... we are tax paying, law abiding citizens, and you think it's right to allow the people who do not add any revenue, and positive contributions to our city to be allowed to sleep, park etc wherever they want, what is wrong with you?? Our police are already stretched too thin as it is. This proposal needs to be amended, THINK about the people that contribute positively to this community, the responsible ones, dont punish them. The problem is santa Cruz takes care of i.e. feeds, shelter the homeless, that is inviting more homeless to our town. They need to be off our streets, and all put in a place that is out of the city limits where it doesn't disrupt our neighborhoods.

Thank you,
Pam Samuelson

Cell 831.247.1522
Pam.samuelson@cbnorcal.com
CalBRE#01308810

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Brian Johnson <bwj@gmx.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 5:50 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject any portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review, or any direct or indirect impact upon private property without the consent of the owner.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

- Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks, or other public property or rights of way, without first requiring public input and environmental review, and acceptance, of related potential impacts.
- Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities, only at locations chosen by the city council or by majority of the voters as a whole.
- Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

I can appreciate your concern for the health and safety of the homeless population, but before rushing headlong to act, please make sure that none of your very actions themselves end up placing the health and safety of the REST the of city residents at further risk.

Thank you for your careful, thoughtful, review of this important matter, before acting upon it.

Sincerely,

- Brian Johnson

Rosemary Balsley

From: Monika Davidson <monikad@serenogroup.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 5:44 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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Monika Davidson
Serenogroup
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BRE 01234944
831-515-1113
650-465-7628

Rosemary Balsley

From: Julie Kimball <jkyogswi@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 5:43 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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Thank you
Julie, a diligent taxpayer

Rosemary Balsley

From: Quinn McLaughlin <quinn@coincidence.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 8:06 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Arlette Hurd <lotsalotta@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 7:40 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I do not support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Rosemary Balsley

From: jfbergs <jfbergs@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 7:18 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Joel Steinberg
Santa Cruz

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8+, an AT&T 5G Evolution smartphone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Janet Allinger <allingerj@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 7:12 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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John st. Resident

Rosemary Balsley

From: Karonfam <karonfam@got.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 7:11 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Sent from my box of chocolates
Not responsible for iErrors

Rosemary Balsley

From: Susan Karon <forrentsc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 7:10 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Steven Baldwin <stevenwbaldwin@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 6:37 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Rosemary Balsley

From: FJC <etatidem777@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 6:24 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Tom Johnstone <tomjohnstone269@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 6:22 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Andrew Mills; Martin Bernal; ryan.coonerty@santacruzcounty.us
Subject: Critical turning point for the City of Santa Cruz - what will your legacy be?

Dear Leaders of the Santa Cruz Community,

Please take the time to watch this news special prior to Tuesday's special council session. It aired last night on a major news station in the city of Seattle. It is an honest, accurate, thought provoking, probing and heartfelt documentary.

What will your legacy be? Will you stand by and do nothing? Say your hands are tied? Will you add to the misery and chaos by enacting, change, eliminating ordinances that make it worse? Will you be the one who nails the last nail in the coffin of Santa Cruz?

This isn't rhetoric or hyperbole or fear mongering.. This is reality. Stop arguing with it.

The news special is an hour long with no commercial breaks. It is embedded in the following news piece:

[KOMO News Special: Seattle is Dying](#)



Eric Johnson | KOMO News

Seattle Is Dying. It's a harsh title. Someone on social media even called it a "hopeless" title. I'll admit to y...

Listen to us.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Debora Bone <dbone@cruzio.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 12:23 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Thank you for your consideration.
Debora Bone

Rosemary Balsley

From: marcsschwartz <marcsschwartz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 12:16 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Sent from my Galaxy Tab® S2

Rosemary Balsley

From: Derek Proudian <derek.proudian@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 10:52 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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Derek Proudian
105 Sylvar Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

derek.proudian@gmail.com
650-387-2653 mobile

Rosemary Balsley

From: Peter Whiting <peterfwhiting@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 10:41 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Jackie Whiting <jackielwhiting@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 10:40 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Dennis Webb <dennisjohnwebb@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 10:34 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop encouraging homeless from everywhere to come to Santa Cruz

Dear City Council Members:

I am writing to urge you to stop making policy that encourages the homeless to move to Santa Cruz. Most of the homeless in our city are from other areas, and have come here because of our lenient policies. People who are tired of being “harassed” for breaking the law in other cities have streamed into Santa Cruz because we don’t seem to discourage lawlessness. This influx of homeless population has left us unable to provide even the most basic services to those who are truly in need.

Stop allowing camping on city streets, drug use in public, and the pollution that comes along with homeless encampments. Our entire community is suffering because of the lawlessness of many of the homeless. Stop inviting them to stay in our city!

Dennis Webb

Rosemary Balsley

From: Cindy Firenzi <firenzic1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 10:03 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Response to homelessness

Dear City Council Members,

We seem to be stuck in a cycle. The progressive majority on the Council proposes an extreme solution to an intractable problem, and a majority of the community—which is exceptionally compassionate and liberal by most standards—is alarmed. We want more moderate, well-researched, and collaborative solutions.

Do you honestly believe that most of your constituents support a crisis declaration that would permit streets, sidewalks, parks and beaches to be used for shelter purposes without a proper review process? Local homelessness stems from several factors, such as escalating substance abuse, inadequate mental health care, and a lack of high-paying jobs and affordable housing—all of which plague our entire nation. Federal and state funding is needed for meaningful progress. Locally, at the very least, the county should be spearheading this effort. Regulated safe sleeping sites and transitional encampments should be located on county property, not near residential areas. The one exception, in my opinion, would be shelters for families with minors, as children must be given safe living conditions, and they have a developmental need to belong to a community.

Homeless adults who are struggling need our compassion, but proposed solutions should not endanger others in our community—especially our children. Please stop this cycle of addressing formidable problems with rash, radical actions. They won't be sustainable in a city of predominantly moderate, liberal voters. With the best of intentions, you can make a severe problem worse. First, do no harm. Respectfully,

Cindy Firenzi

Rosemary Balsley

From: Melissa Leib <melissa@lalightingsales.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 9:54 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless relocating post Ross Camp

I am a newer resident of Santa Cruz, 2 years, having moved from San Francisco after the homeless situation there became untenable.

We saw firsthand hundreds of millions of dollars being spent each year, endless resources offered, only to see the homeless population explode with violence, theft, muggings, attacks on people and property as well as a rampant needle and feces problem that 311 hazmat stopped being able to respond to. We had our cars vandalized, we were robbed, had cans thrown at us, we were threatened, on lockdown with police carrying automatic weapons, no longer able to walk down the street to go to dinner... then we left and came here, and here we are again.

This because tents were allowed to be set up, and they became an insurmountable problem. Once structures are erected, it is impossible to manage.

You, we, have an out of control problem that cannot be addressed by relocating them to neighborhoods in the city limits. This does nothing to ameliorate the problem, and in fact begets more homelessness. You are putting neighborhoods in peril by allowing this group, with a particularly high rate of iv drug use according to your own fire chief, to take root anywhere in the city.

I don't know the answer; maybe housing by converted vacant department stores or closed military bases, but nobody should get to live outside because they feel confined by rules. In any case, it is illegal to do so.

I urge you- do not take this course; you only have to look at San Francisco to see the future of Santa Cruz.

Any solution that involves continued homelessness is really not a solution.

Thank you,
Melissa Leib

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Alissa Smith <tangowench@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 9:48 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review. I am also asking that there be vetting for anyone receiving services and that there be no tolerance for crime in any form.

I believe that most Santa Cruzians feel compassion for the homeless and support solutions. What the majority of people do NOT support is the enabling and encouraging of crime. It seems that certain council members accept and feel it is acceptable for people to destroy public property, harass the general public, and commit crimes. I consider littering, public urination, public defecation, buying and selling drugs, harassment, public disorder, and stealing to all be crimes. I have had friends who were homeless at one point in their lives, and NONE of them destroyed public property, stole, or harassed anyone.

Streets, sidewalks, and parks are for everyone, and as we've seen in downtown, parks are now avoided by the general population for fear of being a victim of crime, stepping on a needle, being harassed, or having their children see or hear things parents would prefer they not. I live downtown and hear screaming expletives on an hourly basis, and have seen men masturbate out in public, and defecate out in public. I have been threatened, bothered, harassed and followed. I have also had personal items stolen from my property.

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Best,

Alissa Smith

Rosemary Balsley

From: Elned <elned@cruzio.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 9:47 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Ellen Solway
Santa Cruz

Rosemary Balsley

From: carol gaidos <swedishrealtor@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 9:30 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: Carol Gaidos <swedishrealtor@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 9:26 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Linda Minor <lindacminor831@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 9:11 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Fwd: Homeless encampments

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Linda Minor <lindacminor831@gmail.com>
Date: March 13, 2019 at 10:18:20 PM PDT
To: citycouncil@cityofsantacruz.com
Subject: Fwd: Homeless encampments

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Linda Minor <lindacminor831@gmail.com>
Date: March 13, 2019 at 10:19:18 AM PDT
To: mwatkins@cityofsantacruz.com, [jcummings@cityofsantacruz.com](mailto:jcumplings@cityofsantacruz.com),
sbrown@cityofsantacruz.com, dglover@cityofsantacruz.com,
ckrohn@cityofsantacruz.com, cmathews@cityofsantacruz.com
Subject: Homeless encampments

We need to just stop pulling people out of the river, we need to go upstream and find out why they are falling in...Desmond Tutu

Putting up homeless encampments all over the city isn't solving the issue of homelessness.. that encampment by Ross is a health hazard for those who live there due to the crowded conditions and lack of sanitation (over 200 people living on less than an acre of property in the mud is not compassionate) its a health issue for all of us who live here in SC, and us who go shopping at the stores there. I would like to know how many people that come here are from California or even Santa Cruz... we can't solve the nations issue of homelessness, mostly due to substance abuse and mental health issues. The fact that they put a sharps container at the Ross camp is basically condoning drug use there. To me these encampments are inhumane, there is MRSA at that camp and scabies, and I can't believe there isn't Hepatitis A there, as we know was downtown when there was an encampment by the post office. It seems that our tax dollars are going towards daily visits there by the police and fire dept. because of fights, and I understand at least four people have died there..

not to mention a fire which could have caused many more deaths if it got out of hand. I know a lot of people don't feel safe going to that shopping center, me included because we have been approached by someone asking for money, or hanging out by our cars. What about the businesses there and their rights? Is anyone down there trying to reconnect them with family? Or working to get them mental health counseling? Or intervention for substance abuse? Or is it just a free for all.. A couple of years ago there was a push to get people to walk along the river and enjoy this natural resource, I know of no one who is comfortable doing that anymore. We all pay taxes to live here and support our city and I feel we have less rights than those who choose to come here because they know they can live in their cars (there's a woman who has been parked by Steamer Lane for months living in her car, is anyone helping her? She is obviously strung out most of the time) or they can put up a tent on the side of the road... and no one bothers them. I'm all for compassion as far as helping people, but if they don't want help, just a place to pitch a tent and do drugs, or are from out of state, my compassion runs thin. As far as putting up a Homeless Camp on High Street by an elementary school and residential property to house drug addicts and who knows what, (are these people being checked to see if they are sex offenders? Pedophiles? Criminals?) makes me wonder if some people in the city Council are on drugs themselves.

Linda Minor

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Andrea Struble <strubleandrea@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 9:03 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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thank you
andrea struble

Rosemary Balsley

From: MILLICENT FROST <mkfrost@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 9:08 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless Camp

The homeless camp by Roos needs to be relocated over onto Emeline St near services or moved somewhere else in the county like Aptos or Capitola. Why does Santa Cruz always have to house theses camps? Why is the City of Santa Cruz footing the bill instead of the County of Santa Cruz which received Federal funds for homeless services. Are we too afraid to ask the county for the money?

I have lived on the Westside for 15 years and Santa Cruz is turning into a "shithole" of a place to live and visit. If you want tourist to come spend money here you can't have a homeless can right along the main entrance to the city. No one wants to go downtown anymore because it smells like urine. It is an embarrassment! Why doesn't Los Gatos or Carmel have these issues? Maybe you should do some research to see how other cities have solved their homeless issues. My guess is in these towns it is illegal to camp out in public areas or on sidewalks. The Ross Homeless Camp is breaking all kinds of city laws by camping there...pretty soon you will have no one obeying our laws or city ordinances. If the homeless don't have to follow the rules why should the rest of us?

The City Council better not declare a fake emergency and let the homeless camp in our parks and sidewalks either. If you do that your are ignoring what property tax paying residents want. You are not better than Donald Trump and lousy council members too. I have two children at Westlake and I do not want homeless drug addicts and mentally ill vagrants living next door to their school. Don't you have children? Do you EVEN own a home here? Of you don't then you arte not invested like those of us who are paying for all these services.

You were elected to solve the problem...move the camp to Corralitos or Aptos! The whole county should be sharing this burden not just the city of Santa Cruz residents.

Thank you!

Millicent Frost

Rosemary Balsley

From: Mesadevelopment <mesadevelopment@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 9:02 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: Michaelmagranet <michaelmagranet@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 9:01 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: Bob <bobp@calcentral.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 8:57 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Please look for better solutions than the current misguided proposal.

Bob and Maureen Petersen
Westside residents
Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Tom Hamilton <tom57ha@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 8:54 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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Thank you, Thomas Hamilton, Santa Cruz

Rosemary Balsley

From: Philip Mekis <126storeyst@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 8:53 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Change the Emergency Shelter Resolution Now!!

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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Thank you,
Darcy

Rosemary Balsley

From: Philip Mekis <philip.mekis@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 8:51 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Change the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I appreciate the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I ask the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I mean there was an environmental review on the impact of dogs on It's Beach. How is this situation less impactful?

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

- Amend the Declaration so that, shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.
- So that, it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities.
- So that, it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

With all due respect,
Philip Mekis

Rosemary Balsley

From: Anna Durante <annadurante@mac.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 8:51 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Reject part of Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, **I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.**

Children use sidewalks to go to school.

Children bike along streets to go to school and after school activities

Children play in parks

Please think about the potential risk to children and others who use public streets, sidewalks and parks. This is not safe proposal!

Anna Durante

Rosemary Balsley

From: Pat Christie <pat.christie@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 8:48 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Thank you.

Patricia Christie

Rosemary Balsley

From: Marilyn Baldwin <mimi112950@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 8:30 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: lewersco <lewersco@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 8:22 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Samantha Petovello <samantha.petovello@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 8:16 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homelessness & Shelter Crisis

Dear Members of Santa Cruz City Council,

I and my family are fairly new residents to Santa Cruz, and have been appalled by the recent course of events regarding homelessness, drugs and crime in our city that we so badly want to call home. We moved here wanting to access the natural beauty, natural living and outdoor areas that we are so fortunate to have in our backyards but have been surprised and shocked at the current state of affairs.

We moved here because we want to live here. We are tax paying, law-abiding citizens. We enjoy our public parks. We, like so many others, choose Santa Cruz. We are saddened and concerned about the direction this city is hastily taking. Our level of concern has mounted to the point where we are unsure if we will realistically be able to call this city home in the future.

We have been following the recent City Council meetings, and decisions. We are absolutely aghast that transitional camps are even being considered. This just seems to be shuffling the problem. To us, people on the streets are still people on the streets - whether its in one encampment or 2-3 specifically selected locations around the city. They are still on the streets, without shelter and subject to the dangers that come with those circumstances. In addition, the locations of the transitional camps are appalling - I can't believe that High street is a consideration. Near an elementary school!?! My daughter is assigned to Westlake and will be starting there in 2020. I have panic attacks and can't sleep at night worrying about what is going to happen. This is not okay. As our City leaders, it is your job to act in the best interest of ALL citizens. The current proposals cater to the 2% - the 2% who are using a disproportionate amount of resources and holding those of us who follow the rules hostage.

We are not without compassion, but also feel that enabling the dysfunctional behaviors that lead people to live a homeless lifestyle is the very opposite of compassion. We need to draw a line in the sand and say "No. This is not okay. If this is the lifestyle being chosen, you cannot do it here. We will give you help, but you are not allowed to endanger children and our environment in the process. By choosing to accept help, you will abide by our rules, or you will be asked to move along".

I want to be clear - we are 100% against the creation of any transitional camps and instead, want to see permanent, high-barrier (ie. rules - no drugs, curfews, etc) affordable housing created. And if people do not qualify for such housing, they need to be shown the door. They are not welcome here.

We work hard, and as society have an agreed set of expectations. No one has the right to infringe on the personal health and safety of another human. Allowing this deluge of drugs, unsanitary and unsafe conditions is unacceptable. Allowing people to sleep in parks is unacceptable. My kids play there, and I am forever terrified they are going to step on a needle, or a pile of human excrement. Who will take care of US through the fallout of such a circumstance? Is that something our City Council is willing to carry over their heads? Just imagine that headline and legal fallout that will ensue.

We will continue to fervently advocate for the law-abiding citizens of Santa Cruz, and will continue to protest, physically if necessary (by physically blocking) the creation of transitional camps.

Before solution policy decisions can be agreed and enacted, there needs to be research, outreach to communities who have overcome similar challenges (I would argue that Portland and Seattle not as successful as currently presented) and a well-thought out plan devised. I am seeing none of this. Hastily agreed motions speaks of amateur, under qualified personnel who are being grossly negligent in the execution of their Civic Duty.

In Summary:

- No to transitional camps
- No to sleeping in parks
- No to allowing overnight camping and parking on our streets
- No to free needles
- No to public urination and defecation
- No to an encampment on High Street, or any location near a school or neighbourhood
- YES to permanent, affordable housing for those needing a leg up
- YES to rehab and recovery services, provided the recipients follow the rules of the program - hard line compliance policy
- YES to fair consequences for crimes committed
- YES to a city wide clean up to fix this mess that's been created

Regards,

Samantha

Rosemary Balsley

From: Bonnie Faraola <bonfire_sc@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 8:14 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Tom De Meo <tomdemeo@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 8:08 PM
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Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: David Zimpfer <dzimpfer@zendar.io>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 7:57 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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Regards,
David Zimpfer
912 King St
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Paul Eberhardt <pre2006pre@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 11:51 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Santa Cruz City Council members,

I do not support the Homeless Shelter Crisis Resolution proposed for March 19, 2019. Please reject this proposal.

I have read the proposed resolution. I do not accept many assertions and thus do not agree with the conclusions. Furthermore, I do not want to see city parks and public areas converted to homeless housing. Conversions of city property should only be contemplated when the impact is well understood and there has been an opportunity for the electorate to concur by voting.

I strongly reject efforts that have the effect of facilitating drug usage and housing individuals using public funds and property when many people choose to not support themselves. Providing support services for homeless individuals has the unintended consequence of increasing the local homeless population. The community at large suffers from the associated problems. Santa Cruz already has numerous parks and public areas that are not safe visit with my grandchildren and I don't want to see this situation get worse.

Regards,

Paul Eberhardt

Rosemary Balsley

From: Joyce Schmidt <skunkieboy@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 11:49 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless shelters

I am wondering if anyone on the city council is really thinking of the consequences to our neighborhoods if this proposal is enacted. Or is this an attempt to distract neighbors from the real possibility of a permanent homeless shelter in one of the established neighborhoods? Frightening!

Would any of you want to have an encampment, like the one near the Ross Store, in your neighborhood? Do you want your children exposed to the garbage left from these encampments? How about all of you environmentalists, what do you think about needles & prescription bottles in the creeks? The problem can NOT be solved if everyone keeps catering to the indigent. People need to be held responsible for their actions.
Joyce Schmidt (a Brookside neighbor)

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Patti Eller <patti@waltellerco.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 11:45 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Please kindly keep an open mind and consider the Citizens of the City of Santa Cruz,

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Best,

Patti

Patti Eller Robb, Senior Vice President
Walt Eller Company
831 475-0460 Ext #100
831 475-0189 Fax

Rosemary Balsley

From: David Williams <dawsantacruz@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 11:25 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Don't make the existing housing emergency worse with emergency legislation

Dear Members of the City Council,

Few would deny that we have a housing emergency in our community. But please do not use the emergency as justification for making hasty, ill-conceived changes to established laws and procedures designed to protect safety and sanitation in our community.

Enacting emergency legislation now that will establish practices that could be hard to reverse in the future is a bad idea.

In particular, opening up our streets and public lands to camping will have consequences, including fire risks, that need to be carefully examined and weighed against other options. It is more important to take the right action than to take fast action. Hardly seems likely that a dozen small encampments around the city would be more desirable than the current situation at the River Street and Highway 1 junction.

Best regards,

David Williams
114 Limestone Lane
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Rosemary Balsley

From: Lea Taddonio <leataddonio@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 11:23 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless camp on High Street

Dear City Councilmembers:

I've written already to state my opposition for using city parks as camps. Now I'm forced to write again to oppose locating camps near schools and childcare centers. This isn't NIMBY...it's common sense. Ensuring children have safe campuses and pathways to school should be a top priority for our community. Yes we have a crisis of unsheltered populations in this county—and there is goodwill and compassion in the community to help people live happy, whole lives. But there has to be some reasonable planning. With the resources and creativity in Santa Cruz...the best solutions are ideas like unlimited open street parking, city park camps (with playgrounds and exercise facilities) and properties with 1,000 feet of childcare facilities and schools?

Surely we can do better!

My children attend Westlake Elementary school and Westlake Park is literally one of the last parks I feel okay taking my kids to in this part of town after numerous instances of encountering drunk people in Garfield bathrooms, finding needles in bushes, broken glass in the sand beneath swings. Derby Park and San Lorenzo Park have also been places where I've felt really unsafe while simply trying to give my kids space to play and freedom to explore.

I don't want to see unsheltered men and women stuck squatting in the mud next to the highway in torrential rain. But I also want my children to have access to safe pathways to school and community public spaces.

These two things don't have to be in opposition to each other.

Thanks for your consideration,

Lea Taddonio
205 Mountain Way
Santa Cruz 95060

Rosemary Balsley

From: Ian Waters <iwwaters@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 11:09 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Don't do this

Dear City Council.

I am a local business owner, and a parent of 2. I urge you to not make this situation worse by declaring an emergency and thereby open the floodgates for people to camp/live in our parks and on our streets. As recently as last week I had to clean up human excrement and trash from an illegal campsite in front of my business. Don't make this worse. The people that actually live here, pay taxes here, and care about this community have had enough.

Please do not declare a shelter crisis/emergency.

- Amend the Staff proposed Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.
- Amend the Staff proposed Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities.
- Amend the Staff proposed Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population which disproportionately impacts the city of Santa Cruz.

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Elene Johas Teener <elenejt@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:58 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless encampments

Our homeless population and concerns of drug use, abuse, theft, destruction of property and overall crisis is real and present in our community.

It is very uncomfortable and dangerous really to be around this population and all the areas they are increasingly inhabiting for women children families business and everyone really

I have concern and care for all but I do not want them in neighborhoods, I and many people already do not ride bikes to the tannery or walk over the Soquel bridge go downtown or San Lorenzo Park, or walk along the river with a male friend or not

This is first, a bigger problem than Santa Cruz And I'd like to see a state wide effort and even national effort bringing together all groups to work out real solutions

That said and I think it is the only real solution Our problem and their problems I do not want near families children elderly

It is not safe

This must be a democratic process with all heard And not pushed through to the least vocal or least powerful neighbors to deal with

Elene Johas Teener

Rosemary Balsley

From: Cyn Baskin <cynbaskin@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:55 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Fwd: FW: Emergency Shelter Homeless Shelter Crisis Resolution

This note is to register my opposition to the propose Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Resolution that would allow city property to be used as homeless facilities without sufficient environmental or public review.

It is simply not appropriate that property in the City will be potential sites for open camping and placement of homeless shelters without environmental review and without adequate time for public comment. This proposal threatens the welfare, safety and public health of the entire City. We can enact sensible shelter policies with proper environmental review and an opportunity for public comment.

Please address these issues in the ordinary course and consider remedies for our homeless situation with proper review, environmental analysis and public comment.

Thank You, Cynthia Baskin

Santa Cruz Resident Since 1974; Westlake Grandmother

Rosemary Balsley

From: Ken Rilling <kennypaul@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:40 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Rosemary Balsley

From: penlady@baymoon.com
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:37 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Terry Spodick

Sent from my quill on my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: Cheri Nilsson <cheri@serenogroup.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:26 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Rosemary Balsley

From: DeLaveaga Neighbors <protectdelaveaga@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:26 AM
Subject: A homeless camp in every neighborhood?

Greetings,

As many of you know, the city council is considering an emergency declaration on homelessness in Santa Cruz. This declaration would suspend all normal public hearings, review and reports, and would allow for camps to be established in any city owned parcel. Additionally, this declaration would allow for churches and nonprofits to establish homeless camps of up to 50 tents/RVs in their parking lot, and only require 25 feet from private property. These parking lot camps would qualify for an almost instant over the counter permit, without public notice, review or comment and would be allowed to run permanently (See materials [here](#)).

So what can you do?

- Attend the meeting
The city council is meeting at 4:15pm on Tuesday (3/19) to discuss these options further. Please attend this meeting. The city council member who is pushing this brings out UCSC students who support this issue. We need to make sure the council hears the other side, loud and clear.
- [Email](#) the city council before 5pm on Monday, to let them know the following:
 1. You are concerned that the emergency declaration is anti-democratic, because it eliminates the voice of the public on matters which have a direct impact on them
 2. You would not welcome a camp in your neighborhood due to concerns about crime and safety.

Thanks,
Marc

Rosemary Balsley

From: Mickey Larsen <dogmanmic@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:18 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless Crisis

Since the City Council seems the Homeless “ crisis “ a prelude to allowing the homeless untethered access to public spaces as a bridge to permanent shelter I suggest a different alternative. Have the homeless set up camp on Council Members yards, porches and sidewalks.

If the Council members refuse access to their home toilets they can respectfully collect the shit they find in their vicinity and donate it to the homeless garden for fertilizer. Get off your asses council members and build permanent shelters which should have been an anticipated crisis long ago.

Your piss poor planning should not be the communities dilemma.

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Stephen Karon <stephenkaron@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:17 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Neighborhood encampments, parking areas

Mayor Watkins and Councilmembers,

While I am in favor of services for our unhoused residents who wish to improve their lives, **I am strongly opposed to establishing encampments and designated parking areas throughout the City.** Such provisions will be disruptive to nearby neighbors, present significant health and safety hazards and will attract additional unhoused residents to Santa Cruz. These encampments would be very difficult to manage and would require substantial City-paid supervision, maintenance and clean up staff. Additionally, the suggested encampments will tax our already overburdened first responders and law enforcement.

Please thoughtfully consider the health and safety of our residents and parklands and vote **NO** on any proposal which includes neighborhood encampments and parking areas. Unfortunately, a policy of moving the inhabitants of the Gateway/Ross camp to other parts of Santa Cruz will generate anti-social behavior, discarded needles and trash to the new selected locales.

Mental health and addiction treatment facilities as well as additional housing units are a more appropriate solution. It is neither a viable nor compassionate approach to establish transitional or temporary encampments and designated parking zones...that can endanger our environment, economy and neighbors...which perpetuate a lifestyle that is destructive to those living it. The state has given our County and City by extension, an opportunity to wisely utilize \$10 million to alleviate this issue. Please work collaboratively to apportion these funds for effective solutions, not reactive policies that will do more harm than good.

Sincerely,
Stephen Karon

Rosemary Balsley

From: Brooke Elliott <runningbrooke@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:16 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

I agree with the form letter below. Given that a large percentage of our homeless are drug users, I feel that this is a serious problem that needs to be well managed and contained, not spread out throughout our city, potentially negatively impacting your tax paying citizens who simply want a clean, safe community for their families. I especially disagree with the consideration of using our parks for anything other than community recreation.

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members: Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review. I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19: - Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review. - Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities. - Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Kris <kristinaannemitchell@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:01 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Evelyn Markasky <eamarkasky55@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:51 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Sensible amendments to the homeless shelter crisis resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members: Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

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Sincerely,
Evelyn Markasky

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Check out my [website](#) to see my metalwork and jewelry

Rosemary Balsley

From: Rob <rob@dinapoli.biz>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:48 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Rob DiNapoli
Subject: Reject or Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I urge you to reject any Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

If you feel a need to pass a crises Declaration I request that the You make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

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Rob DiNapoli
Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Debra Wallace <outlook_C6CCB0BA72A18F51@outlook.com> on behalf of Debra Wallace <dwallace@karonproperties.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:36 AM
To: City Council
Subject: NO to emergency declaration, transitional encampments & overnight parking in neighborhoods

Mayor Watkins and Councilmembers,

I am in favor of services for our unhoused residents who wish to improve their lives, but **strongly opposed to the declaration of an emergency to suspend the laws that keep our neighborhoods and parks safe.**

Integrating several hundred campers into neighborhoods and parks at the expense of 65,000 workers, taxpayers and voters is not a balanced approach.

Such provisions would be disruptive to nearby neighbors, present significant health and safety hazards and will attract additional unhoused residents to Santa Cruz. These encampments would be very difficult to manage and would require substantial City-paid supervision, maintenance and clean up staff. Additionally, the suggested encampments will tax our already overburdened first responders and law enforcement.

Temporarily move the Ross camp to River Street to comply with Martin vs. Boise. Spend our tax dollars on mental health and substance abuse treatment, long term shelter beds/permanent shelters with plumbing, not port-a-potties and sanctioned camps that will only attract a greater number of unhoused individuals to our area and endanger our environment, economy and neighbors. Perpetuating a lifestyle that is destructive to those living it is not compassionate by any means.

The state has given our County and City by extension, an opportunity to wisely utilize \$10 million to alleviate this issue. Please work collaboratively to allocate these funds for effective solutions, not reactive policies that will do more harm than good.

YES to mental health services

YES to substance abuse treatment

YES to building more affordable housing

YES to permanent shelters

YES to a City-wide clean-up

NO to enabling addiction

NO to enabling anti-social or criminal behavior

NO to transitional encampments and overnight parking zones in residential neighborhoods

Thank you in advance for prioritizing the health and safety of the majority of your constituents. I just joined the East Side Action Committee out of deep concern of the direction of this Council. Sanctioned encampments and overnight parking zones are not appropriate for our or any neighborhood.

Best regards,
Debra Wallace

Rosemary Balsley

From: Joan Timpany <djtimpany@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:35 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Thank you,
Joan DJ Timpany
Seabright resident

Rosemary Balsley

From: Colleen Bowman <littlemissmuffet@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:34 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Shelter Crisis/Emergency just say NO!

Dear City Council,

Please be respectful to us constituents who pay taxes, shop locally, are law-abiding and live responsively by NOT declaring a shelter crisis or emergency! We have a right to feel safe in our community.

Colleen Bowman

Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: Bob Goode <haightfuldead@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:23 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration NO NO NO

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

MANY MANY PEOPLE KNOW THERE IS A BETTER SOLUTION
NOT A QUICK RESPONSE.
HOW MANY PEOPLE AND SERVICES OF THE CITY WILL BE IMPACTED IF YOU PASS THIS.???

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Kevin Melrose <krmelrose@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:11 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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- Kevin Melrose**

Sent from my iPhone Kevin M. 831-332-1295

Rosemary Balsley

From: Jerry Spodick <jspodick@cruzio.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:09 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Reject the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I DO NOT support the City's intention of allowing homeless encampments on private or public property. These encampments will put the health and safety of local neighborhoods at needless risk. I am asking the Council to reject the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services.

I would support a recall effort of those council members who vote in favor of this declaration.

Jerry Spodick
304 Darwin Street
Santa Cruz, CA. 95062
831-345-8851

Rosemary Balsley

From: Kenni Lopes <gklopes@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:45 AM
To: City Council
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Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: Mara Alverson <maraalverson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:30 AM
To: City Council
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Thank you for your service,

Mara Alverson

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

HappyPassionateMarriage.com

831-588-3013

This electronic communication may contain information that is confidential. . Electronic communications are not secure. Please do not mail correspondence you wish to keep private. I can be reached by phone at 831-588-3013. Thank you for your courtesy and consideration in this security matter.

I require a 48 hour notice for cancelled appointments.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Dean Silvers <dsilvers@cruzio.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:29 AM
To: City Council
Subject: No camping on city streets!

City Council,

You must not approve the absurd and unsafe Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration, which would allow anyone to use our parks, streets, and sidewalks as their “home.”

Those of us living on Myrtle Street remember how things got out of control here in the 1980s, with two entire blocks completely filled with the parked vans and buses of the unhoused. The occupants often left their (barking) dogs inside for days, while they were elsewhere. There was loud partying at all hours, frequent drug dealing, and even a bond fire in the middle of our street one time! We felt unsafe inside our homes and scared to go outside. We also lost many nights sleep dealing with this situation....until the camping ban went into effect. A similar situation had also occurred in Neary Lagoon, with the wildlife sanctuary and surrounding area becoming a scary place to try to visit for a walk.

Do NOT cause this situation to repeat itself by letting those without housing to take over every park and public space within our town. They and we deserve better solutions: properly-staffed & secure shelter spaces and also a spreading out of such facilities throughout our county. For example, I haven't seen Aptos or Scotts Valley providing homeless services.

Dean Silvers
316 Myrtle St.
Santa Cruz, CA

Rosemary Balsley

From: Carol Foster <foster7288@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:26 AM
To: City Council
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Sincerely,

Carol Foster

Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: Jennifer Rubin <niffer@petroglyph.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:16 AM
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Jennifer Rubin

Rosemary Balsley

From: Richard Sum <popeye.sum3@gmail.com>
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Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Lisa Peevers <ljbbski@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:11 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Fwd:

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my concern about the Westside location that is being considered as a “transitional encampment and safe sleeping site” at next Tuesday’s Special City Council meeting and Study Session.

As a resident of the Westlake community, and a Mother of 2 young children at Westlake, I am deeply concerned with the decision to move a homeless encampment next to an elementary school and 3 preschools. The behavior of these often disorganized and dangerous people be frightening to young children, and I fear that the transient nature of these folks makes it easy to lose track of pedophiles and other violent types.

The concern regarding this location that is indicated in the document prepared by the City is, “Limited visibility”, yet for the other 5 locations being considered within the City, both “Community Impact” and “Adjacent Uses”, along with other concerns are listed. Are “Community Impact” and “Adjacent Uses” not concerns for those of us who live on the Westside? I think the majority of us will agree that these are extraordinarily important concerns for us. The approval of a transitional encampment and safe sleeping site at this location will have a tremendously negative impact on those of us who reside on the Westside. Please do not let this happen to one of the last nice neighborhoods in the city.

I look forward to your response.

Kindly,

Lisa Peevers

Rosemary Balsley

From: Santa Cruz CA <vicinage_sc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 11:52 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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CREATE SHELTER LOCATIONS OUTSIDE THE CITY AND HAVE THE COUNTY BEAR ITS FAIR SHARE OF THE BURDEN OF HELPING THE HOMELESS POPULATION INSTEAD OF THEM SENDING THE POPULATION HERE.

SAVE OUR CITY FROM BEING AN "ENCAMPMENT BY THE SEA"

Rosemary Balsley

From: Suzanne T <steixeira.re@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 4:39 PM
To: City Council
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Suzanne Teixeira

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Suzanne Teixeira
Bailey Properties
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Dre: 00923308

Rosemary Balsley

From: F. LaBarba <fjohnlab@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 4:29 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution / Please watch this...

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Please watch this documentary, put out by a Seattle news station this week

<https://komonews.com/news/local/komo-news-special-seattle-is-dying>,

This is a long watch, but well worth your time as a city representative.

Seattle has failed solving their homeless crisis, which has escalated in the past few years, costing the city over a billion dollars annually.

They have made the same mistakes as we have, as a city.

Rode Island has seemed to address the situation successfully.

I urge you to watch the whole documentary. It may inspire you all to address the situation from a different angle. Spreading the problem out on the streets is not the answer, and will only inflate our crisis, leading to a bigger, uglier problem in the end.

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Sincerely,

F. John & Beth Ann LaBarba

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“Where the spirit does not work with the hand, there is no art.” — Leonardo da Vinci

Rosemary Balsley

From: FRED GALBAS <galbas@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 4:27 PM
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Rosemary Balsley

From: Mb <mburbatt@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 4:05 PM
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Michael Burbatt

Rosemary Balsley

From: Jon Bowman <jonbow50@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 4:05 PM
To: City Council
Subject: No to Shelter Emergency Declaration

Dear City Council,

Do not declare a Shelter Crisis Emergency! Doing so would only degrade the quality of life in Santa Cruz and exacerbate the homeless problem here. Misguided efforts by radical fringe elements in our city government and local nonprofits have attracted attracted lots of transient folks to our area. We need to rationally and safely provide for our citizenry, rich or poor, and maintain standards of good governance for all, not solve the national housing and economic problems single handedly.

Sincerely,

Jon Bowman

Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: Peter Yaninek <pyaninek@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 3:58 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Emergency declaration

Dear City Council Members

I'm writing to share my concern with the emergency declaration on homelessness the council is considering. This emergency declaration is anti-democratic, it eliminates the voice of the public on matters which have a direct impact on them.

I live in the Prospect Heights neighborhood, which is close to two schools, Harbor High and Delaveaga Elementary. This neighborhood is not appropriate for a homeless camp and I would not welcome a camp in my neighborhood due to concerns about crime and safety.

For that matter, my belief is that Santa Cruz already caters way too much to homeless and drug abusers. We as a community should be saying what we're willing to offer, not giving in to whims of where this alternative lifestyle crowd want to be and what they need.

Respectfully,

Peter Yaninek

162 Molly Way

Santa Cruz, CA 95065

Rosemary Balsley

From: Deana <deananoelle@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 3:58 PM
To: City Council
Subject: News video from Seattle - Seattle's drug/homeless issue - looks and sounds a lot like what we have in Santa Cruz

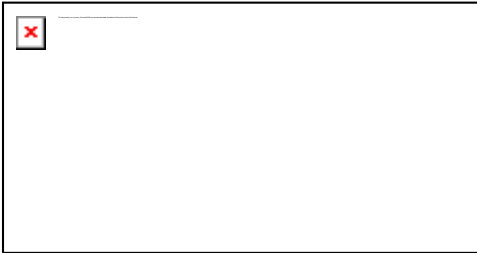
Can we learn from the MAT (incarceration and drug treatment/methadone) program in Rhode Island? Can we not be like Seattle and San Francisco?

News video from Seattle

This video was just sent to Santa Cruz Neighbors as was aired in Seattle this week.

<http://komonews.com/news/local/komo-news-special-seattle-is-dying>

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-addiction-prisoners/pioneering-approach-to-addiction-in-rhode-island-jails-saves-lives-idUSKCN1GA29V>



Pioneering approach to addiction in Rhode Island jails saves lives

(Reuters Health) - An innovative program offering all of Rhode Island's prisoner...

www.reuters.com

-Deana Tanguay

Rosemary Balsley

From: Trish Hildinger <hildingers@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 3:52 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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Sincerely,

Trish and Eric Hildinger
1311 King Street

Rosemary Balsley

From: Elena N. Cohen <elenancohen@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 3:52 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Please Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Thank you for your attention.

Elena N. Cohen
Santa Cruz

Rosemary Balsley

From: Eberhardt Jeanine <jhardt2000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 3:32 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless Shelter Crisis Resolution Proposal

Dear Santa Cruz City Council members,

I do am not in favor of the Homeless Shelter Crisis Resolution proposed for March 19, 2019. I strongly urge the Council to reject the resolution.

Upon reading the proposal, I'm alarmed that you are even discussing using our tax-payer supported city parks and public for homeless housing. If we must resort to this, it should be the majority of voters who decide that we need to take this action that will greatly impact us all.

I've lived in Santa Cruz for ten years where I've witnessed the increase in our homeless population and the rising crime rates. I no longer shop or dine downtown, nor enjoy many of our local parks, stroll along the San Lorenzo river walk, stroll anywhere near Costco because the panhandling, loitering and associated drug use make me feel unsafe. Too much of our wonderful city is already very sketchy, so let's not spread the problems any further nor attract additional s non-local homeless with our generous services.

Regards,

Jeanine Eberhardt

Rosemary Balsley

From: Geraldine King <scgerry@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 3:30 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Do Not Declare Shelter Emergency

Dear City Council,

Please do not declare a shelter crisis emergency. Please keep our community safe.

Gerry

Rosemary Balsley

From: yaninek@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 3:28 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homelessness

Dear City Council Members

I'm writing to share my concern with the emergency declaration on homelessness the council is considering. This emergency declaration is anti-democratic, because it eliminates the voice of the public on matters which have a direct impact on them. I live in the Prospect Heights neighborhood, which is close to two schools, Harbor High and Delaveaga Elementary. This neighborhood is not appropriate for a homeless camp and I would not welcome a camp in my neighborhood due to concerns about crime and safety.

Respectfully,

Mindy Yaninek

162 Molly Way

Santa Cruz, CA 95065

Rosemary Balsley

From: brandi moran <bbmoran@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 3:28 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Vicky Culver <vcculver@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 3:22 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

What about Fort Ord? How nice would it be to utilize this unused land as a centralized area for our homeless. A central area could then allow charitable citizens who want to help to do so in a central location, whether it be job training, skill building, counseling, donating, food, tents, blankets, healthcare etc...it would be safer and easier to have a central area.

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Thank you,
Vicky & Christian Culver

Rosemary Balsley

From: Nancy Dussault <pow@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 3:11 PM
To: City Council
Subject: No on transitional encampment sleeping site

To All of our city council members,
Amend the Staff proposed Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, by near by schools, beaches, sidewalks, & streets without first requiring public and environmental review. Only fully managed professionally staffed, and secure facilities for homeless shelters. We need to have our county bear it's fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population which disproportionately impacts the city of Santa Cruz. No to declaring a shelter emergency without a sound, safe plan that doesn't impacted our environment, public health, and safety of our children!
Best Regards,
Nancy & Ron Dussault

Rosemary Balsley

From: Lex Jansen <lexjansen07@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 3:12 PM
To: City Council
Subject: No vote on declaring shelter crisis/Emergency

Dear City Council, Please do not declare a shelter crisis/emergency. - Amend the Staff proposed Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review. - Amend the Staff proposed Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities. - Amend the Staff proposed Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population which disproportionately impacts the city of Santa Cruz.

Thank you

Lex Jansen
925) 858-4432

Rosemary Balsley

From: Carol <cnbsupermom@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 3:04 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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Respectfully submitted
Midas and Carol Bryant

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Jill Nelson <jill@jillnelsondesign.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 3:00 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Concerned Resident

Dear City Council,

I live in Santa Cruz and I'm writing to express my concern for any proposals that include placing homeless in our parks and neighborhoods.

I see that a few areas in Seabright have been proposed. Please do not take away Frederick Street Park (or any park) from our children. Parents will not feel safe using the park if sanitation becomes a problem and drug users are living in the park. Dog owners will not feel safe if unvaccinated homeless pets are present.

Overall, I feel you are taking away the public health and safety of law-abiding tax-paying citizens by attempting to protect thieves and drug-users, many of whom are homeless. My neighbors and I feel that the rights of the homeless have taken precedence of the community.

I appreciate that the council is aware that at every proposed site for a homeless camp there are concerns. None are suitable. All of them have constraints. I know we want to protect the environment and natural habitats. I am a citizen living in the habitat of Santa Cruz. However, in this beautiful city I feel unprotected while the city protects thieves and drug-users. I am disheartened at the decreasing quality of life in this town.

Please, for the health and safety of our community, stop enabling homeless people.

Thank you,
Jill Nelson, Seabright

Rosemary Balsley

From: lcch469@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 2:44 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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ok, now for my take with 3 other opinions throwing in comments as i write... i am totally opposed for the infiltration of any homeless person/s pets into my living area; neighborhood, surrounding neighbors, beach and city parks. there is enough of a problem just maintaining these areas on a weekly basis: garbage ,graffiti and human waste. i call weekly for cleanup after i clean up.

i pay rent for two ways:my business and home both of which are constantly enduring vagrancy in many forms. there have been many discussions trying to figure out ways to allow homelessness to survive in Santa Cruz County. have any of you ever spoken to a native homeless Santa Cruzan who chose this lifestyle? i know of such a man and he is a successful "homeless " for 30 years. we speak sometimes weekly and check in with each other. he wants nothing from me EVER AND I HAVE OFFERED NUMEROUS TIMES. i feed a few homeless at my work but once they did "stupid" i stopped.

I did not realize i have to be a part of the homeless solution. everyday i am reminded about this issue . This town , the police , the city council new and old allows anyone and everyone to show up and do whatever UNTIL all HELL breaks loose. Then all of a sudden there is a new rule, law or tax i have to pay to clean it all up. NO MORE.

during the months march through october our local streets are bombarded with cars due to races especially westside. i have to look at a calendar now in order to organize a sunday brunch or dinner with my family and friends who need parks because they are too old to rent JUMP BIKES!!! now you are asking me to police my street and make sure this "group of humans" leave on time and clean up after them. ---total bullshit. i have to do this every day most assuredly in summer. the impact of adding such a proposal is outright injustice.

solutions: call on big money to help build stuff to house and police all these humans --you know who they are .

homelessness has been an accepted way of life here in Santa Cruz far too long and now you want free room and board and rights to live on the streets they care nothing about. all along they wanted to be invisible sneaking around at night and early morning in our neighborhoods. residents like myself and a few thousand others cannot do one damn thing about it....except complain to each other daily. this proposal is an invitation for more disaster and thievery in our community.

Make a change for the taxpayer, homeowner , business owner , student, senior citizen, any non -homeless individual who once really enjoyed living here and celebrated everyone including the downtrodden.

Sincerely and I mean sincerely,

Lisa

Rosemary Balsley

From: Lydia Locatelli <lydialocatelli@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 2:42 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Nancy Bradley <NBrad@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 2:38 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Jeff Eby <eby.jeff@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 2:24 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I strongly object to the Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration. The resolution states that the homeless crisis threatens "the health and safety of the community at large" and then turns around and suggests that we should suspend "standards of housing, health, or safety" to solve this problem. How can suspending health and safety standards make our community healthier and safer?

I strongly object to the idea of allowing the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

Any attempts at resolving this issue should be focused on well-thought-out, long term solutions. Using this 'crisis' as an excuse to invoke dubious emergency powers will just make matters worse, and likely attract exacerbate the problem by attracting more homeless to our city.

Regards,
Jeff Eby

Rosemary Balsley

From: Lono Barnes <lonobarnes@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 2:22 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless declaration

Dear Mayor and City council,

I am reaching out to you in opposition of any emergency declaration to approve camping in open spaces as a mitigating strategy for our homeless issue in the city of Santa Cruz. I feel by taking such a drastic measure you are essentially bypassing the democratic process of residents and they're families who live here and already have concerns for our safety on many levels. This is a problem that needs attention, however allowing every open space to be utilized by the homeless population, which carries with it such issues as substance abuse, crime, sanitary issues and more, is not a viable option and not safe for the residents whom are invested in this community. It seems that the city council has taken on a burden that now has grown in to an uncontrollable dark stain on our community. Please respect our residents and please pay attention to your primary investors and the people whom call Santa Cruz home. We need change for the safer. Furthermore the UCSC students whom live here are primarily composed of young idealistic adults whom do not call Santa Cruz they're permanent home. They're voice should not be louder than the your local native community members.

Sincerely,

Lono Barnes
701 prospect hts
Santa Cruz , Ca 95065

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Linda Minor <lindacminor831@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 2:16 PM
To: City Council
Subject: NO to declaring a shelter emergency

I am imploring you to look out for the best interests of the residents of Santa Cruz, who voted you into office, by not declaring a shelter emergency in our town.

We can not afford being the answer to our nations homeless population issue here in Santa Cruz. Why isn't there an issue in Capitola, Scott's Valley, Aptos? Or surrounding cities? It's not because Santa Cruz has an abundance of homelessness.. Most of the people who come here aren't even from our city, county, or even the state of California. This is going to destroy the tourism, and economy in our town. I have already heard that people are choosing to not come here because of not feeling safe.

Where are your priorities? Is your priority to protect our beautiful town and parks for the people that pay taxes to live here? For our children and grandchildren to enjoy? Or is your priority to the homeless population, most who aren't even from here, and to turn our town into one big campground littered with human feces, (which is on the increase around town) syringes, trash, disease? Many of these people don't even go to shelters because of Zero tolerance for substance abuse. Rampant drug use is enabled by passing out needles, and allowing them to use drugs at the Ross Camp, is this going to be the norm around Santa Cruz? Trying to hike, walk or take your kids to the park with people shooting up nearby? Is anyone doing anything to help solve the substance abuse or mental health issues? Or is it just a free for all? pass out needles and ignore the mentally ill? Hand out tents and let them pitch it on our beaches, city parks, near schools???? So that every park becomes a breeding ground for disease and squalor like the Ross Camp?

I ask you to:

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Thank you, Linda Minor

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Elise <elisenh2o@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 2:01 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I would like to add to the below that the reason I live in Santa Cruz is to live in a small coastal city that is safe, values the environment and community.

This is not a big city and we should work to resolve the big city issues that we now have here. To compare solutions that are likened to Portland and Seattle compares apples to oranges and is not applicable to the vibrant safe community we once had.

Please work to restore the safe and environmentally responsible place we all want to live in!!!

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Elise Hughes
Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: shawn dollar <dollar@shawndollar.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 1:51 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Shawn Dollar's Iphone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Johanna Epps <epps.johanna@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 1:51 PM
To: Megan Bunch; City Council
Subject: Meeting with Nonprofits "no onsite drug use?"

Dear M Bunch,

I read your invitation to Faith-Based Organizations for the meeting on March 18.

I noticed that one of the rules for participating in the Transitional Encampment model would be to agree to "**no drug use onsite.**" Doesn't that just encourage off-site drug use i.e.; drug use and needles etc. in the adjacent neighborhoods to the encampments?

Can't you instead require **no alcohol, no drug use, and no tobacco products with periodic mandatory drug testing** for all interested in living in the transitional encampment? I would think that this would increase the likelihood of success for this program.

Sincerely,
Johanna Epps

Rosemary Balsley

From: Natasha Perry <natashaperry@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 1:47 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Regards,
Natasha Perry, Santa Cruz, CA

Rosemary Balsley

From: steve moran <stevepmoran@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 1:31 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Wasting our time

I've been here for 50 years and when it come to the down and out the city has always done a poor job when it comes to dealing with the problem. They seem to be doing it again. Three people have died in that Ross camp. The news that half the people are using needles to do drugs an then there are people handing out new needles is a joke. Another joke is that you are going to open our public areas to more of the dead beats. I'm tired of hearing people yelling at the sky in the loudest voices. I live here because the people r nice. I'm not moving but I don't like these houseless camps where they don't have to work or pay rent. It's a joke being played on the people who pay for this town thru there hard work. You the council bring up rent control when the town voted against 2 to 1.

Now you want make being a dead beat legimate . Why don't u work on improving our city rather making it worse with these dead beats improvements.

The homeless shelter across the street is doing a great job , because of my airport shuttle business I had the opportunity to see what's in side an I was impressed.they have many different avenues to help people. I didn't know much about them until I went behind gates to pick up some employees . They have class rooms , computer lab and different types of housing.

I'm just wondering why I don't hear them being mentioned with everybody talking about the houseless . Is it brecause they have rules which must be followed and that they don't allow needles.

If you have time time could you please address this at a public meeting because I think the shelter is going a great job and no one knows about it

Thank you,

Stephen Moran

Rosemary Balsley

From: Stacy Forrester <stacy@sawyersupply.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 1:33 PM
To: City Council
Subject: STOP the madness.

Dear City Council

Please do not declare a shelter crisis/emergency.

- Amend the Staff proposed Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.

- Amend the Staff proposed Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities. NO drugs and welcome well behaved dogs.

- Amend the Staff proposed Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population which disproportionately impacts the city of Santa Cruz.

And lastly, STOP patching holes and giving people that aren't from our community a free ride. STOP making it okay for people to come to Santa Cruz to abuse our town, our spaces, our safety.

As a reminder we aren't dealing with the homeless population of the 70s we are dealing with a group of mostly out of the area homeless people that came here to abuse and take advantage of the system. They don't care about you, me, or anybody. Turn your back and they will steal your bike. Leave something in your car, your window is broken. These people don't want help they are here because you are making it okay.

Do your job and protect your citizens, community, and your LOCAL (lived in or from SC) homeless persons.

However, If you still are interested in giving away free rides, consider paying for groups of underprivileged kids a day at the boardwalk now that's a free ride I'm certain we can all get behind.

Local Business Owner and Resident - Stacy Forrester

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Katherine Moore <kmoore@ucsc.edu>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 1:28 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless camp concerns

I share the concerns and agree with the recommendations provided in the letter below from Samantha Petovellow. I am an 18 year resident of Santa Cruz and feel like our community is going in the wrong direction.

Homelessness and affordable housing are County, State, and Federal issues. Santa Cruz cannot, and should not, be responsible for solving these problems alone. Please advocate for a County wide task force to help deal with our expanding homeless population, and look for ways in which our whole County can help ameliorate the current "crisis" and start working towards longer term solutions.

Please read, and then re-read Samantha's letter. She speaks to the frustration many of us feel being residents of Santa Cruz. It's very well written and a timely reminder that even those of us who are compassionate and willing to pay for services also want to feel safe and enjoy the community we love and support.

Katherine Moore

"Dear Members of Santa Cruz City Council, I and my family are fairly new residents to Santa Cruz, and have been appalled by the recent course of events regarding homelessness, drugs and crime in our city that we so badly want to call home. We moved here wanting to access the natural beauty, natural living and outdoor areas that we are so fortunate to have in our backyards but have been surprised and shocked at the current state of affairs. We moved here because we want to live here. We are tax paying, law-abiding citizens. We enjoy our public parks. We, like so many others, choose Santa Cruz. We are saddened and concerned about the direction this city is hastily taking. Our level of concern has mounted to the point where we are unsure if we will realistically be able to call this city home in the future. We have been following the recent City Council meetings, and decisions. We are absolutely aghast that transitional camps are even being considered. This just seems to be shuffling the problem. To us, people on the streets are still people on the streets - whether its in one encampment or 2-3 specifically selected locations around the city. They are still on the streets, without shelter and subject to the dangers that come with those circumstances. In addition, the locations of the transitional camps are appalling - I can't believe that High street is a consideration. Near an elementary school!?! My daughter is assigned to Westlake and will be starting there in 2020. I have panic attacks and can't sleep at night worrying about what is going to happen. This is not okay. As our City leaders, it is your job to act in the best interest of ALL citizens. The current proposals cater to the 2% - the 2% who are using a disproportionate amount of resources and holding those of us who follow the rules hostage. We are not without compassion, but also feel that enabling the dysfunctional behaviors that lead people to live a homeless lifestyle is the very opposite of compassion. We need to draw a line in the sand and say "No. This is not okay. If this is the lifestyle being chosen, you cannot do it here. We will give you help, but you are not allowed to endanger children and our environment in the process. By choosing to accept help, you will abide by our rules, or you will be asked to move along". I want to be clear - we are 100% against the creation of any transitional camps and instead, want to see permanent, high-barrier (ie. rules - no drugs, curfews, etc) affordable housing created. And if people do not qualify for such housing, they need to be shown the door. They are not welcome here. We work hard, and as society have an agreed set of expectations. No one has the right to infringe on the personal health and safety of another human. Allowing this deluge of drugs, unsanitary and unsafe conditions is unacceptable. Allowing people to sleep in parks is unacceptable. My kids play there, and I am forever terrified they are going to step on a needle, or a pile of human excrement. Who will take care of US through the fallout of such a

circumstance? Is that something our City Council is willing to carry over their heads? Just imagine that headline and legal fallout that will ensue. We will continue to fervently advocate for the law-abiding citizens of Santa Cruz, and will continue to protest, physically if necessary (by physically blocking) the creation of transitional camps. Before solution policy decisions can be agreed and enacted, there needs to be research, outreach to communities who have overcome similar challenges (I would argue that Portland and Seattle not as successful as currently presented) and a well-thought out plan devised. I am seeing none of this. Hastily agreed motions speaks of amateur, under qualified personnel who are being grossly negligent in the execution of their Civic Duty. In Summary: - No to transitional camps - No to sleeping in parks - No to allowing overnight camping and parking on our streets - No to free needles - No to public urination and defecation - No to an encampment on High Street, or any location near a school or neighbourhood - YES to permanent, affordable housing for those needing a leg up - YES to rehab and recovery services, provided the recipients follow the rules of the program - hard line compliance policy - YES to fair consequences for crimes committed - YES to a city wide clean up to fix this mess that's been created Regards, Samantha"

Rosemary Balsley

From: Stacie Bagnasco <staciebagnasco@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 1:11 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Tim Bagnasco
Subject: Homelessness

Hello;

My husband and I feel that the emergency declaration is anti democratic because it eliminates the voice of the public on matters which have a direct impact on them.

We do NOT welcome a camp in our neighborhood due to concerns with crime and safety.

Thank you.

Tim and Stacie Bagnasco

Rosemary Balsley

From: Barbara Avona <bavona@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 1:08 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members,

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I also request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

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- Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

I support solving the unfortunate problem of homelessness in the City and County of Santa Cruz. Please do not rush a unwise decision or we will certainly face the crisis of a public health emergency.

Please do not impose decisions that will make Santa Cruz like Seattle, San Francisco or Los Angeles.

Barbara Avona

Rosemary Balsley

From: Lady Dunavant <fallin.christy@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 12:52 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Transitional camp

Please reconsider a homeless camp so close to an elementary school.

Sincerely your voting citizen

Christy fallin

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Christy Fallin, MSN, PHN, RN

Clinical Nurse Specialist, candidate

619 944-9839

Rosemary Balsley

From: Jay Pennock <drjayp@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 12:48 PM
To: City Council
Subject: NO to DeLaveaga park homeless camping

Putting this possibility back on the list is scary, undemocratic and dangerous!

A public park surrounded by housing with children and neighborhoods is no place to have an unrestricted and unsupervised encampment of homeless people!

there is a significant possibility of fire setting as has happened in the very recent past as well.

Emergency declarations are no way to govern - please see presidential example - and there will be consequences in the voting booth for any council member who votes to act without consulting their constituents

Jay Pennock
20 Bella Rose Terrace

Rosemary Balsley

From: Johanna Epps <epps.johanna@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 12:46 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Kara Patterson
Subject: Site 1 photos and fire concerns
Attachments: Entrance to Site 1.pdf; Aerial view site 1.pdf; Site 1 Overview of Eucalyptus Grove.pdf

Dear City Council,

I have attached aerial photos of Site 1 identified by the City as a possible transitional encampment site. I would like to point out that Site 1 is adjacent to one of the largest Heritage Eucalyptus groves (with hundreds of trees) in the City under which there are many homes and townhomes including mine. We have been designated as a high fire risk area. Because of living amongst the trees and sandwiched between the Eucalyptus Grove and the Pogonip, all of the 72 homeowners in the Springtree HOA take fire risk very seriously. We have posted no fires and no smoking signs throughout the Association.

Site 1 is also adjacent to what we call the "Dry Quarry" which is part of the Springtree HOA. This is a very secluded area surrounded by trees and backed up onto homes. The entrance to the Dry Quarry is within 30 steps of Site 1. Due to its secluded location, we have already had problems with illegal activity including alcohol, drugs, defecation, camping and fires in the Dry Quarry. Unfortunately, too, fires that start in the Dry Quarry and go up the banks are difficult for the fire department to access due to the terrain.

The bottom line is that if there is a fire in the Springtree HOA Eucalyptus Grove, the entire Grove would likely burn and we would lose dozens and dozens of homes and risk the lives of many residents as well.

In my opinion, Site 1, due to its proximity to Springtree HOA which is a high fire risk residential area with 17 acres of secluded and forested open space, is not an appropriate site for a transitional encampment.

Sincerely
Johanna Epps



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Entrance to Site 1

Rosemary Balsley

From: ERNEST L COURTRIGHT <llcourt@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 12:38 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

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- Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Lynne Courtright

Rosemary Balsley

From: Peter Canepa <petercanepa00@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 12:29 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members: Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review. I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19: - Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review. - Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities. - Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Respectfully,
Peter Canepa
831-239-3563

Rosemary Balsley

From: Curtis Galloway <curtisg@curtisg.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 12:21 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution - please amend

To Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I support providing homeless services in the city, but I believe the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration is flawed. I'm against allowing the use of parks and other public spaces for homeless services without public review, and I ask the Council to reject any part of the declaration that would have that effect.

In particular, I urge the council to make the following changes to the Declaration:

- ensure that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review;
- only allow public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities;
- expressly request that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Curtis Galloway
Westside Resident

Rosemary Balsley

From: Diane Sipkin <sipkind@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 12:13 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless sheltering problem

Dear Mayor and City Council:

PLEASE keep Santa Cruz a clean and safe place to live for all it's citizens!

I am absolutely shocked to see that you will be considering a homeless camp on High Street - in a residential neighborhood and only 2 blocks away from an elementary school. And another very close to one of our major tourist sites- the iconic Beach Boardwalk. With the high rate of IV drug use and mental health issues in this population-what are you thinking??

Also, please keep in mind that homelessness is a county wide problem. Santa Cruz should not have to bear the brunt of caring for and sheltering the homeless

And please, please try to avoid passing rules and declarations that will encourage more homeless folks to travel to our town to live because of our relaxed standards.

Below is a letter from my local Nextdoor.com site that I am complete agreement with. Please take the time to read it.

Dear City Council

Please do not declare a shelter crisis/emergency.

- Amend the Staff proposed Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.
- Amend the Staff proposed Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities.
- Amend the Staff proposed Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population which disproportionately impacts the city of Santa Cruz.

Sincerely,
Diane Sipkin
Lower Westside

Rosemary Balsley

From: Rachel Kliger <rkliger@cruzio.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 12:05 PM
To: City Council
Subject: homeless crisis resolution is bad

City council members,

When the past city council entertained the idea of allowing overnight street parking in the industrial areas, homeless from across the nation showed up. One man interviewed by the Sentinel was from Vermont. He drove here because he had heard about the proposal. This influx of outsiders happened during the two week period before the second vote. It was chaos in the industrial areas. There was feces, needles, and garbage littered everywhere. The proposal was voted down because of the problems that appeared during the two week period.

Any plan must include some sort of permits given only to those people who have lived in Santa Cruz for a period of time. No newcomers allowed.

What is the county doing for this problem? Are they sharing the burden?

You have not thought through the consequences of your proposal. You have not paid good enough attention to what happened in the past. Slow down and come up with a more thoughtful plan.

Rachel Kliger

Rosemary Balsley

From: Lee Taiz <leetaiz@cruzio.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 11:59 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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Lee Taiz

Rosemary Balsley

From: George Stagi, Jr. <gwstagi78@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 4:53 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless

Good Afternoon City Council Members . I have lived in Santa Cruz since 1970 & I am quite concerned about Homeless camps being close to residents in Santa Cruz. I go to Santa Cruz Bible Church & I am definitely against having Homeless people parked in our Parking Lots. I am in charge of Safety at our Church & I know we have enough problems with the Homeless without having camping near our Church. We have many Bible Studies in the evening & I am concerned for the safety of our Church people 🏛️ Please consider other alternatives. I have empathy for the Homeless & hope for a different solution. Thanks for your dedication to our City.

Sincerely,

George Stagi
Concerned Citizen

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Matt Daniel <matthew.daniel2005@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:27 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

For many years I have supported the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review. This will make our city streets, beaches and parks unsafe for families and children and will have an adverse effect on tourism and local businesses. This action would only increase the number of homeless people migrating from other areas to Santa Cruz, and increase the overall burden placed on the City of Santa Cruz by attracting more homeless people from the Bay Area and other parts of the United States.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

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Sincerely,

Matt Daniel
245 Alfadel Lane
Soquel Ca 95073

Rosemary Balsley

From: Chelsea Robbins <chelsea.erin.robbs@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:12 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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Regards,

Chelsea Robbins

Rosemary Balsley

From: Kathleen Ferraro <kferraro@ucsc.edu>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:09 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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I realize you understand that this is a drafted letter to use, yet I agree wholeheartedly with the sentiment. I'd like for us to look for long term solutions instead of hastily remedied solutions that will alienate our community and in the end create a lack of compassion for the homeless. Let's work together to address these and take into account the voice of the people living and working in this town.

Sincerely
Kathy Ferraro

Rosemary Balsley

From: Yvonne <ykramer@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:05 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless encampment Upper Westside

Mayor Walkins,

It is with great urgency that I write you this letter. I am a Santa Cruz native and have lived on the Upper Westside almost my entire life. My husband and I just purchased a home right off of Spring Street back in November. We were excited to find our forever home back in the neighborhood I grew up in and love so much. As you can imagine, buying a home in 2018, came with the hefty price tag. We are paying significant taxes to the city of Santa Cruz and feel very uneasy about what is being proposed on Tuesday night.

We actually moved from the Seabright area and were excited to live in a quiet, safe place. As you may know, the Seabright area is filled with homelessness and drugs. We spent endless nights woken up by loud noises, mental breakdowns, and car break-ins (to name a few.) We felt extremely unsafe and quite honestly, it was miserable. We sold and moved to the Upper Westside.

My father, sister, brother-in-law, niece and nephew also live in the Upper Westside. In fact, my niece and nephew both attend Westlake Elementary. One of the best parts about living in the Upper Westside is that our children can walk to and from school. If this homeless encampment passes, we will definitely not allow them to walk to school nor will we feel safe. While I understand we have a crisis, it is irresponsible to place an encampment in a residential area that surrounds so many families and young children. The repercussions of having a homeless encampment so close to an elementary school are endless. Trash, drugs/dirty needles, crime, potential fires...the list goes on. Not to mention, the Upper West side is one of the most desirable neighborhoods in Santa Cruz. It really makes no sense to have an encampment in this neighborhood. I urge you to reconsider and find other areas that may be more suitable for homeless encampments. Residential areas, business areas/parks, and the Upper West side in specific are not the areas to look at.

Thank you for your time.

Yvonne

Rosemary Balsley

From: Colin Brown <colinbrownlaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:04 PM
To: City Council; Susan Schaefer
Subject: Do not open up the City spaces for camping please

Mayor Watkins and City Council,

I both live and work in the City of Santa Cruz; my wife lives within the City but works at PAMF/Sutter. We raised our kids here and would like not to have to leave here. I moved my office from Pacific Avenue about 3 years ago, however, because of the disruptive nature of the homeless population there.

While Camp Ross is a conspicuous visual blight and presents public health risks, it is otherwise in a relatively good spot to minimize the impact of the homeless on non-homeless residents, which is an appropriate consideration. Spreading out the homeless population into less dense or less easily supervised areas is not a solution, other than perhaps visually. The problems will not go away by obscuring them, and will likely be made worse or more impactful on stable, responsible citizens who pay taxes and do not want more crime, drugs or mental health problems around their homes or businesses 24 hours a day.

Please take more time to find more appropriate solutions for all residents here, and to not pass the Resolution to open up the public areas to camping without review or permitting.

Colin

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Shawn McMurdo <shawn_mcmurdo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:48 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless Crisis

I hope you watch this video before you act on the Homeless Crisis.
Let's not repeat the errors of San Francisco and Seattle in Santa Cruz.
Shawn

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Maura Kelsea <mkelsea@baymoon.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:20 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Regarding the Transitional Encampments and Safe Parking Ordinance

Dear City Council,

The hasty actions contemplated and trying to be enacted are very distressing for many reasons. Homelessness, as we all know is not uniform. We do not have data on those who are homeless due to job loss, medical issues, depression and despair, low wages and high rents, high tuition costs at the university, but who can be helped into housing with the limited resources available to the City and County. These, by all reports are a significant minority. Resources should go to them.

However, the majority of homeless as described in reports are either drug-addicted, mentally ill, or those choosing a homeless lifestyle for a period of time by choice. We know, from our experiences and the experiences of many west coast cities that there are no easy answers. These are statewide and nationwide issues related to over-population, governmental priorities elsewhere, and increasing demands on available resources. It is obvious from widespread reporting that most resources given to them will not be effective in helping them or changing their lifestyles. I urge you all to watch the Seattle video which was aired recently. <http://komonews.com/news/local/komo-news-special-seattle-is-dying> In that video, from ~44" onward, there is a discussion of what Rhode Island is doing to deal with this population with some beneficial results.

It can be summed up in Intervention and Treatment. Those with criminal convictions are imprisoned, with significant support for rehabilitation. They can be maintained on narcotic drug substitutes: methadone, suboxone and vivitrol while in prison. They are given counseling, support groups, education, job training with follow up similar supports once out of prison. Those in the video report a 93% success rate in keeping people in the community without criminal activity or homelessness. Even if those figures were overly optimistic, it is still much better than anything we have here.

I don't know if Rhode Island has the same laws that we have in California that have made it nearly impossible to jail those with the kinds of charges/convictions that our most problematic homeless drug-addicted and mentally ill are afflicted with. But if at all possible, the choice between jail with treatment or without treatment could be a very forceful intervention. As the situation now exists, there is little incentive for change by that population. This certainly can be explored with the City Police and County Sheriff Departments, as well as the Prosecutors and Courts.

Given these issues and the great complexity of needs, the City Council needs to stop the hasty resolution and ordinance now. Instead it is necessary to work with the County much more closely and develop coordinated plans. With the City Staff stating that none of six possible City sites are optimum, they should not be used. DECLARING A CRISIS TO GET AROUND THESE FACTS IS DISINGENUOUS AND DECEIVING TO THE CITY COMMUNITY.

Given our small county size, the idea that 50 people can be accommodated on many sites is dubious. Having fifty campsites 25 feet from one's home with an entrance to the camp within that 25 feet is completely unacceptable to the majority of housed individuals.

It is widely known that thievery is a constant and increasing problem in all areas of the City. Given that drug addicts are supporting their habits by stealing is a no-brainer, and of course, not all are homeless, but looking at the items in homeless camps clearly shows most were not purchased by that person. Any of these encampments will endanger those living nearby with these crimes. Calling them nuisance crimes only means that you have not been the victim of them. Having items in your car, yard, garage, carport, home stolen are violations that affect safety and security, as well as being monetary and emotional losses. Shop-lifting, break-ins in businesses are destabilizing and costly.

I urge you to stop with these actions now, DO NOT PASS THE CRISIS RESOLUTION, NOR THIS ORDINANCE, take time to coordinate with the county. Investigate the Rhode Island model, coordinate with the Police and Sheriff Departments. I know that the \$10,000,000 has to be spent within two years, however spending it on these sorts of same ol', same ol' widely dispersed, non-coordinated actions will simply waste the potential.

Sincerely,

Maura Kelsea

Rosemary Balsley

From: Kim Mygatt <kmygatt@pacbell.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:40 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Maura Kelsea <mkelsea@baymoon.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:30 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Objections to the Homeless Crisis Resolution

Dear City Council,

Having carefully read the Resolution and the Ordinance, I am very distressed by a number of declarations in this resolution. I have highlighted the specific areas to which I object, followed by my reasoning.

WHEREAS, strict compliance with otherwise applicable state or local statutes, regulations, and ordinances that prescribe standards for housing, health, and safety may prevent, hinder, or delay the establishment and operation of such facilities for shelter purposes and would thereby prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the shelter crisis, including by impeding the City's ability to provide improved sanitary living conditions for individuals experiencing homelessness;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code section 8698 et seq., the City may declare that a shelter crisis exists within its territory, and an effect of such a declaration is that state and local statutes, regulations, and ordinances that prescribe standards for housing, health, or safety that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the shelter crisis shall be suspended, which state and local statutes include, but are not limited to, specific provisions of: the Santa Cruz Municipal Code, including, but not limited to, rules that regulate specific activities that may occur in public facilities and public property;

We have had these same homeless issues for a very long time, since before the 1989 earthquake. While the numbers vary, and are rising, the issues have not. What has changed is the lack of enforcement of city codes due to state laws and prevailing community attitudes by a vocal minority, preventing enforcement. IT IS NOT A CRISIS, IT IS A LONGSTANDING COMPLEX SET OF ISSUES! Declaring a crisis now allows hasty isolated choices and actions by the City without full coordination and responsibility by the County. It is a waste of resources, people, money and community goodwill. While these sites are declared Temporary, these very resolutions ensure that it will be permanent. You are sacrificing community for those who have not, cannot be citizens in any meaningful contributing manner. This is NOT COMPASSION, IT IS ENABLING behaviors which have been destructive and if continued, will destroy our City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Cruz hereby finds and declares the existence of a shelter crisis in the City of Santa Cruz pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code section 8698.2(a)(1) because it finds that a significant number of persons in the City and County are without the ability to obtain shelter, which results in a threat to their health and safety and the health and safety of the community at large.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this declaration of the existence of a shelter crisis shall continue in effect until terminated by the Council of the City of Santa Cruz, which termination shall not occur while a significant number of persons remain without the ability to RESOLUTION NO. 3 obtain shelter or while unsanitary sleeping and living conditions or other conditions endanger the health and safety of those unable to obtain shelter.

By stating this crisis continues while a significant number of persons remain without shelter or unsanitary sleeping and living conditions is completely OPEN-ENDED. These issues have been with us and no one has a solution, let alone anytime in the near future. This resolution and ordinance would allow a NEVER-ENDING CRISIS with suspension of all the normal community laws and codes to try to control and mitigate the devastatingly negative effects of the drug-addicted and mentally ill homeless who are the preponderance of those in our community. This is completely unacceptable.

WHEREAS, on March 12 and 19, 2019, the Council of the City of Santa Cruz held a duly noticed public meeting and considered the written record for the action, as well as public comment.

Of course the meeting on March 19, 2019 has not yet occurred, but I certainly notice that you have NOT CONSIDERED THE BULK OF COMMUNITY COMMENT. That is citizens who are taxpayers, business owners, home-owners and renters who are employed and support the community. Instead you are weighing the needs of the homeless ahead of the community! This is completely backwards.

WHEREAS, if the provisions of any state or local regulatory statute, regulation or ordinance prescribing standards of housing, health, or safety, are so suspended, California Government Code Section 8698.1 authorizes the City to adopt substitute standards to ensure public health and safety;

The truth is that I do not trust this current city council to wisely substitute standards.

DO NOT PASS THIS RESOLUTION OF CRISIS!

Sincerely,

Maura Kelsea

Rosemary Balsley

From: HTN <htnelson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:24 PM
To: City Council
Subject: No on proposal that would allow city streets, sidewalks, public parks and beaches to be used as homeless facilities

To City Council Members

I have been a resident of Santa Cruz and a voter since 1980.

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review. Proposed ordinances addressing this problem should not be rushed and existing laws and regulations should not be summarily suspended.

Authorizations for shelters whether in facilities or as overnight RV/Auto parking should only be granted to fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities.

County health officer Arnold Leff was quoted in the Santa Cruz Sentinel 3/14/2019 estimating that 50% of the homeless currently camping behind the Ross store are IV drug users.

If this population is relocated, new sites should not be anywhere near public schools, city parks where children play or residential neighborhoods. For example, the current site at 870 high street which is under consideration is adjacent to Westlake Elementary School and within a block of Westlake Park. This is a totally inappropriate location for a homeless encampment or shelter.

The City Council should request that the County Board of Supervisors create some shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Thank You for your attention to this matter

Howard Nelson

Rosemary Balsley

From: Cheryl Bower <cmbower311@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:19 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Cheryl; Dave & Cheryl
Subject: Emergency Declaration and Proposed Resolution

City Council Members,

We are writing this letter to you to convey our deep concern regarding the City Council's proposal to disband the Gateway/Camp Ross site and relocate the campers to our public parks, open spaces, streets, sidewalks and beaches.

The current problem we are facing in Santa Cruz is that the majority of homelessness is due to substance abuse, addiction and mental illness.

The City allowed campers at the San Lorenzo Park/Government Center and allowed campers at the Gateway/Ross Camp. The conditions at these sites were and are appalling!! Why would you even consider to bring these appalling conditions into our neighborhoods, public parks, open spaces and beaches. And you also want to open the sidewalks as acceptable sleeping areas, and the streets as acceptable for vehicle campers. How does this help anyone!! Moving campers from location to location will not solve the homeless problem in Santa Cruz.

The homeless population in Santa Cruz do not need camps. They need intervention! You are not helping anyone by changing the laws of civility to allow unacceptable living conditions. If anything, you will be attracting more people to Santa Cruz who will be looking for a free ride and great place to get high.

Without intervention, this group of campers and homeless population of Santa Cruz will never be able to break the cycle of abuse. It is inhumane to ignore the root of the problem and allow living on the streets and the parks of our community to be the fix for the Gateway/Ross Camp residents and the existing homeless population of Santa Cruz.

The majority of the campers are homeless because of substance abuse, addiction and mental illness. These conditions are what the City Council should be addressing. Please, work on a solution to get them some real help! And please do not disperse this population into our neighborhoods. You have an obligation to maintain public safety for all the residents of this city.

Please rethink your Emergency Declaration and Proposed Resolution to allow city streets, sidewalks, open spaces, public parks and beaches to be potentially used as homeless facilities.

Sincerely,

David and Cheryl Bower
311 Frederick St
Santa Cruz, CA

Rosemary Balsley

From: Mark Karlstrand <mkarlstrand@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:15 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Please don't turn Santa Cruz into one giant homeless camp

Mr. Mayor and City Council,

As a long time resident (25+ yrs), a homeowner and parent of small children I am increasingly alarmed by the rapid transformation of this city from a beautiful coastal community into a septic tank of filth, drugs and crime. It completely baffles my mind to think that the officials we the citizens elect and employee continually fail to enforce the most basic of laws and in many cases act on behalf of the law-breaking individuals that have invaded our town. And yes, I realize there are a few of the people selling drugs, stealing property and accosting people that grew up in Santa Cruz County but I would bet a sizable sum that the vast majority of dirtbags ruining our town came here specifically to live this lifestyle as a conscious choice. These are not homeless individuals in need of help, they are criminals that need to be repelled from our city.

Now I have learned of the City Council's intention to put forth an emergency declaration that would basically turn any and potentially all city parks into camps filled with garbage, stolen property and used needles. These camps, of course, would not just destroy our public spaces but also endanger our families and property. I don't really have any words for such a proposal other than what you propose is not a solution it is a problem.

In addition to being a terrible idea, the proposed action is anti-democratic. The Council does not have the right or authority to push through an exceptionally damaging action such as this without due democratic process. Additionally, there is no justifiable emergency you are proposing to address.

This city has already seen the negative crime and safety impacts of sanctioned/semi-sanctioned homeless camps and those are/were not in close proximity to residential neighborhoods. As a tax paying citizen of this city, I demand that you immediately cease and desist from the proposed emergency measure and get to work cleaning up our city not turning it over to criminals.

Mark Karlstrand
129 Wanda Ct
Santa Cruz CA 95065

Rosemary Balsley

From: Nancy Maynard <mtnmom3@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:15 PM
To: City Council; Martine Watkins; ryan.coonerty@santacruzcounty.us; John Leopold
Subject: Federal Judge Says Oakland Can Close Homeless Camp on City-Owned Property | East Bay Express

<https://www.eastbayexpress.com/SevenDays/archives/2018/11/28/federal-judge-says-oakland-can-close-homeless-camp-on-city-owned-property>

Nancy Maynard

Rosemary Balsley

From: Nancy Maynard <mtnmom3@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:12 PM
To: City Council; Martine Watkins; ryan.coonerty@santacruzcounty.us; John Leopold
Subject: Frustration boils up over homeless camps along freeways | KOMO

<http://komonews.com/news/project-seattle/senators-show-frustration-over-seattles-policies-regarding-homeless-encampment-removals>

Nancy Maynard

Rosemary Balsley

From: Michelle Overbeck <michelleaoverbeck@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:00 PM
To: City Council
Subject: A real solution needed

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

We need to look out for the broader safety of every community member including residents, children and wildlife. Although we have a homeless problem, this will not help the most vulnerable. We need long term solutions and allowing encampments all over our town will create permanent problems. For example - Look at the amount of environmental damage already to our watershed, fire danger and deaths at the River Street encampment. Encouraging this type of environment is irresponsible.

There are problems and this is NOT the solution and rather a band aid to pass the buck. I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

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Michelle Webb

Rosemary Balsley

From: Nancy Maynard <mtnmom3@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:57 PM
To: City Council; John Leopold; ryan.coonerty@santacruzcounty.us
Subject: Built for Zero is helping cities end chronic homelessness

<https://www.fastcompany.com/90316607/3-cities-in-the-u-s-have-ended-chronic-homelessness-heres-how-they-did-it>

Nancy Maynard

Rosemary Balsley

From: Wendy Romero <wendy.romero@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:56 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Emergency Declaration on homelessness: Relocation of homeless encampment to Frederick Street Area and Arana Gulch

1. I am concerned that the emergency declaration is anti-democratic, because it eliminates the voice of the public on matters which have a direct impact on them
2. I would not welcome a camp in ANY part my neighborhood due to concerns about crime and safety. There is already a problem in this area; especially around the 76 gas station area with loitering, trash, needles, theft, day and evening drunk/drug disorderly conduct along with nighttime fights/profanity/passing out in doorways and on sidewalks. I myself have made numerous calls to the police station requesting intervention. There are no resources in this area and a lack of public transportation.

I did not choose to become a homeowner and pay taxes in this neighborhood to become concerned about safety and live in fear especially since I walk to work and the Arana Gulch area on a regular basis.

Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration,
Wendy Romero
Frederick Street Homeowner

Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: Kaia Cornell <kaia@jewelrybykaia.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:52 PM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Transitional Camp

Dear Council members,

I am opposed to any transitional camp in ANY area of the city. Instead, I am for shelters with strict, “high barrier” rules. There should be ZERO tolerance for drugs of any kind. Any such establishment should have ID and background checks, and should be a calm, safe space for women, children and the elderly homeless. Those of our drug-addicted transient population who do not wish to follow any rules should leave town, or our town should become so inhospitable to those people that they choose to go to a different town with a more enabling environment.

Please stop enabling transient drug addicts. This is not what I voted for.

Kaia Cornell
Santa Cruz

Rosemary Balsley

From: Andy Ritchie <andy.ritchie@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:43 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Homelessness and addiction in Santa Cruz

Dear City council,

I know Keith Andrews sent you a similar email (we're both on a NextDoor thread that is discussing a KOMO news video), but I would strongly encourage you to watch this video. I was a bartender, an undergrad and a grad student in Seattle, and my dad grew up there. Now I'm a geologist here for the USGS. Seattle and SF are two of the highest cities in the country for property crimes (possibly the two highest), and many of these crimes are caused by repeat offenders with up to 70 or more arrests. Santa Cruz and Bellingham, and my home town of Port Angeles, are not much better off with the scourge of opioid addiction ravaging our country.

KOMO produced a program that might be hard to watch, but it's a good perspective on the relationship between drug addiction, enforcement, and homelessness, and does a good job highlighting the impacts of institutional failure to act, the current state of civil despair in Seattle and San Francisco (and smaller towns like Santa Cruz, Bellingham, and Port Angeles). They don't only highlight the problem, but they dig in to root causes, and suggest a path forward that seems to be working on the East coast, and is certainly more humane than the status quo... It's a powerful piece, and probably should be required material for city councils everywhere wrestling with this problem (the blight of homelessness and addiction costing our communities millions and millions and ruining the quality of life for everyone).

<https://komonews.com/news/local/komo-news-special-seattle-is-dying>

"And maybe it's just a coincidence that it's been a group of women who've spearheaded a program that's tough, compassionate, and innovative, all at once. Maybe it's a coincidence, maybe it's not."

Thank you for your time, and for wrestling with this incredibly difficult and important societal issue.

Rosemary Balsley

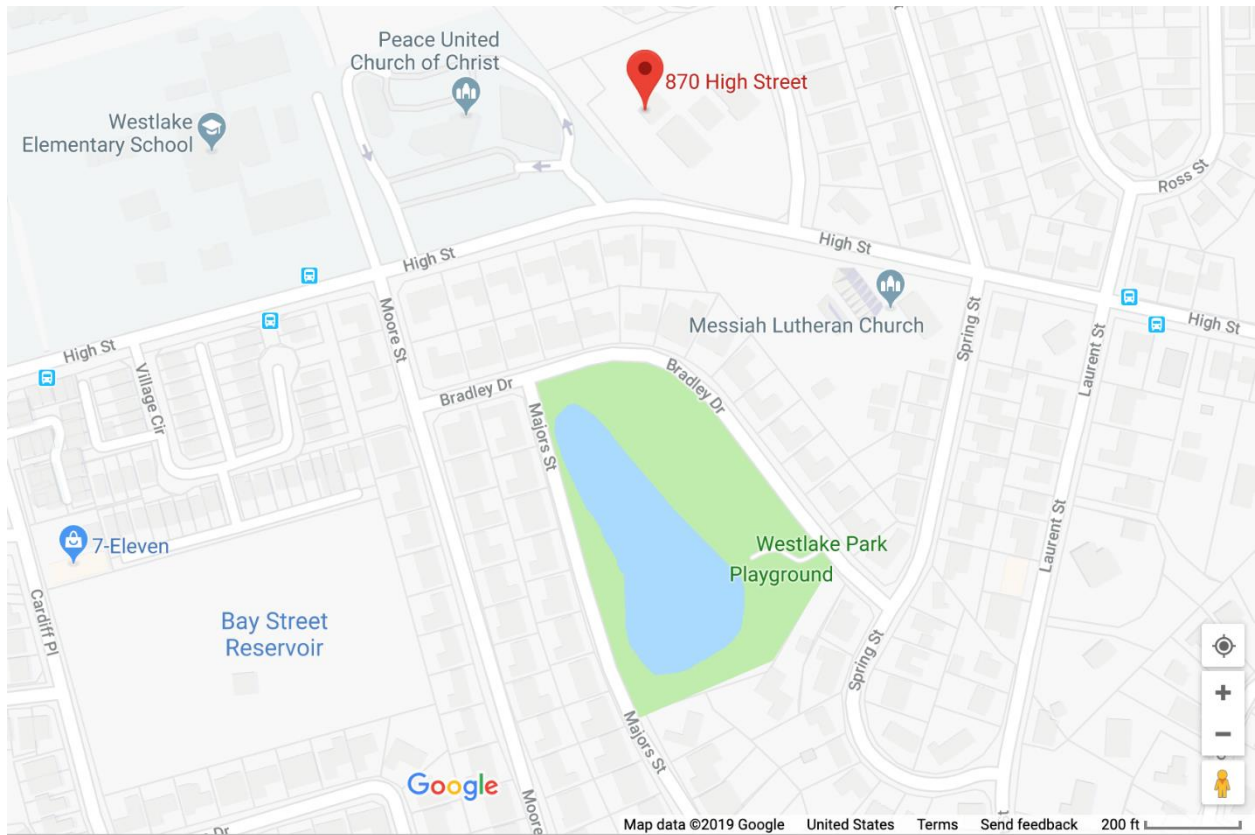
From: Jonathan Fortney <jjfplanet@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:18 PM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Proposed homeless camp down the street from Westlake Elementary
Attachments: Screenshot 2019-03-17 20.13.05.png

Dear Santa Cruz Council Members,

I recently learned of a proposal to allow a homeless camp on High Street, a few hundred feet from Westlake Elementary. I'm attaching a google image, with a scale bar in the lower right, which shows that such an encampment location is just a soccer-field-length away from school grounds.

It is incomprehensible that such a location, or any residential location, is under any consideration. You must reconsider.

Respectfully,
Jonathan Fortney



Rosemary Balsley

From: Stephanie Larsen <slarsen@pertria.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:09 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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Stephanie Larsen
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Rosemary Balsley

From: Robin Murphy <nursemurph@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:06 PM
To: City Council; Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers
Subject: Concerned parent

Dear Members of Santa Cruz City Council, I can't believe I even have to write this letter.

I'm embarrassed that my City Council would even entertain the idea of creating a homeless encampment near any elementary school or public park. This is utterly offensive, grossly negligent and ultimately very disappointing. It is absolutely unacceptable and I believe **in direct violation of State and Federal law Drug-Free-Zones**. Our children, while walking to school, could be exposed to health and safety risks (ie: IV drug needles, registered sex offenders, verbal abuse, etc.?).

My husband and I work hard to live in Santa Cruz. We are proud and loving parents. We are tax paying, law-abiding citizens. We serve our community as an educator and a health care professional. We love the sense of community, we *don't* love the over-abundance of homelessness, crime and drug issues that plague us.

We vehemently oppose any transitional homeless camps near schools, parks, residential areas, as this seems to be kicking the can down the road. More permanent solutions should be researched in order to create permanent, high-barrier (ie. rules - no drugs, curfews, etc) affordable housing. No exceptions. **Stop the enabling**. We will continue to fervently advocate for the law-abiding citizens of Santa Cruz, and will continue to protest, physically if necessary the creation of transitional camps near children's facilities. Before solution policy decisions can be agreed and enacted, there needs to be research, outreach to communities who have overcome similar challenges, and a well-thought out plan devised. I am seeing none of this. Hastily agreed motions speaks of amateur, under qualified personnel who are being grossly negligent in the execution of their Civic Duty.

I would be ashamed of a community that prioritizes the homeless over our young children's well being? In Summary: - No to transitional camps near schools or parks - No to sleeping in parks - No to allowing overnight camping and parking on our streets - No to free needles - No to public urination and defecation - No to an encampment on High Street, or any location near a school or neighborhood - YES to permanent, affordable housing for those needing a leg up - YES to rehab and recovery services, provided the recipients follow the rules of the program - hard line compliance policy - YES to fair consequences for crimes committed - YES to a city wide clean up to fix this mess that's been created
Regards,

Robin Murphy
Westside resident and parent

Rosemary Balsley

From: Chris Pearson <5thgencal@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:05 PM
To: City Council
Subject: "Shelter Crisis" Resolution

Hello Santa Cruz City Councillors,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposed resolution of a shelter crisis in the city. Like Trump's declared State of Emergency at the US/Mexican border, I strongly believe the homeless "crisis" currently situated at Camp Ross is one of our own making. I predict the actions contained in your proposed Resolution will only attract more homeless people to our city so the problem will never be solved, only worsened. Along with the overall quality of life for the rest of us who live here.

I also oppose the circumvention of due process that will allow the City Council to impose homeless camps and permit safe sleeping sites without neighborhood input. Again, you will be harming the quality of life for those of us who pay property taxes and have a vested interest in keeping our neighborhoods clean and presentable, not to mention potentially lowering our property values.

My wife and I have lived in Santa Cruz (and paid property taxes) for twenty years, so we indeed have a vested interest. Here's our priority list on what we'd like our property taxes spent, and our City Council to focus their efforts, on:

1. Public Safety - adequate fire and police protection
2. Public Works - fix our pothole-ridden streets and prevent storm drains from overflowing
3. Education - teacher's deserve better pay and students deserve better facilities
4. Economic Development - let's try to attract more businesses to our city so people have more options than commuting over the hill
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- 100 Homelessness relief - if there's any money left over from the other 99 higher priorities

Homelessness is a serious problem in California that should be addressed - AS A COUNTY AND STATE ISSUE. Santa Cruz acting in isolation while noble (or naive) just becomes a magnet for the people that Scotts Valley, Capitola, etc. will not provide services for. Our city does not have the resources to fix the problem, and I encourage the City Council to stop the social engineering and get back to the basics of keeping the City functioning (see priorities 1-4 above)

Santa Cruz is becoming a mini San Francisco - I don't mean that as a compliment.

Regards,

Chris and Susan Pearson
725 Park Way
Santa Cruz, CA 95065

Rosemary Balsley

From: S J <sharijdvm@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:03 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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Sincerely,

Shari Johnson, DVM
Santa Cruz resident since 1974.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Helen Pastorino <hpastorino@pertria.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 7:47 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Helen Pastorino

Rosemary Balsley

From: Jim Locatelli <kelpstalkr@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 7:29 PM
To: City Council
Subject: 3/19/19 Agenda Item #2

Dear City Council,

I'm opposed to any opening of our city parks or properties for the use of an additional pilot/transitional camps. I am also opposed to the amendments proposed for the Homeless Shelter Crisis.

I am a 24 year City of Santa Cruz employee and my job requires to be out in the community daily. Myself and fellow workers are constantly having to deal with the results of our serious drug and mental illness challenges in the form of having to clean up human waste, drug paraphernalia, trash and increasingly hostile individuals. Simply distributing these individuals into various camps throughout our city properties or parks is not a viable solution and I strongly urge you not to go forward with this risky plan.

Instead of declaring a Shelter Crisis Emergency we should be declaring a mental health/meth/opioid crisis emergency and demanding the County open facilities to treat these diseases. We, the City of Santa Cruz should be using our collective voice to demand action on the County, State and Federal levels to address this nation wide problem.

Again, I encourage you not to go forward with either proposal on item #2, and look towards collaborating with County, State, and Federal partners.

Sincerely,
Jim Locatelli

Rosemary Balsley

From: Monika and Detlef <demoadam@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 7:25 PM
To: City Council
Subject: proposed shelter emergency declaration

- Members of the city council

I am against a declaration of a shelter emergency declaration for the following reasons:

1. The council and staff should have more time to study the proposed declaration.

The comparison with two large cities like Seattle and Portland with a much larger budget than Santa Cruz is not valid tool.

2. How was the success rate of solving the homeless crisis in these cities?

3. How much would the relocation with all service cost the city of Santa Cruz?

4. Neighbors should be involved before any emergency camp is being relocated into their neighborhood.

5. The Ross Camp side is at least 50 % inhabitant by substance abuse folks and there are not enough rehab place are available, where do these people migrate?

6. People within camps are still homeless. How fast can we move them into housing?

We do not have an homeless emergency in Santa Cruz. We have a huge drug and mental health problem. I urge you to coordinate with the county and find better solutions than putting up tent cities into neighborhoods.

Monika Adam
Downtown

Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: EJ Pulpan <epulpan@pertria.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 6:59 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Joseph <oakmontjoes@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 6:56 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Caleb Baskin <calebbaskin@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 6:56 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Emergency Shelter Homeless Crisis Resolution

Dear SC Council Members,

This email is to share my opposition to the proposed Emergency Resolution that would allow City property to be used as homeless facilities without sufficient environmental, public safety, or public review.

The proposed action has serious potential impacts on the areas in which they may be sited. It is inappropriate that potential camp sites and shelters be designated without environmental review or adequate time for public comment. Sensible shelter policies can be enacted and should be able to survive environmental and public review.

It strains credulity that the council members advocating for this resolution would similarly advocate for a suspension of public comment and environmental review for any other type of development involving the placement of the number of individuals under consideration or with the potential impacts of the proposed camps.

Please address these serious issues in the ordinary course of business so that the merits of any proposal can be properly analyzed. It is unacceptably reckless to risk compromising the welfare, safety and public health of the entire City, for the sake of doing something, without doing the leg work and analysis necessary to be able to demonstrate that you are doing the right thing(s).

Respectfully,

Caleb Baskin

Rosemary Balsley

From: Keith Andrews <k3ith@pacbell.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 6:30 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Brent Adams Seattle Presentation Debunked

Dear City Council Members,

In recent weeks, Brent Adams has misleadingly presented "statistics" to city staff and in public meetings that support the false conclusion that Seattle is better off after having sanctioned homeless encampments. These false conclusions appear to have been accepted in good faith.

In actual fact, Seattle is in a homelessness/drug addiction/criminal crisis just like Santa Cruz despite spending 1 billion dollars annually, and also not enforcing the resulting crime wave, just as is current Santa Cruz practice.

Here is a recent report by the Seattle ABC affiliate:

[KOMO News Special: Seattle is Dying](#)



The similarities to the situation in Santa Cruz are striking. I implore the City Council to start treating the actual problem that we have, and stop prolonging/exacerbating our homelessness/drug addiction/criminal crisis. This report offers real solutions.

Sincerely,

Keith Andrews

Rosemary Balsley

From: Nancyeder <nancyeder@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 6:30 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review. Santa Cruz is rapidly becoming a little slum full of drug users. Example: are they really looking for the proper disposal receptacles after injecting drugs and getting high? Are they responsible enough to do the right thing after being given free, clean needles or will they end up on the beach? Why won't the numbers continue to swell as they just keep coming to Santa Cruz because we enable them? I've lived here for a long, long time and I am quite sad about the direction our city is heading and the future of Santa Cruz.

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Nancy Eder
Sent from Nancy's iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Matt Monahan <memonahan@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 6:20 PM
To: City Council
Subject: No Transitional Encampments and Safe Parking Sites

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I oppose a Shelter Crisis Declaration and the idea of Transitional Encampments and Safe Parking Sites. Encampments and “safe” parking zones are unsafe, unsanitary, and inhumane. Don’t just move the problem around. Strike at the roots.

- Stabilize people who need shelter with permanent supportive housing.
- Provide drug and alcohol abuse programs
- Build some housing. We have a housing shortage. The cause of the housing crisis is the imbalance between supply and demand. Ease code restrictions and encourage the development of low income housing and Accessory Dwelling Units.

Regards,

Matt Monahan

Rosemary Balsley

From: Suzie Bogaard <suzb263@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 6:13 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Opposition to Transitional Encampment, Site 1

Santa Cruz City Council,

I am opposed to using Site1 adjacent to High Street Community Church as a transitional encampment due to the following concerns:

1. The surrounding community is made up of families with children of all ages. There are two pre-schools within one block of this site, along with an elementary school. The camp would pose a danger to elementary children walking to and from school due to the negative impact camp occupants would have on the community.
2. The rampant drug use and discard of needles and other drug paraphernalia pose a danger to all in the adjacent community.
3. There are several groves of eucalyptus trees close to this site that pose a fire danger as the summer approaches and vegetation dries out.
4. The occupants will not assimilate into the community but destroy with waste and strewn garbage as they do not pick up after themselves. The discard of needles and garbage is a problem as there is no concern for their environment.
5. This site has very limited visibility for proper supervision.

The proposed Site 1 would have a huge impact on the Westlake community. This was not listed as a concern in the proposal. The Site 1, Former Reservoir, is not a suitable choice for transitional encampment due to the negative impact it would have on the community of children and families.

I am opposed to declaring a homeless emergency as there are helpful options available but rejected by camp occupants.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Bogaard

Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: Tuckers <boscotucker@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 6:05 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Public Safety

Hello,

We are SC natives. We are raising our family here. We do not want a homeless camp or shelter allowed in the parks or parking lots in our neighborhood. The council has the responsibility of keeping children safe from drugs, sanitation/health risks and crime in their homes and neighborhoods. Homeless people deserve empathy but they don't have the right to squat on our city parks putting the rest of us in danger. We have grave concerns that the council's current course of an emergency declaration is anti-democratic, because it eliminates the voice of the public on matters which have a direct impact on them.

Sonia and Marc Tucker

Santa Cruz City residents and tax payers

Rosemary Balsley

From: Nancy Abrams <nancysview@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 5:52 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Please amend the emergency shelter crisis resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I fully agree with Santa Cruz Together's position on this issue. Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

- Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.
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- Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Thank you!

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Bring me into the company of those who seek the truth, and deliver me from those who have found it.

Rosemary Balsley

From: nate_atkinson1@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 5:45 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Proposed homeless camp on high Street

Dear City Council members

I am writing in regards to the proposed “transitional encampment and safe sleeping site” at [850 High Street](#) that is being considered this week. Having been born and grown up in Santa Cruz I know the city has been tolerant of homeless people, but I am strongly opposed to this proposal for several reasons, most important being that I have young children and walk this way several times a day with them. I am concerned about the safety both of them and the neighborhood in general if we were to have an influx of homeless people. As it is, there already seems to be an increasing problem with crime, litter, loitering, and vandalism in our neighborhood, and I know these would all get worse if this encampment were to take place.

I trust you will do the right thing and not implement this proposal for the sake of our neighborhood and safety. Thank you for your time.

Nathan Atkinson

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Toby Thiermann <toby.thiermann@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 5:43 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council

I live in seabright and we are already riddled with crime from transients going through cars and stealing from our yard. Please do not create a homeless camp in this neighborhood, it would only increase the movement of people from these proposed locations to downtown and back again.

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review. I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19: - Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review. - Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities. - Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

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Director of Photography / Producer
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Rosemary Balsley

From: Julie Atkinson <julie_atkinson1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 5:42 PM
To: City Council
Subject: "transitional encampment and safe sleeping site" at 850 High Street

Dear City Council members

I am writing in regards to the proposed "transitional encampment and safe sleeping site" at 850 High Street that is being considered this week. I am strongly opposed to this for several reasons, most important being that I have young children and walk this way several times a day with them. I am concerned about the safety both of them and the neighborhood in general if we were to have an influx of homeless people. As it is, there already seems to be an increasing problem with crime, litter, loitering, and vandalism in our neighborhood, and I know these would all get worse if this encampment were to take place.

I trust you will do the right thing and not implement this proposal for the sake of our neighborhood and safety.

Thank you for your time.

Julie Atkinson

Rosemary Balsley

From: Dell Elliott <dell_elliott@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 5:39 PM
To: City Council
Subject: 3 cities in the U.S. have ended chronic homelessness: Here's how they did it

<https://www.fastcompany.com/90316607/3-cities-in-the-u-s-have-ended-chronic-homelessness-heres-how-they-did-it>



Built for Zero is helping cities end chronic homelessness

In late February, the city of Abilene, Texas, made an announcement: It had ended local veteran homelessness. It was the first community in the state and the ninth in the country to reach that goal ...

www.fastcompany.com

Rosemary Balsley

From: julia mcdermott <jreamcd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 5:36 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Addicts need treatment not 300 to 600 needles a day

Dear City Council,

Please immediately suspend the secondary needle exchange program Dr. Leff discussed with you at your last meeting. It is currently going on at the camp behind the Ross store on River St. and is being run by non-medical volunteers on Thursdays. Important points to consider:

1. There is no client confidentiality, each camp client is right out in the open receiving needles, kits, Narcan, etc. This is against all HIPAA laws and the County Health Officer should know better.
2. There is no direct exchange of dirty needles for clean ones, so the 300-600 needles per day are ending up in public spaces where all of us and our children can get poked by them. The old AIDS Project needle exchange operated for almost 25 years and did a direct exchange down on Laurel St. that held the client accountable for their dirty needles. The client showed and counted their needles in front of the volunteer and then the client disposed of the needles in an appropriate on-site container. Then the volunteer handed them the same number of clean needles. I cannot remember one needle being found on our beaches during their years of operation.
3. The current volunteers do not have medical licenses. This is so important when handing out Narcan. Every person given Narcan must understand that if they use it on a person, they need to stay with that person and make sure the person gets checked by a doctor. You cannot give Narcan and leave the person alone. Many can die that way, defeating the purpose of Narcan.
4. If you continue to use non-medical volunteers for distribution, than don't pay for it with taxpayer money! Allow those volunteers to purchase their own needles, kits, Narcan, etc., and operate under a non-profit with insurance. I'm sure a good lawyer could sue the city and county if someone contracts a disease from a dirty needle.
5. Is a secondary needle exchange really necessary when the current camp is less than a 10 minute walk from the County HSA Syringe Services Program (SSP) up on Emeline?
6. If you must have a secondary needle exchange, please ask the public for medical professionals to volunteer. You can also ask for non-profits or other groups to apply to oversee it. The current volunteers do not seem to understand much about treating addicts, only their own experience which seems limited. I have heard Steve and Denise speak in podcasts and they could not identify one addict they helped get into treatment. Their let's-hold-your-hand-while-you-continue-to-use attitude is harming addicts. And, I disagree 100% that "only they" understand an addict's shame and "fear of medical professionals." Medical professionals I know are compassionate, knowledgeable, and firm, something every sober addict will tell you they needed on their road to sobriety.

My son was at death's door from a ten-year alcohol, meth and heroin addiction. If it wasn't for a SC County judge that ordered him to Rountree's locked-down drug-treatment program, I have no doubt he would be dead. Instead, he completed the program almost 14 years ago and has been sober every day since! My father was sober for 35 years until he died, two siblings are sober and a niece is in treatment. Handing out hundreds of needles and sending addicts to shoot up alone on the levy DOES NOT HELP THEM.

Holding them accountable for their actions (yes, even disposing of a needle properly) allows them to feel connected and beholden to others, a baby step toward being accountable and beholden to themselves!

Thank you for your consideration.

Julia McDermott
831-234-6467

Rosemary Balsley

From: Paula Bradley <pbradley2004@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 5:32 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members: Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without public or environmental review. I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19: Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.

Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities.

Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Thank you, Paula Bradley

Rosemary Balsley

From: MARY HAMILTON <mhami88779@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 5:29 PM
To: City Council
Subject: No on homeless encampments without EIR & public input

Dear Honorable Santa Cruz City Councilmembers,

I am asking that you please vote no on the proposal to allow city streets, sidewalks, public parks, and beaches in the City to be used as homeless shelters/encampments without doing any environmental impact reports or having any public review. For the welfare, safety and health of all the residents in Santa Cruz, as well as our many visitors, these shelters when put in place need to be fully professionally managed with restrooms, and trash facilities both of which are well maintained in a constant regular time frame. They should not be in parks where children play, shopping areas nor in heavily used tourist areas, unless we want all our tourism to disappear leaving our city without income and jobs. As it is now, upon entering Santa Cruz via the highway 1 exit, visitors are seeing the squaller etc. along the highway and are feeling uneasy about it. Shoppers are not wanting to shop in the shopping center there anymore.

The County also needs to share in the burdon of the homeless problem and some of the shelters should be provided in the county. Santa Cruz should also not have to take on the burden of homeless that come to Santa Cruz from other surrounding Cities, because the rules are so lax.

Recently a News Video concerning the Seattle homeless problem has aired. At the end, It talks about what Providence , RI has done to help their homeless which has had wonderful results. I suggest all the Council members watch this. <http://komonews.com/news/local/komo-news-special-seattle-is-dying>

Thank you. Mary Hamilton

Rosemary Balsley

From: Keith Kjeldsen <kjeldx3@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:20 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Worsening homeless crisis

Dear Council,

We am writing to express our opposition to your current plan to allow the (drug addicted and mentally ill)homeless to park and camp within our City. This is overwhelming to our town and you must work with the County and State to seek some kind of plan to share the burden of this population's care. Santa Cruz cannot do it on their own and we most likely aren't telling you something you don't already know. We demand better from you as tax-paying and responsible citizens who love our town. Muscle up. Represent the vast majority. This is the job you are taxed with as council members. This is what you signed on to do.

Keith and Marcy Kjeldsen

Rosemary Balsley

From: Lincoln Taiz <Itaiz@ucsc.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:03 AM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council

Dear City Council Members

I have just learned that the city council is considering an emergency declaration on homelessness in Santa Cruz that would suspend all normal public hearings, review and reports and would allow for camps to be established in any city owned park. In addition, this declaration would allow for churches and nonprofits to establish homeless camps of up to 50 tents/RVs in their parking lots a mere 25 feet from private property.

According to the Westside Newsletter, these parking lot camps would qualify for an almost instant-over-the-counter permit, without public notice, review or comment and would be allowed to run permanently. Such an emergency declaration is completely anti-democratic. It deprives voters of a voice on a matter that will have a strong negative impact on them. Citizens vehemently rejected the Delaware street camping proposal, and the proposal was withdrawn. This brazen emergency proposal is an in-your-face attempt to override the wishes of the voters. It reminds me of Donald Trump's declaration of a national emergency in order to bypass Congress.

Homelessness is a huge problem that cannot be tackled in such an ad hoc manner. It requires a state-wide remedy. If you open our parks and parking lots to homeless encampments, word will spread and it will attract more and more homeless people to Santa Cruz. The entire city will come to resemble the appalling River Street encampment. Many if not most of the current homeless population in Santa Cruz are either addicts or mentally disturbed. In such open camps they are a risk to themselves as well as to the community. They need to be housed in permanent shelters under supervision, and provided with whatever food and medical services they require. They may not enjoy being housed at shelters, but that does not give them the right to camp in public space, which is for ALL citizens.

Please do not declare any emergencies that the entire citizenry (not just those who attend City Council meetings) have had the opportunity to comment upon. Run an ad in the Sentinel to solicit feedback if necessary. Lets not become an autocracy.

Sincerely,

Lincoln Taiz

Rosemary Balsley

From: Doug Engfer <doug@engfer.org>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:04 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless emergency declaration

Greetings

My name is Doug Engfer. My wife and I are long-time Santa Cruz homeowners.

I write today regarding the Council's consideration of an updated emergency crisis resolution regarding our ongoing challenges with homelessness. I share the Council's heartfelt desire to deal with this vexing constellation of issues in an impactful yet compassionate manner. Bringing forth effective transition programs that can help engaged folks deal with their particular issues — whether related to mental health, substance addiction, economic misfortune, or other challenges — is a worthy and appropriate area of focus for the City (and County).

Coming to grips with this long-standing situation demands that the community do this work in the light of day, compliant with existing rules, regulations, and laws (while changing those rules, regulations, or laws, in a public process, where appropriate), engaged with the community as a whole. I am concerned that the proposed emergency resolution circumvents existing public processes, potentially exacerbating our neighbors' distrust of City leadership. I am also concerned that the resolution enables solutions that could be implemented without regard to rules and regulations concerning the environment, zoning, or public health and safety. I urge you to proceed diligently yet deliberately, encouraging a broad public dialogue with a firm deadline for action to address this years-developing issue.

Regrettably, we have a national example of a leader using executive declarations to circumvent the public, political process. We should not follow down that expedient path.

As always, I thank each of you for your commitment and service to our hometown.

Best,

Doug Engfer

(Brevity: iOS induced)

Rosemary Balsley

From: Katrina London <katlondon@ucsc.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:03 AM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Concerned about homeless situation in Santa Cruz

Dear City Council,

- I am concerned that the emergency declaration is anti-democratic, because it eliminates the voice of the public on matters which have a direct impact on them.
- I do not welcome a camp in our neighborhoods or parks where our children play and explore due to concerns about crime and safety.

Thank you.

Katrina London

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Victoria Ow <torisow@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:02 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Please do DON'T approve the Emergency Crisis Shelter Resolution

Dear Santa Cruz City Council Members,

I am sorry I will be unable to attend the Emergency Crisis Shelter Resolution meeting tomorrow evening, but I am sending you this letter to request that you **please do not** approve the proposed Emergency Crisis Shelter Resolution.

There is undoubtedly a homeless crisis in our community, but passing a resolution that would allow city streets, parking lots, public parks, and beaches to be used as homeless encampments without any environmental and public review is unreasonable and unacceptable. I strongly believe the impacts of the resolution would be hugely detrimental to the majority of Santa Cruz community members and proceeding with the resolution without understanding the potential impacts would be a grave mistake.

I urge you, **please do not** approve the proposed Emergency Crisis Shelter Resolution at this time.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Victoria Ow
105 Rulofson Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Rosemary Balsley

From: Benjamin Ow <benjaminmow@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:01 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Please do NOT approve the Emergency Crisis Shelter Resolution

Dear Santa Cruz City Council Members,

I am sorry I will be unable to attend the Emergency Crisis Shelter Resolution meeting tomorrow evening, but I am sending you this letter to request that you **please do not** approve the proposed Emergency Crisis Shelter Resolution.

There is undoubtedly a homeless crisis in our community, but passing a resolution that would allow city streets, parking lots, public parks, and beaches to be used as homeless encampments without any environmental and public review is unreasonable and unacceptable. I strongly believe the impacts of the resolution would be hugely detrimental to the majority of Santa Cruz community members and proceeding with the resolution without understanding the potential impacts would be an impulsive and reckless mistake.

I urge you, **please do not** approve the proposed Emergency Crisis Shelter Resolution at this time.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Ow
105 Rulofson Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

831-247-1175

Rosemary Balsley

From: Ashlee A Tews <ashleeannc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 8:58 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Resolution -

Dear City Council

This is to voice to dissent on the upcoming Emergency Homeless Shelter Criss Resolution.

As a long time resident/past home owner/employee in Santa Cruz I find the upcoming resolution along with other emergency measures previously proposed or scheduled for future consideration, threaten the welfare, safety and public health of the entire city and surrounding communities. It is reckless to adopt such policies without understanding their potential impacts. Sensible policies can be enacted without destroying our neighborhoods, and with proper environmental and community review.

Ashlee Tews

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Ashlee A Tews

Rosemary Balsley

From: Debbie Cameron <debbiedcameron@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 8:49 AM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: NO emergency declaration on homelessness

Dear City Council,

- I am concerned that the emergency declaration is anti-democratic, because it eliminates the voice of the public on matters which have a direct impact on us.
- I do not welcome a camp in our neighborhoods or parks where our children play and explore due to concerns about crime and safety.

Thank you,
Debbie Cameron
De Anza Mobile Home Park

Rosemary Balsley

From: Elizabeth Plageman <elizabeth_plageman@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 8:47 AM
To: Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council; Martine Watkins
Cc: Mom Plageman
Subject: No homeless emergency!!

Dear City Council,

- I am concerned that the emergency declaration is anti-democratic, because it eliminates the voice of the public on matters which have a direct impact on them.
- I do not welcome a camp in our neighborhoods or parks where our children play and explore due to concerns about crime and safety.
- I am very concerned about this idea to declare a homeless state of emergency and build camp in our neighborhoods.
- Your plans will attract more transients to Santa Cruz.
- We need to Re-locate homeless people back to where they came from (where possible) just as the city of Honolulu has done with their homeless population. Otherwise people will continue to come to Santa Cruz for services that homeowners cannot afford and that destroy our small businesses.

Vote no on the state if emergency.

Thank you. Elizabeth Plageman
Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Christopher Lattin <lattin18@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 8:47 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Opposition to low income housing project

I am writing to oppose the location of transitional or low income housing located between the High Street Community Church at 850 High Street and the Peace United Church of Christ at 900 High Street, i.e. "Site #1, Former Reservoir." This is a terrible idea for at least a couple of reasons.

1. The first and most important factor is safety. Putting low income individuals immediately adjacent to an elementary school creates unnecessary danger. There are very young children attending the school. Adding low income tenants increases the likelihood of crime exposure to those children including drug, gun, and weapon use. To ignore this danger ignores what we have already seen happening at similar projects downtown and along River St.
2. The second factor is congestion. The intersection of Moore and High streets is already dangerous and highly congested as elementary and college students need to cross paths to get to their respective location.
3. The westside is a rapidly growing community for families whose income is derived in San Jose. This allows the housing prices to be higher than elsewhere in Santa Cruz. It also alleviates congestion from commuters who would otherwise be clogging the Highway 17 / 1 interchange if they were to choose other Santa Cruz/Capitola/Aptos locations. Adding low income tenants and potentially substandard buildings would discourage potential buyers, which would limit the number of new tenants who are paying premium prices and premium taxes. Considering the other options, it would be reasonable to expect that those high income buyers would no longer locate their families in the City of Santa Cruz, a huge loss to the community.

I would propose as a better solution that the city trade parcels with the church so that the ingress, egress, and parking could be made safer for the school while at the same time allowing for a low income housing project in a bit more suitable location, such as near the UCSC campus along Empire Grade. Also, if more pressure were put on the UCSC campus to provide housing for more students, the rents would naturally come down on the westside, which would allow lower income families to join our community in a more organic fashion.

I hope that you make good decisions. As an attorney myself, I am prepared to fight this proposal using all legal means necessary. I sincerely hope that we can be productive partners rather than adversarial opponents.

Sincerely,
Christopher Lattin
Westside homeowner

Rosemary Balsley

From: Nate <drnateward@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 8:46 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Encampments

We need a better solution for the homeless than these encampments. No more please.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Christopher Lattin <Christopher.Lattin@xperi.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 8:45 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Opposition to upcoming low income project at Peace Church/Westlake Elementary School

I am writing to oppose the location of transitional or low income housing located between the High Street Community Church at 850 High Street and the Peace United Church of Christ at 900 High Street, i.e. "Site #1, Former Reservoir." This is a terrible idea for at least a couple of reasons.

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Christopher Lattin
Westside homeowner

Rosemary Balsley

From: Jack Calhoun <jncalhoun39@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 8:37 AM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Opposition to Our Parks Being Turned into Homeless Encampments

Dear City Council,

- I am concerned that the emergency declaration is anti-democratic, because it eliminates the voice of the public on matters which have a direct impact on them.
- I do not welcome a camp in our neighborhoods or parks where our children play and explore due to concerns about crime and safety.

Thank you.

Jack Calhoun

Santa Cruz resident,

Rosemary Balsley

From: Paul Haney <phaney2@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 8:35 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Thank you,
Paul Haney

Rosemary Balsley

From: kathy <ktmae.gg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 8:29 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Regarding Students - that needs to be UCSC/Regent's issue, not City of Santa Cruz

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I just hit send on my letter, but did not mention the UCSC Students. Some student publication has [this article](#) about their situation. I have heard their #s used as a reason why we need to declare a state of emergency as well.

WE do not need to declare a State of Emergency for Student Homelessness.

1. USCS Needs to manage their growth and house their students
2. Students seek off-campus housing as a CHEAPER solution to on-campus housing. Regents needs to address this. Not Santa Cruz.
3. Student's chose to live in cars to save money. USCS Needs to address this -not Santa Cruz.

Honestly - I applied to 2 colleges when I was seeking undergrad. Rutgers (my local) and UC Berkeley (My #1 choice). And guess what? I couldn't afford the housing cost of \$13k -- back in 1984 -- so I went local so I could live at my parent's house. We do not need to supplement other people's choices.

We do not have to ruin our city for UCSC to increase their enrollment #s by 10k. They need to ensure they can support their growth COMPLETELY on campus or be restricted. UC Davis and other universities are getting this message. UCSC, is *in* a coastal resort town, and needs to get this message.

We need to redistrict to reduce the impact UCSC has to votes on our City Council. City Council is for Santa Cruz RESIDENTS. The university is ripping this town apart.

Respectfully,

Kathleen Nix
1901 Delaware Street
Santa Cruz.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Tony Sirois <tony.sirois@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 8:23 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless camp on Frederick Street proposal

I want to express my disagreement with the proposal to move the homeless camp to Frederick St Park or the church in Frederick St.

If the camp is too unsafe and unclean to exist between a freeway and a parking lot it's shouldn't be moved into a neighborhood near a school and a popular park. Crime, needles and sanitation are my biggest concern.

Additionally, Frederick Street is a dead end street that can't accommodate an large influx of cars and people.

There has to be a better place than a dead end street in a neighborhood.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Lori Stoll <lrs.constructionservices@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 8:20 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

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Thank you,

Lori

Lori Stoll
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Rosemary Balsley

From: Karen Whitaker <kwhitaker@sdlegalease.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 8:14 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless Situation

Hello, I am writing to express my concern and dismay over the homeless situation in Santa Cruz. I've lived here, on the Westside, for 4 years and shortly after I moved here was assaulted by a homeless woman in downtown in the middle of the day, where the store owners had to call 911. Both of my neighbors have been robbed and have seen homeless people steal food from Safeway in broad daylight. Nearly everyday I am asked for money or something and am sick of it. Not sure why the City Council finds this charming to the area, but it is appalling that it has gotten to this point. I do not encourage friends or family to come over, especially at night, with fear for their safety. I can only imagine the drug and alcohol use not to mention rats and other rodents who have taken up residence.

I have the understanding that there are talks to move the camp to another location, near a residential neighborhood, but am wondering why? This does not solve the problem, you are just moving it to another location and infringe on people, like myself, that pay a huge property tax and who take care of their homes. It is such an odd sensation where crime here is accepted as a way of life.

To move the camp is not solving the problem. It is just postponing a decision to get rid of the camp and to create a safe place for people to come to.

Sincerely,
Karen Whitaker

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Lindsey Chester <lindsey@allabouttheatre.org>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 8:03 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Regarding the Emergency Homeless Crisis Shelter Resolution

Dear City Council,

My heart aches for those who are in such an unfortunate position as to be homeless. That said, the encampment near Ross / River Street has made it that my daughter and I no longer frequent those businesses and I don't feel safe walking by the river anymore.

I recognize that the challenge of addressing homelessness in Santa Cruz is a non-trivial dilemma. Do I have a solution to offer, no. However, as a mother and as someone who runs a business for children and families downtown, I urge you not to simply open up city property to homeless camps without any environmental evaluation or citizen participation.

As the Executive Director of local non-profit All About Theatre, I send out a survey after every production or camp or class and one of the biggest feedbacks from last summer was that people wouldn't bring their children if we held camps at the Loudon Nelson Community Center due to the homeless that sleep there during the daytime - I repeat at our community center, the hub where we are all to come together has been black listed by many families.

We have had several incidences of children people yelled at in the park there at Loudon, by homeless individuals who are mentally unstable. Santa Cruz is already on the verge of losing it's welcoming vibe that so many people take pride in. Opening up all public areas to the homeless will be very destructive to the land, to the community and to any and all businesses in the area. In short, it will do a lot more harm than good.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Lindsey Chester
Executive Director
All About Theatre
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lindsey@allabouttheatre.org

Rosemary Balsley

From: Russell Weisz <russweisz1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 8:08 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless Shelter

I recommend the Council choose the parking lot across from the Kaiser Permanente Arena for a transitional shelter because the other proposed spots may have adverse environmental impacts. An adequate budget for supervision of the shelter must be allocated. Also, it's crucial that the City collaborate and work together with the County moving forward on homelessness issues. The County has resources and experience that the City must use.

Sincerely,
Russell Weisz
319 Laguna St.
Santa Cruz 95060



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Rosemary Balsley

From: Emily Christie <mlechristie@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 8:07 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Concern re: emergency homeless crisis

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property but I am asking the Council to **reject** the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review. This will undoubtedly create a public health crisis that can have repercussions far beyond the council's current view. As it is, it is difficult to walk in certain parts of Santa Cruz with our young kids and feel safe.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote [on March 19](#):

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Best regards,

Emily Christie

Life-long Santa Cruz resident, mom, teacher

Rosemary Balsley

From: Crinnion, James <James.Crinnion@phly.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 8:06 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Randie Silverstein <randie@luckydogarts.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 7:58 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless encampments

To the city council:

We have concerns that the emergency declaration for homeless encampments is anti-democratic, because it eliminates the voice of the public on matters which have a direct impact on us.

We would not welcome a camp in our neighborhood due to concerns about crime and safety.

We live at the edge of DeLaveaga park and have had huge issues with crime and fire safety from the park being used as ground zero for homeless encampments. It's a huge concern.

The prospect heights neighborhood represented our displeasure with the armory being used for a shelter when that idea was floated around. For all the same reasons.

We believe that all decisions made that would impact our neighborhood need to be transparent to the public and we should be able to participate in that decision.

Sincerely
Randie and Steve Silverstein

Rosemary Balsley

From: Paul Reid <carmelitakp44@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 7:49 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Sincerely,
Paul J. Reid
125 Myrtle St.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Phil Wightman <philw@steelbridgeins.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 7:48 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Emergency Homeless Crisis Shelter Resolution

To whom it may concern,

The “homeless” issue must be addressed without further impact to the public. The “homeless” should be encouraged to accept personal responsibility for their circumstances and baring that, with majority public support be housed in a tightly controlled facility with proper sanitation and law enforcement.

I strongly appose the passage of the Emergency Homeless Crisis Shelter Resolution.

Phil Wightman-40 year resident of Santa Cruz
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Rosemary Balsley

From: kathy <ktmae.gg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 7:44 AM
To: City Council
Subject: DO NOT DECLARE EMERGENCY. Focus on long term solutions, not encampments.

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I, along with many other community members, strongly oppose any declaration of a state of emergency, and any development of encampments *anywhere* in the county, let alone the city limits.

Declaration of Emergency is a very Trump/Dictator approach. You are seeking this because you want to ignore public opinion. The homeless issue is NOT something that needs an emergency action. It needs careful, thought out plans and reviews. What you're emulating has proven not to work in the cities that have gone down this path.

Stop enticing vagrants and drug addicts to come to Santa Cruz to live off our streets. They "Camp Ross" has had 3 deaths - this is NOT a community feature we want to spread more of. Encampments help no one. They are not tied to helping people transition to ANYTHING. They just make our neighborhood unsafe.

Kevin Vogel, Retired Chief of Police (2017) posted his letter on Next Door. He understands how short sighted you are being. We do not want to go backwards in time where needles are everywhere and residents (RESIDENTS!!!) are afraid to go to our parks and beaches. If you insist on focusing on encampment areas, they should be OUTSIDE of the city limits. Near the Dimeo dump, or the County fairgrounds potentially -but somewhere that requires tracking people and working with them to get them the help they need. It's not a homeless situation in Camp Ross, or on the Streets in SC - it's a breakdown in our mental health management system.

Honestly, this extreme left-wing thinking is not helping anyone. It's the same as the extreme right wing. You are just ripping communities apart and not solving the heart of the issues.

We are a beach town, highly desirable place to live. That doesn't mean that everyone has the right to live here be supported by others. I am paying \$20k/year in property tax, and the RV owner that sets up his home next door to me on my side street of Getchell pays NOTHING. Yet comes into my backyard to use my water, defecates on my lawn, and leaves trash for me to clean up. I have been burglarized (door smashed in) 2 weeks after moving in. I call the police station and they don't have the bandwidth to manage these issues. How will they police areas where encampments are set up?

Do NOT call an Emergency. Use the Democratic process, represent the Residents of Santa Cruz, and collect data.

Do your job. I am getting so fatigued writing letters every week - saying the same thing.

Respectfully,

Kathleen Nix
1901 Delaware Avenue
Santa Cruz

Rosemary Balsley

From: Peter Davis <polkaringo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 7:34 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Tom DeMeo
Subject: magnetic attraction

To: Mayor Watkins, and the City Council

Dear Mayor Watkins, I'll be brief. Please urge the council not to turn our city streets into a magnetic destination for an ever increasing number of drug addicted nihilistic-lost souls lacking purpose. In order to simplify the remedy, please move towards the reapplication of the city wide camping ban.

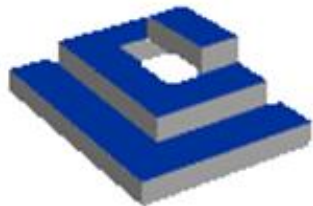
Rosemary Balsley

From: Martin Dinning <mdinning@paragonmechanical.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 7:31 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless Crisis Resolution Amendments

I am writing to you the city council urging you NOT to allow our city pride and values to be degraded further by giving precedence to the homeless. I pay my property taxes which are meant to continue city services necessary to maintain the care and beauty of our city. Any thought that the city council would disregard our health, safety and the care for our city by furthering the homeless eyesore is appalling.

Do not let this happen to our city, our families and our tax payers!

Martin Dinning
Senior Project Manager
Paragon Mechanical Inc.
16160 Caputo Drive
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
Office: 408-727-7303 Ext. #1217



Lean Construction Institute Member

Rosemary Balsley

From: geewhit@earthlink.net
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 7:30 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless Camp Expansion

Dear Mayor Watkins and Council Members,

I do not support an expansion of the homeless camps as the red carpet that seems to be out for the most problematic individuals on the streets, must be removed. I have had my shed and garage broken into in the last 3 months, of which I reported neither as most residents and property owners realize that those of us not causing social problems are not being protected either, so much crime goes unreported. Neither individual break in rose to a felony threshold individually though combined I lost many essential tools with which I maintain my 3 units in the Lower Ocean.

Four to Five years ago and prior, keeping people out of The Jessie Street Marsh was a neighborhood goal as the kind of street crimes that plagued the area suddenly reduced when the needle exchange van was kicked out of the neighborhood and many of these individuals were moved on. Prior, it was Zombie like characters and night marauders and violent repeat offenders dragging down the neighborhood which was an incessant problem and we eventually prevailed. The area has been considerably less crime ridden over the last years. Any re-use of Jesse Street Marsh for homeless is dumb and unforgivable as would other areas be as we already know that they would become mini theft depots and environmental hazard dumps.

Parking for overnight RV's at Walmart has been a longtime option but now some of these stores across the country are doing away with it because of problematic individuals. We need to get some of these problems away from downtown and into the county and please work with those supervisors for resolution.

regards,

Gary Whitney

Rosemary Balsley

From: Lyn Lauria <lyn.lauria@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 7:22 AM
To: City Council
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Respectfully,

Lyn Lauria
Emeline Avenue

Rosemary Balsley

From: Sherry Ricar <sricar@firstalarm.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 7:11 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Sherry Ricar
Subject: Homeless?

Please stop the plans to allow homeless to live on our city streets. If the reasoning is that there are so many homeless because the UCSC students are taking up all the available rentals, maybe the City could wield their strength and require UCSC to donate some of their parking or park land for the homeless encampments and street living?

OR,

Maybe it would be nice if you were to first allow the homeless to live on YOUR street for one full week. Rotate between members, one week each. Then discuss with your neighbors just how awful your plan is to sacrifice the Delaware Street residents. NIMBY covers you too.

Just my 2 cents.

sherry

Rosemary Balsley

From: Carol <carolonland@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 7:09 AM
To: City Council
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As a county wide issue the County needs to be involved in finding sites.

Full public input, with focus groups, and dedicated advertised meetings are needed!

That is the Democratic process the residents of Santa Cruz deserve.

Carol Reid
Downtown resident
Myrtle St.

Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: Sylvia Caras <Sylvia.Caras@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 5:47 AM
To: City Council
Subject: 3/19 Agenda Item 2

Yes to declaring a shelter crisis

The HEAP/CESH awards are to be announced soon. The funds must be spent within two years. I support whatever the Council can do to expedite the process of moving forward with any awards related to or received by the City. I thinking declaring a shelter crisis could facilitate quick turn-around in instances not covered by the current emergency declaration. It would be very discouraging if we had to return unspent funds to the state because initiatives moved too slowly through current required processes.

Sylvia Caras
Santa Cruz

Rosemary Balsley

From: cynthia clanton <cindy9111@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 6:30 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Marvin Christie <marvin@andersonchristie.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 6:22 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Best regards,
Marvin Christie
Resident and downtown business owner

Rosemary Balsley

From: Eric Lamascus <el@discoverelite.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 6:09 AM
To: City Council
Subject: No to the Emergency Homeless Crisis Shelter Resolution

I do not want you to move forward with this resolution!! We have enough problems already. This will make them worse.

Thank You,
Eric Lamascus

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visit us at www.DiscoverElite.com



Rosemary Balsley

From: Arley Long <arleylong3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 5:10 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear honorable Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I grew up in this beautiful Santa Cruz County for some 26 years, after marrying I moved to the Northern Mariana Islands 5,865 miles away but have always visited home yearly. I made the big leap to purchase our first home in California in 2015 since it had always been a dream of mine and close to my parents, siblings and large extended family.

Homeless families and individuals is indeed a saddening situation and not something we had to observe as kids or young adults. At the same token, I can express to you the experiences we as a family have gone through which is unsafe for all involved, unsanitary, scary and unpleasant representation of our beautiful city. Although the city needs to take action to provide safe homeless services /shelter on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of **streets, sidewalks and parks** for homeless services without environmental or public review. A fair share of research and innovative preparation will provide a vision that implements environmentally protective and safe shelter for the homeless. It is disrespectful to move forward with laws that do not involve your constituents ideas, opinions and can have unsafe consequences.

I humbly request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for a vote on March 19:

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Warm regards,

Arley Gutierrez Long RNC, WHNP, FNP, CNLCP
TJSHS PTSA President/ Parent Advisory Council President
Northern Mariana Island Board Of Nursing Vice Chairwoman
Tinian Premier Football Club President

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Shige Honjo <shige.honjo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 3:34 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Amy Honjo
Subject: Homeless Shelter Crisis Resolution- please vote no.

Hello Mayor Watkins and City council,

I understand that [On Tuesday March 19, 2019](#), the Santa Cruz City Council will vote on an Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Resolution that would allow city streets, parking lots, public parks and beaches to be used as homeless encampments without any environmental and public review. The proposed declaration would suspend all normal public hearings, review and reports, and would allow for camps to be established on any city-owned parcel.

This proposal will threaten the welfare, safety and public health of the enter city and surrounding communities. It is reckless to adopt such policies without understanding their potential impacts. With proper environmental and community review, sensible policies can be enacted without destroying our neighborhoods.

Please vote no. Thank you.

Shige and Amy Honjo
Santa Cruz , CA

Rosemary Balsley

From: Peter Chester <peter@tri.be>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 12:43 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Regarding the Emergency Homeless Crisis Shelter Resolution

Dear City Council,

I recognize that the challenge of addressing homelessness in Santa Cruz is a non-trivial dilemma. However, I urge you NOT to simply open up city property to homeless camps without any environmental evaluation or citizen participation. It is destructive and undemocratic and will do a lot more harm than good.

Thank you,

Peter Chester

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Chaim Peter Chester

Modern Tribe, Inc.

(831) 345 6341

Rosemary Balsley

From: Sarah Olson <7saraholson777@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 12:06 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Help

Dear City Council,

Please be smart and use part of the 10 million dollars to get the drug addicts into treatment.

Keep the police arresting then give arrested vouchers for food when they clean the street, pick up trash, and sweep the streets.

Be proactive instead of reactive. Look at what other cities have done by using data to track the homeless and find out where they are from. Some may have families who want to know where they are. A free ride back to family if the family wants so the family member can get mental health services. Many homeless already are in the mental health system but do not have an ID to pick up their meds. Many drug addicts are self-medicating because their mental illness is so difficult and they don't have an ID to pick up their medication.

Our whole city both renters, homeowners, and landlords are counting on you to get the homeless drug addicts into treatment. If even half are helped that is significant. The sooner you do the above the better so it does not get worse.

Best regards,

Sarah

Rosemary Balsley

From: Tom Mullen <tommullen38@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:54 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Emergency resolution

I am a opposed to the resolution to allow the homeless to camp in other areas of the city as suggested Tom Mullen Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Rebecca Barker <uh1909@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 11:13 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Encampment site location

Dear city council members:

I am a 13 year resident of the city and a working primary care physician who takes care of many of our homeless at Dominican hospital. More importantly, I am a mother of 3 children currently attending Santa Cruz public schools. I am writing to plead with you to chose an encampment site that is not near a location where children attend school. The site #1 on your agenda for March 19th is about 100 feet from Westlake Elementary School and 50 feet from a private preschool. However, that component of the location is not even listed as a "concern" by the city employees who researched these sites. 500+ children ages 2-11 attend those two schools daily. It is not safe to put adult homeless in that close proximity to children.

Sincerely
Rebecca Barker, MD

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Lori Lipton Ritland <yoginlori@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:05 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Emergency Homeless Crisis Shelter Resolution

Mayor and City Council,

My family moved to Santa Cruz this past year from Washington, DC. While there may be problems, I didn't think I would see behavior as inappropriate as this from a California government.

We need public input, environmental impact and a balanced perspective to maintaining public safety in our parks, beaches and public spaces.

As homeowners, we pay the taxes to support the public spaces. I do not want to jeopardize the safety and innocence of my first grader with issues that homeless may bring to our parks and beaches.

We have to have a well thought out plan, not another "EMERGENCY" situation that negatively impacts the greater good.

Lori L. Ritland
Upper West Side

Lori Lipton Ritland
CIYT - Certified Iyengar Yoga Teacher
IAYT - Certified Yoga Therapist

yogilori.com

Rosemary Balsley

From: kathy <ktmae.gg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:41 AM
To: City Council
Subject: DO NOT DECLARE Emergency.

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I honestly believe strongly that an Emergency Declaration should not be made. You are increasing our city's burden, throwing good money out with bad. It's not how this city should be run.

If you persist to ignore the residents and are being pushed to move forward with this plan, minimally the Declaration needs to be amended.

- Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review. - Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities. - Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

But honestly, this Council is not behaving with the city's best interest at heart and is not functioning well. The only thing you have done is awakened us residents to take action and get our city back.

Do your job.

Regards,

Kathleen Nix
1901 Delaware Avenue
Santa Cruz

Rosemary Balsley

From: James Bentley <bentley410@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:40 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Resolution declaring emergencu shelter crisis

Council:

Please do not eliminate the voice of the public as it concerns any aspect of governing Santa Cruz including the declaration of an emergency crisis involving homeless shelter and management. Such a move would be anti-democratic. With a declaration of a crisis of homelessness you must also (first) consider the crisis of crime and lack of safety that will plague the areas where such selters are established.

Jim Bentley
718 Pacheco ave.
Santa Cruz, Ca. 95065

Rosemary Balsley

From: Einar Vollset <einar@vollset.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:33 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Emergency Homeless Crisis Shelter Resolution

Passing this to allow homeless encampments on city property without public or environmental review seems a recipe for disaster and prone to crony-ism depending on who knows whom in the city government. Count me against.

Einar Vollset
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Rosemary Balsley

From: Robert Henry <rwhenryiii@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:32 AM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Emergency declaration on homelessness in Santa Cruz

Dear City Council,

I am concerned that the emergency declaration is anti-democratic because it circumvents the city planning process and eliminates the voice of the public on matters which have a direct impact on them.

I do not support camps in our neighborhoods or parks where our children play and explore due to concerns about crime, safety, and impact on the environment.

I am very concerned about the offsite impacts the emergency declaration will have on City Parks resources as well as adjacent parks lands that are managed by other agencies. Our parks were created to protect resources for all users not a small subset.

This emergency declaration declaration is in the form of another stop-gap measure to address homelessness that is destined to join the long list of ineffective stop-gap approaches. I fear this declaration will only serve as an attractant thereby adding to the problem.

To create an effective solution to the problem of homelessness the City needs to focus precious fiscal resources on development and execution of a formalized and informed plan that follows the public planning process.

I urge you not to support this emergency declaration.

Thank you,
Bill Henry

Rosemary Balsley

From: Scott Pavlina <scott@teammadani.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:30 AM
To: City Council
Subject: No to Homeless Emergency Shelter

To whom it may concern,

I do not think it is a good idea to allow homeless encampments anywhere in Santa Cruz, let alone on our streets, parks, sidewalks and beaches. The homeless population has a direct negative impact on our business and the safety of our community.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Scott Pavlina
Local Realtor - The Madani Team - Keller Williams
#01953919

Rosemary Balsley

From: Joe De Meo <joedblues1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:32 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless

Please do not pass your proposed homeless emergency resolution. We can't jeopardize the safety of our neighborhoods and the majority of the citizens of this town. Three years ago a woman was murdered on our streets. I personally have been affected by property crimes.

I have just watched a special done by Komo news Seattle. It's called Seattle is dying. It goes over same situation as in Santa Cruz. Major points, This is a drug crisis not homeless crisis, Seattle and San Francisco have highest property crime rates in nation due to homeless problem. The people of Seattle are compassionate but tired of their city council actions or lack there of.

Please note towards end of special Providence RI. Program for helping addicted.

Regards Joe De Meo

Rosemary Balsley

From: Mariko Young <mariko.lia.young@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:30 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members,

I do not agree with the proposed solutions set forth in your agenda for Tuesday March 19. There was no mention made of enforcing a no tolerance policy on drug use. City of Eugene had this included in their list of prohibited activities. I would like this policy in place and a plan for enforcement. I do not support parking lots or other property used as overnight use unless the same rules apply and there is law enforcement present to make sure the rules are followed. The problem is out of control and unless we begin setting a standard for our city, it will continue in a downward spiral. Residents of this area pay taxes and in return expect safety and peace of mind. The city is not delivering when it allows illicit drug use and theft to run rampant.

Thank you for your time and I hope that we can create a better solution for both the homeless and the tax paying residents of Santa Cruz and the surrounding cities being affected.

Mariko Young

Rosemary Balsley

From: Vickie Annen <vickie_annen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:28 AM
To: City Council
Subject: No 'transitional' camps

City Council Members-

I am writing to express my opposition to the camps that are being proposed, by several council members and their small group of followers, as a solution to our transient population. Providing space, needles, and food to people living on the street does nothing towards ending their struggles, be it mental illness or addiction. And there is no denying that the bulk of people who are the focus in this issue have one or both of these afflictions. They are categorically ill and should be in safe places where they can be addressed as 'patients' needing care. Putting such individuals in unstructured camps has been proven ineffectual in this town, as well as in many other cities. If you spend any time observing the area around the Ross camp you see drug dealers entering and leaving, as well as a steady stream of customers. How would setting up more of these camps throughout the city have anything but hugely negative effects??

Why is it that certain members of the council are focusing on accommodating the wishes of a group of individuals who are unwilling to abide by the normal rules of a community instead of focusing on the City of Santa Cruz: its children, its natural environment, its economy, its business owners, and the quality of life for its residents? Very few city resident agree with the plan for more camps and the continued influx of transients and drugs it will bring. Do your job and treat this situation as the public health crisis it is instead of a way to live out some misguided activist fantasy.

Vickie Annen

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Rosemary Balsley

From: Joseph Baxter <josephmbaxter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:27 AM
To: City Council
Subject: NO to the Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Resolution

Mayor and City Council,

As a taxpaying citizen and hardworking husband and father, I am shocked that we would be considering extending locations for the homeless to live. This puts my family at greater safety risk to basically invite more homeless/drug abusing individuals to our community. I am all about helping those in need and would love to see the taxes go towards helping these individuals in a good way, but as far as I have seen, the Ross encampment is doing more harm than good. It is more than just a homeless problem, it is a drug problem. There seems to be very little accountability and these individuals need serious help as far as drug abuse treatment and mental health treatment. It is making our community more dangerous, a health risk, less attractive, dirtier and ultimately unsafe. Let's put our money towards getting them off the streets and aware from the drugs. They should have the same consequences as I would if I were caught stealing or doing illegal drugs.

Please do not pass these resolution and let's figure something else out.

Joe Baxter
801-921-0921
josephmbaxter@gmail.com

Rosemary Balsley

From: Gordon Rudy <GordonRudy@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:27 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Home less camping

Dear City,

I am a lifelong citizen of this county and city.

Under no circumstances should the city policy of free range camping be extended or tolerated.

There are places on the north coast and perhaps near the University that need to be looked at for short to long term living.

Also perhaps that Fairgrounds in Watsonville.

The health hazard that exists and will get worse as the weather temps rise and could become epidemic.

Typhus is already happening in Southern California and a few other places, please examine the State website.

Your job is public safety, public health and this would be a clear violation of that.

Gordon Rudy

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Patricia Bertino <Imb0102@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:27 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Opposition to Emergency Declaration on Homelessness

City Council Members,

Do not vote for an emergency declaration on homelessness. This is a clear abuse of your powers and is undemocratic. Moving homeless camps to parks and churches that are in close proximity to neighborhoods and schools without community review and input will only make matters worse. I urge you to vote no for an emergency declaration.

Larry Berg
155 Molly Way
Santa Cruz

Rosemary Balsley

From: John Shurtleff <jlshurtleff@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:24 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Root Cause Solutions to Homeless Camps

The Ross Camp exemplifies what happens to businesses when a homeless camp is placed in a commercial zone. It is unfair to small business owners and enterprises.

Putting homeless camps into neighborhood parks near schools is unacceptable. Surely crime and risks to public safety will increase. I once found a syringe in my waste barrel. That's not something that I want neighborhood kids to find.

I urge the city council to look for root cause solutions to the situation.

- Perform a homeless census. Who are these people? Where did they come from? How many are criminals, drug addicts, and mentally ill?
- Develop programs to address root causes

In the meantime:

- Put homeless camp in industrial areas near homeless services. Or in Pogonip away from neighborhoods
- Do not tolerate breaking of the law

Regards,
John Shurtleff
406 Almar Ave
Santa Cruz

Rosemary Balsley

From: Nerissa Albuquerque <nag303@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:23 AM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers
Cc: City Council
Subject: Transitional encampment

Dear Santa Cruz City Council,

I am writing about the proposed transitional encampment site on High Street. I am strongly opposed to this option for the following reasons: This site is next to an elementary school, very close to a pre-school and midst of a neighborhood where there are NO resources for the homeless campers. We know the campers are using needles, as clean needles are delivered to the Ross encampment on a regular basis. Do we want needles near an elementary school, a pre-school and in a neighborhood? **No!** I understand that some people are just down on their luck but we know that a high percentage of the homeless population have mental health and addiction issues. Do we want folks with mental health and addiction issues near an elementary school, a pre-school and in a neighborhood? **No!** There have been fires at the Ross encampment, do we want a fire near an elementary school, a pre-school or in a densely populated neighborhood? No we do not, there are groves of eucalyptus trees near the site which are already a fire hazard and there are only two major exit routes out of the neighborhood.

I understand no one wants a homeless camp in their own neighborhood but the most appropriate place is in the more industrial area where it has been located previously, near the homeless center where there are many resources readily available to the campers.

My husband and I were both raised in Santa Cruz and have never felt so strongly about issue that we felt compelled to write to the City Council. I am asking you to **please remove this location from your list of potential sites for the encampment.**

Thank you,
Nerissa Albuquerque-Gonzales

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Peter Virasak <pvirasak@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:21 AM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Street camping - West Side Santa Cruz

Dear City Council,

- I am concerned that the emergency declaration is anti-democratic, because it eliminates the voice of the public on matters which have a direct impact on them.
- I do not welcome a camp in our neighborhoods or parks where our children play and explore due to concerns about crime and safety.

Thank you.

Peter Virasak

Rosemary Balsley

From: Nick Pavlina <nick@humblesea.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:21 AM
To: City Council
Subject: No to Homeless Emergency Shelter

On behalf of Humble Sea Brewing Company we do not think it is a good idea to allow homeless encampments anywhere in Santa Cruz, let alone on our streets, parks, sidewalks and beaches. The homeless population has a direct negative impact on our business and the safety of our community.

Thank you for considering our opinion.

Nick Pavlina, Head Brewer/Cofounder

Humble Sea Brewing Co.

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Polly Malan <pollybmalan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:14 AM
To: Chris Krohn
Cc: City Council
Subject: Our parks and neighborhoods

Dear Sir,
I do not want homeless camps in our parks or neighborhoods.
Thank you,
Polly Malan

Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: Patrricia Bertino <tbertino@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:13 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Opposition to emergency declaration on homelessness in Santa Cruz

Council Members:

I am opposed to the City Council consideration of an emergency declaration on homelessness in Santa Cruz which would suspend all normal public hearings, review and reports. This is anti-democratic and WRONG!!! Public input is needed. The problems of mental illness, crime, drug use and unsanitary conditions should not be pushed onto neighborhoods.

Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Patricia Bertino

Rosemary Balsley

From: Faviola Meschi <faviolameschi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:13 AM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers
Cc: City Council
Subject: Emergency Declaration on Homelessness

Good morning Council Members,

I am writing today as a concerned citizen, property owner, business owner and mother of two living within the City of Santa Cruz. Over the more recent years, I have watched this beautiful city fall short of delivering assistance to the homeless population while at the same time not doing enough to protect law abiding citizens, children and property owners.

To say I am deeply concerned with the recent possible Emergency Declaration by the City Council would fall short of describing just how frightening this possibility is. This is an extreme tactic used to circumvent the democratic process we, as citizens of this City, are privileged to participate in. By not taking the time to listen to the general population you will be uncertain and unconnected with how your decisions will meet the needs of your constituents.

It is frightening to think of homeless camps potentially being set up at any city owned parcel or church parking lot within City limits. These spots could be in close proximity to residential neighborhoods and/or schools. You, as City Council Members, do not have the overarching authority to make these decisions without taking the time to properly review all facts and listen to those who would be directly effected by your decisions. You were all elected to your positions to be representatives of your constituents not to make all-powerful decisions without listening to those same voters.

The homeless population issue is a huge one and I do not anticipate the answer being a simple solution, but to take it upon yourselves to make those decisions without the input of those directly effected by these decisions is beyond my understanding.

I hope you will all take the time to seriously consider the impact of what declaring this emergency on homelessness to evade the normal democratic process would do to the general population of this City.

Thank you,

Faviola Meschi

Rosemary Balsley

From: elborrow@cruzio.com
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:11 AM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: campers

Dear City Council,

- I am concerned that the emergency declaration is anti-democratic, because it eliminates the voice of the public on matters which have a direct impact on them.
- I do not welcome a camp in our neighborhoods or parks where our children play and explore due to concerns about crime and safety.

Thank you.
Erik

Rosemary Balsley

From: Chris Mille <ebaycmille2013@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:10 AM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: No Emergency Homeless Declaration

Dear City Council,

- I am concerned that the emergency declaration is anti-democratic, because it eliminates the voice of the public on matters which have a direct impact on them.
- I do not welcome a camp in our neighborhoods or parks where our children play and explore due to concerns about crime and safety.

Specifically, the first 'potential transitional site' on High St. is within a few feet of Coastal Community Pre-School, and also within a few feet of Westlake Elementary. This is unacceptable to say the least, and it is beyond belief that it would even be under consideration. Please keep our children safe.

Thank you.
Chris Mille
Moore St. Neighbor

Rosemary Balsley

From: Gmail Acct <jeffbberman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:06 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Opposition to Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Resolution

Mayor Watkins and the City of Santa Cruz City Council:

I write you today as a concerned parent and Tax Paying resident of the City of Santa Cruz since 2001 who is concerned about the current situation and future challenges our city faces as a result of the Homeless crisis in our city.

I'm **strongly opposed** to the Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Resolution that would allow city streets, parking lots, public parks and beaches to be used as homeless encampments without any environmental and public review. The proposed declaration would suspend all normal public hearings, review and reports, and would allow for camps to be established on any city-owned parcel.

This proposal, along with other emergency measures previously proposed or scheduled for future consideration, threaten the welfare, safety and public health of the enter city and surrounding communities. It is reckless to adopt such policies however, without understanding their potential impacts. Sensible policies can be enacted without destroying our neighborhoods, and with proper environmental and community review.

Many thanks for your consideration,
Jeff Oberman

Rosemary Balsley

From: ladymac@calcentral.com
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:06 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: City Council General Business Item #2, Response to Homelessness, Update and Direction - Opposition

As an adjacent neighbor of proposed site #1, Former Reservoir, I wish to provide my opposition to this location as a safe sleeping site.

This site is unsuitable for this proposal. It is adjacent to an elementary school where children walk to and from each day as they have for over the 60 years I've lived on Spring St. Exposing children and families to increased risk which will come from this inevitable encampment is bad policy making.

Donna McMillan

Rosemary Balsley

From: Jesse Bausell <jbausell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:05 AM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Emergency Declaration

Dear City Council,

- I am concerned that the emergency declaration is anti-democratic, because it eliminates the voice of the public on matters which have a direct impact on them.
- I do not welcome a camp in our neighborhoods or parks where our children play and explore due to concerns about crime and safety.

Thank you.

Jesse Bausell

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Dear City Council,

As the Board of the Springtree Homeowner's Association located near Westlake Elementary School, we are writing you to express the Association's concerns about the possibility of Transitional Encampments (24-hour a day) and/or Safe Sleeping and Storage at our local churches or at the City property designated at Site 1.

Our Association property is adjacent to High Street Community Church, Site 1, and Peace United Church. We have 72 homes and 17 acres of wooded open space including one of the largest Heritage Eucalyptus Groves in the City with hundreds of mature Eucalyptus trees. Eucalyptus trees are extremely flammable. We are designated a "high fire risk area" by Cal Fire and the City of Santa Cruz. A fire in our Eucalyptus Grove, which is contiguous with the trees and brush located at Site 1 and the church parking lots, would be devastating to our neighborhood, likely destroying dozens of homes as well as endanger human life.

Please see the attached map.

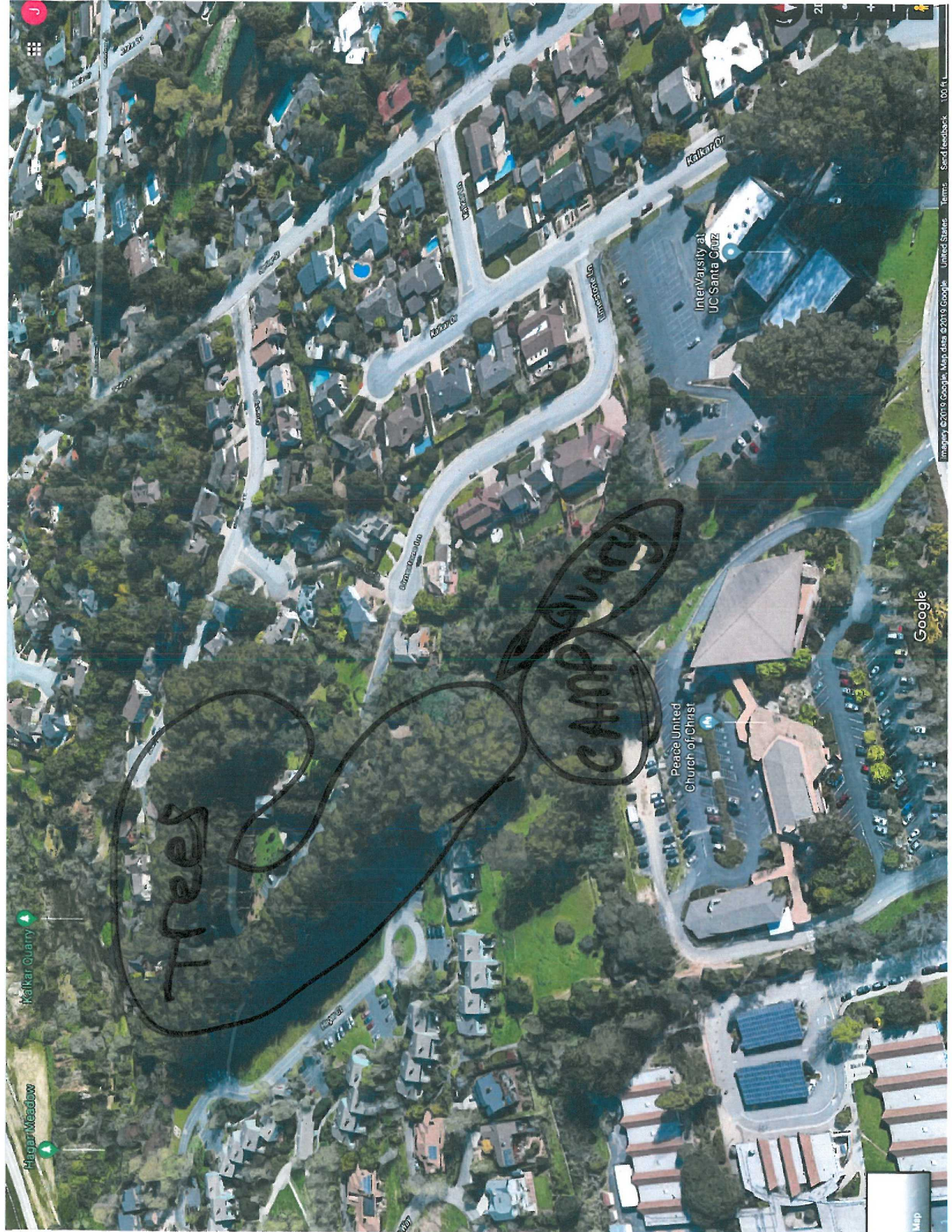
We have already experienced illegal camping, fires, needles, and human feces in our open space seemingly related to the overnight parking program provided by the churches. Our 17 acres of open spaces are secluded, difficult to surveil and easily accessed from these three sites. In addition, we are concerned that even a temporary camp would put our HOA open space "on the map" and we will have ongoing problems with people camping on our property in the future.

Site 1 is located in the vicinity of two schools. Children use these trails surrounding this site to go to and from school. Bringing this element within such close proximity of so many young children is extremely concerning to our neighbors and we would hope that it is concerning to the City Counsel.

Our HOA is concerned that these special contributing factors were left off of the proposal. Site 1 is so small that it will not significantly impact the housing situation. It is in a high risk fire area and borders private open space that will be seriously impacted while having an impact upon elementary age children. Site 1 is dangerous and inappropriate.

Respectfully,

Springtree HOA



Kalkar Quarry

Mogan Meadow

InterVarsity at UC Santa Cruz

Peace United Church of Christ

Google

Rosemary Balsley

From: Tyler Black <tylerjblack1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:11 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless Camp Crisis

Dear City Council,

I write this email as a concerned citizen and as someone who has only lived in Santa Cruz for a couple of years. One of the very first things my wife and I noticed about Santa Cruz was the large amounts of homeless people that were highly visible around town. I was saddened by the state that many people found themselves in and I was also concerned for the safety issues that I figured must arise from such a situation. Downtown Santa Cruz is such a pretty place to walk and shop, but often my wife and I will start to feel uncomfortable and unsafe due to the presence of homeless people. I wondered, "why does the city allow this?" Are they not embarrassed by the large amounts of people in such a terrible state?"

I grew concerned when I started to see the current encampment grow on River Street. I thought surely that will present some major issues. After reflecting I came to the conclusion that the city allowed the encampment to grow since it brought all those suffering to one place and that they might be served better by the fact that they are all in one place.

As time went on I watched a few tents turn into a cesspool. Every report from the camp has been of diseases, unsanitary conditions, drug abuse and human suffering.

It has brought to my attention that the City Council is considering allowing this to spread to other sites in the city. This would be a catastrophe. Why would we consider allowing more sites when the one we already have is presenting such a huge problem for the residents?

We need to find compassionate solutions to this crisis while making sure that we protect all the citizens of Santa Cruz. People are suffering in the camp and allowing such suffering to spread would be a disaster for the City.

I would ask that the Council works to find housing for its people and that the camp is closed. Please do not allow the problem to spread. Please work to find solutions that will benefit all. I would happily pay a higher tax rate to supply funds to deal with the issue and open more shelters or whatever else it takes.

Please protect all the people of this beautiful city.

Sincerely,
Tyler Black

Rosemary Balsley

From: Linette Quist <linette.quist@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:11 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

- Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.
- Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure locations.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Rosemary Balsley

From: Ritch Haselden <rhaselden2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:11 AM
To: City Council
Subject: No Homeless Parks without Review

I am a lifelong Santa Cruz resident and the state of what is taking place regarding the homeless and lack of enforcement is both disturbing and infuriating. It would appear that the persons actually paying taxes in Santa Cruz are the enemy and the homeless and transients are the ones to be coddled. Have you been to Costco when the facility on River Street was in operation? Is that what you want for the Upper Westside or Delaware? How are these event options that are considered? The city council needs a real gut check on what is proper and good for Santa Cruz and implement real strategies to share the load of homeless with the rest of the county and where these folks are coming from.

I am vehemently opposed to any additional support and any and all proposals for parking and parks without citizen review. Clearly there are some on the board that should be evaluated for their ability to perform the duties of the average Santa Cruz citizen.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Cliff Pearson <crpearson@me.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:10 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I do not support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Malka Nagel <nagelrealestate@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:10 AM
To: City Council
Subject: No homeless emergency

Sounds like the homeless emergency is what our president is calling at the border. A way to bypass laws and hearings and enact whatever he wants. Any emergency is one the city council has created. Thefts and burglary is up. Is assault next ?

Tent cities should not be erected.

Build it and they will come. Great - lets all live in the streets and have the homeowners pay for it!

Malka Nagel

Rosemary Balsley

From: Danette Sutton <drdsutton1984@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:06 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless shelters and encampments

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with the city councils support of offering homeless encampments and use of parks and free RV parking in Santa Cruz.

I was born and raised in Santa Cruz. My parents met at Santa Cruz High; I and my daughter also graduated from Santa Cruz High. My father served as a police officer in Santa Cruz for approximately 9-10 years before buying a local downtown business in 1965 - he and my mom owned and were onsite managers for almost 40 years. I saw my parents of a small store deal with panhandlers, shoplifters, shoulder tapping and vagrants over the years, as well as attempted robberies and holdups. Even then, peeing on the lot and defecating in public were issues that only intensified over time. A small store gets a reputation on the street - tolerate this behavior and you will get more of the same. Allow shoplifting to go unpunished and you will get more of it. In the last decade (store was sold in 2003), there were so many people 86'd from the store that we had to keep a very large photo album with Polaroid pictures to identify the expanding and overwhelming number of people not allowed to return to the store. My parents were very proactive about keeping the lot clean and safe for its customers, as well as their employees. They were the first to hire on site security three nights a week to ensure this. They put the safety of their customers first.

I have seen the city of Santa Cruz become a homeless haven for drug addicts and alcoholics who do not want to follow the law of the land or abide by the rules of already existing shelters. Why are we making allowances for bad behavior at the expense of the safety of our citizens, families and children? Camp Ross is an unsafe eyesore led by a felon and with recent murders. Is this what we want to expand across our city?

The neighborhood on the Westside is besieged with thieves, tire slashings, broken car windows, vandalism, breaking and entering at all hours of day or night. This isn't the town I grew up in and it's getting worse.

The homeless that lost jobs or homes are not the people I'm referring to. The homeless that don't care about the town they take advantage of, steal from, that are not responsible and not accountable to our laws is the problem. We have shelters for a reason. Let's not make our town, our parks, our neighborhoods, a haven for people that have no concern for others.

I strongly urge the city council to put the safety of our citizens first.

Sincerely,

Danette Sutton

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Mark Wallwork <mrkwallwrk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:06 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Against Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Resolution

Becoming codependent on homelessness cause by drug depenancey is not the solution. Enabling permanent housing and suppling needles for homeless will not only hurt the homeless, and tax payers of Santa Cruz county, it will continue to attract like addicts.

Regards,
Mark Wallwork
95 Green Valley Road
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

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Cheers,
Mark

Rosemary Balsley

From: Kevin Monahan <kevin@video4.biz>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:05 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Denise Gallant
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

Although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services on suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

I request that the Council make the following changes to the Declaration set for vote on March 19:

- Amend the Declaration so that shelters cannot be placed in parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks without first requiring public and environmental review.
- Amend the Declaration so that it only allows public exemptions for fully managed, professionally staffed, and secure shelter facilities.
- Amend the Declaration so that it expressly requests that the County Board of Supervisors create shelter locations outside the City, and to have the County bear its fair share of the burden of helping and serving the homeless population.

Sincerely

Kevin Monahan
Denise Gallant

Rosemary Balsley

From: ELLEN KETT <bucciel@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:05 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Cheers Ellen Kett

Please forgive any errors as this is sent via my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Alan Goldstein <algsue.1@me.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:05 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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.....*Alan Goldstein*
734 Chestnut St

Rosemary Balsley

From: Jasmine Cernik Yu <jasminecy@ymail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:03 AM
To: City Council
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Thank you for listening to your voters! The community needs to be safe for all.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Jeremy Orvik <jeremy@orvik.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:02 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

The homeless population within Santa Cruz County is an incredibly difficult problem to manage and tackle. However- the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration is NOT the way to address it.

Are you honestly proposing that our beaches- our parks- being legally declared open for public use/encampment without considering the environmental and social impacts?

My daughter has nearly stepped on needles at our parks.

I have to walk in front of my family whenever we go downtown, so that the homeless population doesn't approach my child.

Would you please consider a stance on the homeless situation here that considers and empowers those of us who work here, pay taxes here and are trying to raise our families here- not just those of us in rehab, failing out of rehab and looking for public handouts?

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Thank you.
Jeremy Orvik

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Anne Elliott <aelliott311@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:02 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Anne Elliott
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Please do not allow the homeless to camp out on sidewalks, lots, parks and /or the beach. They need to be in areas with adequate sanitation so that diseases are not spread to the community.

Thank you.
Kind regards,
Anne Elliott
Surfside Apartments

Rosemary Balsley

From: Maureen Harrison <meharrisonstudio@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:00 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless Issues

Regarding the Homeless Crisis Emergency:

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- Maureen Harrison

Rosemary Balsley

From: Agnes Chien <agchien@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:00 AM
To: City Council
Subject: March 19 meeting - Shelter Crisis Declaration

Dear Councilmembers,

I am proud to have lived and voted for many years in a city that provide housing and sheltering for our challenged residents.

I am a nearly forty-year resident and voter in the City of Santa Cruz living near both West Lake Park and the three churches on High Street. Over this time our middle class has thinned with families having left to more affordable communities as our unsheltered population has grown. Our family has seen human feces in the park, worried about needles in the same park with all the charming soccer and other athletic practice sessions of young recreational teams. I have come upon recreational vehicles parked and hosted overnight and sometimes during the day in the Messiah Lutheran parking lot. Over our life here we have removed a structure from our backyard that our children used when it became apparent despite a fence that a blanket that was not our had taken up residence in it.

This is to comment on your meeting of March 12 and in particular on the matter of the proposed Declaration of Shelter Crisis that you will consider tomorrow.

Thank you for your commitment and openness to public comment on the challenge in Santa Cruz, both city and county, of our homeless.

According to <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/homeless/is-seattles-homeless-crisis-the-worst-in-the-country/> the homelessness rate per 10,000 residents in Seattle is 54.

Using local data it is reasonable to estimate for the County of Santa Cruz 81 per 10,000 (i.e., 2249 homeless / population of 276000) and for the City of Santa Cruz a rate of 185 (i.e., 1204 homeless / population 65000).

The large homeless per capita rate here means that citizens here are even more stressed than are citizens of “top ten” US cities for homelessness.

While homelessness wears most on the homeless, please recognize that the extraordinary rate here also wears on our citizenry. This being the case,

I urge stronger processes and procedure for public input and ask amendments such:

- that the Shelter Crisis Declaration include public review of sheltering projects that will take place on public lands, particularly those that have multiple other uses for members of the general public – parks, beaches, streets and sidewalks – that already include public investment and support through tax revenues.
- that the Declaration provide for exemptions to other codes, the Coastal Commission and CEQA acts only when sites are secure and professionally staffed and managed and
- that the Declaration be in coordination with like effort from the County of Santa Cruz.

Sincerely,
Agnes Chien

Rosemary Balsley

From: r greenwald <handymanbob@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:59 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I realize this is a "canned letter", but I agree with and support what it proposes!

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sincerely,
robert greenwald

Rosemary Balsley

From: Jon Eric Ritland <eritland@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:59 AM
To: City Council
Subject: No Homeless in the parks and streets.

If you all want to the homeless so much, then invite them over to your house. They can camp in your own yards. Not on the streets.

JER

Rosemary Balsley

From: Eric Summers <ericwsummers@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:56 AM
To: City Council
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Eric Summers

Rosemary Balsley

From: mike schwenne <mikeschwenne@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:55 AM
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Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Mark Sanchez <mark.h.sanchez@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:55 AM
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Sincerely,
Mark Sanchez

Rosemary Balsley

From: Active Tetaldo <activecc108@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:53 AM
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- Get federal funding for hospital for mental illness and addiction homeless people
- Get federal funding for housing for homeless who do not need hospitalization.

✧ Cathy ✧

Rosemary Balsley

From: Kat Weaver <kweaver@ecoact.org>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:53 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers
Subject: Declaration is Anti-Democratic

Dear City Council,

- I am concerned that the emergency declaration is anti-democratic, because it eliminates the voice of the public on matters which have a direct impact on them.
- I do not welcome a camp in our neighborhoods or parks where our children play and explore due to concerns about crime and safety.

P.S. My property taxes go to fund space and places that my family can use and enjoy. Co-opting these places for individuals who do not pay property taxes and could possibly be unregistered sex offenders or violent offenders is unacceptable. Your charge as a council is to represent city residents, tax paying, contributing city residents. You need to reorient your perspectives and listen to the thousands of voices telling you that your decisions are misaligned.

Thank you,
Kathleen

Kat Weaver | Energy Marketing Manager

Ecology Action | www.ecoact.org

Direct: (831) 515-1332

Rosemary Balsley

From: julia mcdermott <jreamcd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:50 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Emergency homeless declaration and camp situation

Hello City Council,

The City of Santa Cruz is home to over 64,000 people, many who struggle working multiple jobs to afford to live here and raise families. We work very hard to be able to enjoy our beaches, parks and public spaces. We expect them to be clean and safe. Our children and grandchildren should be able to run across the sand to the ocean and NOT BE WARNED TO LOOK OUT FOR NEEDLES. They should also not be harassed by drug and alcohol fueled folks at every turn, on downtown streets, in parks, on beaches, in public bathrooms and even in their front yards.

The recent six suggested city properties to move the homeless from the camp behind Ross are all not appropriate. The main reason, because there are families and children both living close by or using schools, parks and areas that are close by. With the County HSA handing out 300-600 needles at the camp, this is a situation that no one needs to see or experience up close.

Our homeless population is around 60% drug and mentally ill. We only have 16 (Telecare) local mental health inpatient beds. Same goes for inpatient drug rehabilitation beds (Janus 40) and only 10 sobering beds at our local Jail. Our County Jail medical care is run by a for profit corporation California Forensic Medical Group, a company with a track record of civil rights violations and substandard detox capabilities. The Jail is defacto our local mental health and medical facility for the homeless when they are picked up on various misdemeanor charges, booked and released in less than 24 hrs.

This is a Public Health Crisis, some solutions should be focused on treating the underlying causes of 60% of those that are homeless, not putting up band-aid camps that offer no treatment, education, referrals, jobs or even hope for recovery! But, most of the solutions should be focused on helping the other 40% homeless that want to work and not be homeless.

Recent homeless stats:
62% age 25+
75% Men
51% White
87% not parents to children under 18
48% were under age 25 first time they experienced homelessness
27 % responded have been in the system foster care
29% spent a night in jail in previous 12 months
39% suffering from psychiatric or emotional conditions
32% suffering from PTSD
31% have chronic health conditions
38% have drug or alcohol abuse problems
32% receive government benefits
36% don't think they are eligible for benefits, 29% never applied, 23% don't have ID to apply
36% live on the street
4% abandoned buildings
30% in vehicles
10% in encampments

The City and the County need to invest money in wrap around services: licensed medical professionals, mental health clinicians, social workers, substance abuse counselors, harm reduction run by nurses, vocational and job training programs, restorative justice advocates and offer incentives for those that choose to get off the street. Services with time limits and measurable goals along the way. Invest the 10 million in organizations that are already performing these services or in new ones that can and want to do them!

Providing pieces of land and basic amenities for people to "experiment with sobriety" is NOT THE ANSWER. Those that choose to use drugs, harm others, steal and harm themselves will end up in jail or dead. Do not give them money, it doesn't help. They need programs for sobriety and mental health, even if that means arresting and forcing them to choose between a lock down treatment program or serving time. It is not ok to force taxpayers to pay for addicts who then harm our community. We cannot support camps to harbor addicts that then decimate our open spaces, parks and beaches and criminally prey on and victimize the truly suffering homeless and use them for secondary gain.

Please use our taxes for city infrastructure repair, local school books and supplies, and to help our local teachers, service industry professionals, fireman, nurses, and police afford housing! Why can't some of the homeless funds go toward rent and/or closing costs for buying homes for all our service people?

Thank you.

Julia McDermott

Rosemary Balsley

From: Barb Acosta <barb.acosta66@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:47 AM
To: City Council; Barb Acosta
Subject: Vote NO on Emergency Declaration

Dear City Council,

- I want to emphasize to City Council Members that the emergency declaration is anti-democratic, because it eliminates the voice of the public on matters which have a direct impact on them.
- I do not welcome a camp in our neighborhoods or city or state parks where our children play and explore due to concerns about crime and safety.

Thank you.

Barbara Myers Acosta
240 Swanton Blvd
Santa Cruz, CA. 95060

Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: David Cole <colesantacruz@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:47 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless in the city's parks

Please don't take away our city parks. We have seen the needles, trash and other problems associated with allowing homeless occupation of various parts of the city in the past. Have we learned nothing? I would like to see a safe, monitored location established for these people - spreading them out into our parks and neighborhoods is not the answer. We elected you to solve problems, not to make things worse.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Dee Larsen <dlarsen@pertria.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:46 AM
To: City Council
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Rosemary Balsley

From: Lynn - <lynn@santacruztogether.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:45 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I'm in communication every day with people concerned about Santa Cruz Housing. There is considerable alarm and eroding public confidence in the City Council, due to over-reaching homeless policy.

I understand there is a legal requirement to relocate the Ross Camp and have a designated destination for those experiencing homelessness. However, why not meet the minimum legal requirement, and then take the time to team with County to use the \$10 million HEAP grant for the most cost effective solution in both the short-term and the medium-term.

The federal homeless agency cautions cities against sanctioned encampments; see their findings here:
https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset_library/Caution_Sanctioned_Encampments_Safe_Zones_052318.pdf

There is an entire federal agency studying best practices to end homelessness. Take the time to absorb more information.

Please consider what the 65,000 residents of Santa Cruz and balance it against the desires of the 100 in the Ross camp. To balance the needs of those experiencing homelessness against the needs of the vast majority, please consider the following:

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Thank you for your service,
Lynn Renshaw

Rosemary Balsley

From: Active Tetaldo <activecc108@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:12 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homelessness out of neighborhoods and parks

We want to support these homeless people and we also want to allow children and people to safely walk their neighborhoods and walk to school and friends houses. Here you are trying to build more apartments and no parking so people can walk and yet making it not safe with all these homeless people in the neighborhoods. It is not safe to have the homeless people located in every park, street, under bridges, creeks, rivers etc. in our town. You are kicking those of us that live here out of our parks and our neighborhoods !!

Can we build a building somewhere for them to camp in and store their things so they don't need to wander with all their stuff daily. This is out of control here. With the millions of dollars you have for these people build them a place!, When we had the earthquake in 1989 we had big tents put up for businesses. Can we put a few of these big tents up to cover everyone's tents behind Ross or new location on river street.

Let's have some respect for those of us that are not homeless that have been living in this town for 40 years with kids and grandkids now here in neighborhoods that are not safe! Things are getting stolen daily!

Rosemary Balsley

From: Jesse Kempa <jesse.kempa@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:35 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Resolution on homeless and shelter crisis

Dear Mayor Watkins & Santa Cruz City Council,

I am writing concerning the proposed resolution declaring a shelter crisis.

I have resided in Santa Cruz county for nineteen years. I presently reside in the city of Santa Cruz. I have previously worked in the city of Santa Cruz for twelve years, including seven years in an office downtown on Pacific Ave. Throughout this time I have observed the issues with homelessness, substance abuse, and mental health that plague our city, and the suffering of those whose lives are affected by it.

There is no disagreement about the problems we face, as well as other cities seeing an escalation of suffering and homelessness in recent years. The camp near Highway 1/River Street has only thrust this into the public eye, and to the extent that people are more aware of this suffering, rather than hidden away, perhaps that is a good thing.

With that said, I am completely opposed to the resolution as written, or to solutions to this problem that involve any of the following:

- Creation of or condoning homeless encampment areas
- Allowing residence within vehicles
- Allowing residence in public places
- Or to provide any law relief or services without vetting the recipient for their choice of lifestyle...

As I see it, we have a larger problem in our society, and much of that is centric around substance abuse. I believe that any actions taken to provide for persons engaging in that lifestyle, who are not willing or ready to change, will only enable that lifestyle, and attract additional individuals to Santa Cruz who see it as an accepting place.

We must adopt a will to stand up and say no. To uphold the law, to fiercely prosecute those who sell drugs, steal, or vandalize property to support that lifestyle.

It's time to ask ourselves as a city: Does Santa Cruz enable this lifestyle?

At the same time, I recognize the plight and suffering of individuals who become homeless because of job loss, domestic violence, mental health issues, or financial burden. I also recognize that some in the homeless population with substance abuse issues are ready to become sober and begin a recovery. My heart goes out to those people, and I support measures and funding to help them on their feet, to become sober and fight the disease of addiction, and to begin a normal life.

To fail to draw a distinction between people who are ready and willing to change, or who are too mentally ill to care for themselves, and the people who want to continue a lifestyle of substance abuse, is a recipe to continue the escalation of this problem.

Respectfully yours,

Jesse Kempa

Rosemary Balsley

From: Christopher Wellise <cwellise1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:34 AM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Sandy Brown; Drew Glover; Chris Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; Donna Meyers; City Council
Subject: Declaration of State of Emergency / Crisis

Dear City Council,

1. I am concerned that the emergency declaration is anti-democratic, and eliminates the voice of the public on matters which have a direct impact on us as voters and tax payers. I find this eerily similar to the Trump Administrations use of the "State of Emergency" declaration at the Border.
2. I do not welcome camps in our neighborhoods or parks where our children play and explore, due to concerns about crime, safety and the environment.
3. I encourage you to watch the recent documentary on Seattle by KOMO Channel 4 News. <https://komonews.com/news/local/komo-news-special-seattle-is-dying>

Thank you.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Samantha Petovello <samantha.petovello@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:34 AM
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Regards,

Samantha

Sent from my iPhone

Rosemary Balsley

From: George Pepper <geomajors@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:32 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless Plan a No Go

I wish to express my deep concern and displeasure with your rushed plan. This city is too small to spend the money and facilities to support a large group of drug addicts and mentally ill people that choose to come here and take advantage of us. And I am a liberal Democrat....

George Pepper
345 Majors St
Santa Cruz CA 95060

Rosemary Balsley

From: Tricia Proctor <t.proctor@nhs-inc.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:32 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Drug Induced Homeless Thieves emergency crisis

Dear Santa Cruz City Council, I along with thousands of life long Santa Cruz residents hold each and everyone of you responsible for the Drug Induced Homeless Thieves Issue you've welcomed into Santa Cruz County. I'm not sure how you sleep at night with this disgust you've created. Now you want to expand this gross condition to our beaches, parks, churches, neighborhoods & work places as an encampment. Absolutely not!

After watching local news stories and interviews of the Ross camp Drug Induced Homeless Thieves it appears you have very little support from them as far as going to a shelter beds. Reason being they have to be SOBER!

How about placing a billboard up (at the Ross Camp) for all to see how many open beds are available in the shelter vs how many choose to remain "free" and continue taking all the free hand outs you provide and steal from us?

Another thing you need to make public is how many of these Drug Induced Homeless Thieves are from this area? Do you vet them prior to handing out freebies? Anyone not from here, meaning they did not have a local home, job and drug free prior to the camp need to be put back on a bus and taken back to where they are from. PERIOD. Do not give them anything, do not allow them to continue to be here. You received 10 million for this problem you've created. Take that 10 million and buy some one way tickets out of here.

Truly homeless individuals and families are the ones we should help. NOT the others.

STOP handing out needles please. STOP. Let them figure it out. STOP enabling them to shoot up clean only to turn around and toss those used dirty needles on the ground. 600 a day? Seriously...

We are so disappointed in what you all have created. Shame on you. Maybe buy yourself a one way ticket out of here as well but take your problem with you.

Tricia Proctor

Rosemary Balsley

From: Cynthia Hawthorne <kacima@cruzio.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:32 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Sustainable solutions to long standing problems

Dear Councilmembers,

Please do your best to prevent the vitriol of the housed vs unhoused. Community members are being lobbied heavily to write to you.... out of fear.

I do support "safe parking" as a temporary solution and was an early supporter of partnering with the Faith Community,. However, any proposal has to be matched with sustainable infrastructure and security.

We have a moment in time here in Santa Cruz County to create effective compassionate options to better treat mental illness, addiction, and the failure of our education and medical system all of which have to be acknowledged in any lasting solutions for unhoused community members.

Its been my pleasure to volunteer with the Downtown Streets Team recently and the more I learn the more complicated the web of solving homelessness becomes.

Being unhoused is just one of the issues faced by the homeless. And often not even the most pressing.

We need the resources for individual assessment to create lasting solutions, as DST does every day. DST is changing the lives of one person at a time forever. It takes more time but the peer to peer approach is cost effective successful and compassionate. DST is a team, and really more of a family.

As you consider solutions, please take the time to learn more about the Downtown Streets Team. They are solving problems of our community members who live on our streets one person at a time and deserve the full support of the City and County as an effective sustainable solution to long standing unsolved problems.

Cynthia Hawthorne

Rosemary Balsley

From: Owen Brown <owenbrown@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:31 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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I recognize that the homeless problem is a complex one with many facets including affordable housing, mental health counseling, drug rehabilitation and others. Hopefully a plan can be developed to address each of these facets. I'd suggest first helping those people who have become homeless through no fault of their own, who wish to improve their situation, and don't have additional mental health or drug related issues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Owen Brown
164 Frederick Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Rosemary Balsley

From: David Terrazas <davidjamesterrazas@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:30 AM
To: Martine Watkins; Justin Cummings; Donna Meyers; Sandy Brown; Christopher Krohn; Cynthia Mathews; City Council
Cc: Anthony Condotti
Subject: March 19, 2019 - 4:15 p.m. Special Session - Agenda Item #2 - Response to Homelessness / Revised Declaration of Emergency Shelter Crisis in the City of Santa Cruz
Attachments: March-19-2019-ResolutionRedlineProposal.pdf

Santa Cruz City Council Members
City of Santa Cruz
809 Center Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Agenda Item #2 - Response to Homelessness / Revised Declaration of Emergency Shelter Crisis in the City of Santa Cruz

Mayor Watkins and Santa Cruz City Council Members:

Attached please find further proposed amendments to the Resolution Declaring a Homeless Crisis for your review to include in the Staff Proposed Resolution.

We know that our City alone cannot adequately respond to the present Homelessness crisis and associated need for effective Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services.

Unless the County steps forward to participate in the process, the homeless population will continue to be directed to the City and our ability to respond to the increasing impacts will overwhelm City programs & services, available budget and our city staff's ability to respond and deliver city core services.

In order to properly address our current homeless situation we need to do each of the following:

- We need to directly request and insist that the County of Santa Cruz place emergency homeless facilities in the unincorporated area of the County. The county must establish 24 hr, supervised locations that serve as emergency shelter locations, similar to that planned by the City.
- We know that most of the homeless in the City come from the County, other Cities in the County and from beyond the County. We also know that the location of the main jail results in the homeless being transported to the City from around the County and being released into the City, without homes, and without a place to go.
- We know that the Emeline County Health Complex, located in the the city of Santa Cruz, directly results in neighborhood impacts in the City of Santa Cruz as a result of the services and programs operated out of the facility.
- We know that other jurisdictions actually transport homeless and mentally ill into the City, either directly or by offering transportation.

A sustainable City Homeless policy requires a sustainable County Homeless policy. Now is the time to demand that the County assume its fair share of the burden, including the placement of emergency shelters in

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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ DECLARING THE
EXISTENCE OF A SHELTER CRISIS IN THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ AND SUSPENDING
APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL LAW PURSUANT TO THE
CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE RELATED TO PROVIDING PUBLIC FACILITIES
TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF THE SHELTER CRISIS

WHEREAS, a significant number of persons are living unsheltered in the City of Santa Cruz, without the ability to obtain shelter; and

WHEREAS, in the 2017 Point-in-Time Homeless Census, the City of Santa Cruz was found to have the highest number of individuals experiencing homelessness in the county, with 1,204 counted in the City and 2,249 countywide; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Point-in-Time Homeless Census also determined that 80% of the countywide homeless population was unsheltered, and this equates to an estimated 963 individuals within the City without shelter on any given night and living on the streets, in vehicles and in encampments in public and private spaces; and

WHEREAS, our community's homeless population includes veterans, women, children, youth, persons with disabilities, seniors and other vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, individuals without shelter are at risk of injury and harm due to exposure to the elements and due to other health, safety and welfare-related circumstances and consequences associated with living outdoors; and

WHEREAS, such individuals generally camp or sleep overnight on or in City parks, sidewalks, parking lots, rights of way and beaches, leading to conditions that are unsafe and unsanitary, both for the population of individuals experiencing homelessness and the members of the public who use those City parks, sidewalks, parking lots, and beaches; and

WHEREAS, the effects and impacts of such camping and overnight sleeping activities have an adverse effect on the health and safety of the people in the City, including the population of individuals experiencing homelessness and the public at large, and those effects and impacts constitute a public health hazard; and

WHEREAS, while the City and County provide funding for shelters for individuals experiencing homelessness, which improves access to sanitary conditions for those individuals, according to the 2017 Point-In-Time Census there are currently a greater number of homeless individuals than the number of shelter beds that funding provides at this time; and

WHEREAS, the City and County are pursuing options to open and operate certain suitable public facilities to provide shelter for homeless individuals and their belongings, including on the publicly or privately owned property ~~and public rights-of-way~~ for use as shelters, which may include shelters of the type that provide a "bridge" to housing ("Temporary Bridge Shelters") for individuals who may be eligible for placement in permanent supportive housing, in addition to other public facilities that the City may determine are available for such a purpose or other shelter-related purposes, which facilities may include City or County owned or operated buildings, vacant

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or underutilized land, ~~or parkland~~ to provide facilities that will provide access to restrooms and hand wash stations until one or more permanent shelter locations are operational; and

WHEREAS, strict compliance with otherwise applicable state or local statutes, regulations, and ordinances that prescribe standards for housing, health, and safety may prevent, hinder, or delay the establishment and operation of such facilities for shelter purposes and would thereby prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the shelter crisis, including by impeding the City's ability to provide improved sanitary living conditions for individuals experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code section 8698 et seq., the City may declare that a shelter crisis exists within its territory, and an effect of such a declaration is that state and local statutes, regulations, and ordinances that prescribe standards for housing, health, or safety that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the shelter crisis shall be suspended, which state and local statutes include, but are not limited to, specific provisions of: the Santa Cruz Municipal Code, including, but not limited to, rules that regulate specific activities that may occur in public facilities and public property; and

WHEREAS, if the provisions of any state or local regulatory statute, regulation or ordinance prescribing standards of housing, health, or safety, are so suspended, California Government Code Section 8698.1 authorizes the City to adopt substitute standards to ensure public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2017 the Santa Cruz City Council formally adopted the 20 recommendations of the Council's Homelessness Coordinating Committee, which included support for emergency homeless services and pursuit of day services and a permanent year-round shelter, and further directed that the City accelerate efforts to expand shelter options and to explore an official declaration of a state of emergency for homelessness; and

WHEREAS, to address the overwhelming number of unsheltered homeless individuals, the City, in partnership with the County of Santa Cruz, is pursuing a phased approach to increase permanent shelter capacity and strengthen pathways out of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, on March 12 and 19, 2019, the Council of the City of Santa Cruz held a duly noticed public meeting and considered the written record for the action, as well as public comment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Cruz hereby finds and adopts the recitals above as findings and determinations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Cruz hereby finds and declares the existence of a shelter crisis in the City of Santa Cruz pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code section 8698.2(a)(1) because it finds that a significant number of persons in the City and County are without the ability to obtain shelter, which results in a threat to their health and safety and the health and safety of the community at large.

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this declaration of the existence of a shelter crisis shall continue in effect until terminated by the Council of the City of Santa Cruz, which termination shall not occur while a significant number of persons remain without the ability to obtain shelter~~

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~~or while unsanitary sleeping and living conditions or other conditions endanger the health and safety of those unable to obtain shelter.~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the exemption from public review and public process as set forth in this resolution shall continue in effect only until such date that the City of Santa Cruz and/or the County of Santa Cruz have identified and authorized shelter location(s) sufficient to comply with the holding of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal decision in the case of Martin et al v. City of Boise so as to allow the reasonable enforcement of laws against, and regulation of, unlawful camping within the City of Santa Cruz.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City asserts the immunity provided by California Government Code section 8698.1(a), which immunity applies to ordinary negligence in the provision of shelter to mitigate this crisis and that, pursuant to California Government Code section 8698.1(b), the provisions of state or local regulatory statutes, regulations, and ordinances prescribing standards of housing, health, or safety are deemed suspended and inapplicable to activities related to the shelter crisis, *within the scope of this resolution*, because strict compliance with such statutes, regulations, and ordinances would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the shelter crisis; including specifically that they are suspended and inapplicable to the establishment and operation of the Temporary Bridge Shelters and the establishment and operation of any other public facilities that the City may make available to unsheltered individuals as reasonably determined by the City to be necessary to mitigate the effects of the shelter crisis and that, with respect to such facilities, the Council of the City of Santa Cruz authorizes the City Manager to apply health and safety standards consistent with the requirements of California Government Code section 8698.1(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be applicable solely to the provision of Temporary Bridge Shelters and related facilities that are intended to provide an immediate and temporary safe, sanitary and dry alternative for persons who are living without shelter in the parks, sidewalks, parking lots, beaches, streets, drainage ditches, and other public or private spaces within the City of Santa Cruz, for the purposes of offering an alternative to such living conditions, and for purposes of complying with any requirements under the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal decision in the case of Martin et al v. City of Boise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be applicable solely to the provision of Temporary Bridge Shelters and related facilities that are adequately supervised, staffed and supported by qualified professionals twenty four hours per day, every day of the week, so as to ensure that the such Shelters and facilities remain safe, sanitary, dry, free of violence, free of the sale or use of illegal drugs, with mental health support, and otherwise managed so that no nuisance is presented to either the persons within the site or without the site of the shelter or facility. Nothing herein shall be construed as allowing or authorizing the use of public rights of way, public sidewalk, any beach, or any public park as an emergency shelter location, and by this resolution the City council expressly forbids any such use. Further, the exemption from review and regulation pursuant to this emergency declaration shall not apply to

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any proposed use of any public right of way, public sidewalk, beach, public park or any other use not specifically authorized in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be applicable solely to the provision of Temporary Bridge Shelters and related facilities that are operated so as to adequately supervise and restrict access to said sites solely to (1) the persons who have registered by the site manager, and (2) individuals who are not residents of the site but have been individually approved by the site manager for purposes of bringing support services for the persons registered for the use of said site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby directed that the City Council finds that the creation and maintenance of sufficient temporary emergency shelter as described in this resolution is considered to be among the highest priority in order to maintain the quality of life for all residents of the City of Santa Cruz, and that the City Manager is to proceed with all due dispatch in accomplishing the goals of this resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby directed to review the available financial resources of the City for purposes of providing long term funding for the emergency shelter services described in this Resolution, and to present to the City Council options for substantially altering the spending priorities of the City, or raising additional funding, so as to ensure that sufficient long term funding is made available for the purposes of maintaining the emergency shelter services described in this Resolution. The City Council directs the City Manager to identify County Funding for Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Addiction, and Public Guardian Services which are the responsibility of the County. Furthermore, the City Manager is directed to propose options that do not include significant reductions in the budgets from the Police Department nor from the Parks Department or Parks Maintenance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby directed to initiate express, urgent, direct and continuous overtures to the County of Santa Cruz for the purpose of urging the County of Santa Cruz to (1) declare a state of emergency in a form similar to that presented in this Resolution; (2) to assume its fair share of the financial burden of providing for the care and support of the unsheltered homeless and indigent population in both the City and the County, (3) to locate, establish, and maintain within the unincorporated area of the County additional temporary emergency shelter facilities similar to that described in this Resolution, and (4) to urge the County of Santa Cruz to provide and plan for financial resources from its general fund, or from other available state provided funds, including but not limited to the Mental Health Services Act, to support services for the unsheltered indigent population in both the City and County. The City Manager is directed to request from the County a commitment to provide such funding both during the availability of the HEAP funding and thereafter. The City Manager shall report the progress on all such efforts to the City Council on a regular basis, but no less than monthly.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby directed to ensure that the City initiate a process for collecting demographic information necessary to the process of developing a sustainable and out-come based homeless policy, including such information as may relate to the work history, residence and life history, family, criminal history, eligibility for government or private support, disabilities, special needs, and other relevant data related the individuals to be served in the described shelters and facilities. Said information shall be confidential as to the subject individual to whom it relates but shall be made aggregated and made available to the City Council, City Staff, and the public at large, in a format that does not identify the individuals to whom it relates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Cruz requests that the City's labor management representatives expeditiously resolve, in accordance with approved memoranda of understanding between the City and its recognized employee organizations and the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act, any labor relations matters related to the City's response to the shelter crisis, as related to the use of any public facilities that the City may make available to unsheltered individuals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in light of the homeless shelter crisis described herein, to facilitate the expeditious provision of Temporary Bridge Shelters and other public facilities that the City may make available to unsheltered individuals, the Council hereby authorizes that any permits necessary for such facilities, [within the scope of this resolution](#), may, during a period of a declared homeless shelter crisis, forego any reviews and/or decisions by lower hearing bodies otherwise called for by the Municipal Code (including but not limited to Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, and Zoning Administrator) and may be forwarded directly to the City Council for final action. [However, in any case where the City Council of the City of Santa Cruz is called upon to determine the location, nature or authorization necessary or related to the establishment of any Temporary Bridge Shelters or other public facilities as described herein \(excepting only the location at 1220 River Street, Santa Cruz\), the required public notice for hearing any such matter pursuant to this Resolution shall be extended to 14 full days.](#)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any one of the reasons stated herein as support for the declaration of a shelter crisis forms a sufficient basis on which to base that determination independent of any other justification for the determination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, or his or her designee, is authorized to execute documents and to perform acts as are necessary and appropriate to implement these approvals.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of March, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

APPROVED:

Martine Watkins, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Bonnie Bush, City Clerk Administrator

the unincorporated areas of the County. In addition, our provision of emergency shelters in the City must be based entirely on fully supervised, regulated and supported shelter locations. Unregulated camping will not address the root causes of homelessness in our region and instead will lead to the deterioration of the quality of life for everyone.

Finally, the proposed amended draft resolution addresses two further important issues:

1. The limited public notice required on City Council meetings should be extended to permit staff and the public the opportunity to prepare, review and analyse these type of proposals. The current practice of providing only a few days notice is insufficient to allow the public a fair opportunity for required public input. In regards to the present resolution in particular, the public requires much more time (and news sources) to become aware of these important decisions and to provide their input.
2. Also, good public policy requires that this resolution not be open ended. Therefore, I urge you to include a limitation as to the time and scope by which the resolution would be effective so as to avoid unintended results, to avoid over reach, and to require further engagement on the issue as to whether the effect of the resolution should be renewed and extended.

Thank you for your service and for your deliberation on this very complex and challenging matter.

Sincerely,
David J. Terrazas

Rosemary Balsley

From: Annaliese Black <amhoy13@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:29 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Emergency Homeless Shelter resolution

Dear Members of City Council,

As a citizen of Santa Cruz, I have become very concerned about Camp Ross on River Street in Santa Cruz. It's pretty shocking and scary to see so much human suffering and potential for disease and crime massed together in one spot. For months I've hoped that something would be done as the situation has gotten very out of hand. As I understand it, City Council will vote on an Emergency Homeless Shelter resolution that would allow city streets, parking lots, public parks and beaches to be used as homeless encampments without environmental or public review. This is very alarming to me. I am NOT ok with this as it would only make the problem worse for the homeless population and the rest of the community.

Santa Cruz is a beautiful place with a lot to offer, but when I moved here, I was shocked by the massive amounts of homeless people in areas such as the downtown. I am all for finding compassionate solutions that don't leave these poor people out to dry, but allowing them to set up camp anywhere (or even allowing the camp to stay where it is) is not scaleable solution. It would only make matters worse and encourage more homeless people to come here and do the same. I don't think it's fair to put the entire community at risk for a small percentage of the population. Surely we can find a way to attack this issue in a way that is can be beneficial for all. I would happily pay a higher tax to fund more affordable housing and mental health services for Santa Cruz.

Please consider the entire community's well-being as well as the scaleability of this emergency resolution. It is a temporary solution that will have frightening outcomes for the city of Santa Cruz.

Thank you,
Annaliese Black

Rosemary Balsley

From: Christopher Wellise <cwellise1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:28 AM
To: Martine Watkins; City Council
Subject: Santa Cruz soon to be Seattle

Dear Mayor and City Council:

After the many recent comparisons to Seattle, I encourage you all to watch this Channel 4 (KOMO) News documentary on the current fate of Seattle. It is highly educational, and has many correlations to our small community and the problems we face.

"Seattle is Dying" News Documentary:

<https://komonews.com/news/local/komo-news-special-seattle-is-dying>

Regards,

Chris
Sustainability Professional / Santa Cruz Resident

Rosemary Balsley

From: Betsy Powers <betsy@betsy-powers.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:28 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

As a tax and rent-paying citizen of Santa Cruz, and although I support the City's efforts to provide homeless services within suitable City or private property, I am asking the Council to reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of streets, sidewalks and parks for homeless services without environmental or public review.

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Raising a family in Santa Cruz is challenging and expensive. I beg you to consider options other than turning our city into a drug and disease-filled free-for-all, pushing out those very citizens who are contributing to its welfare and earning funds not only for their own families, but those in need. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Betsy Powers and family

Rosemary Balsley

From: Megan Wade <meganrentals@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:27 AM
To: City Council
Subject: We Cannot Believe You are going to allow homeless people to live in our neighborhoods and streets and parks! NOOOOO!!! this is tyranny!!!!

Rosemary Balsley

From: jfbergs <jfbergs@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:27 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless emergency

Dear City Council,

- I am concerned that the emergency declaration is anti-democratic, because it eliminates the voice of the public on matters which have a direct impact on them.
- I do not welcome a camp in our neighborhoods or parks where our children play and explore due to concerns about crime and safety.

Thank you.
Joel Steinberg, MD

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8+, an AT&T 5G Evolution smartphone

Rosemary Balsley

From: Ann Simonton <mwatch@cruzio.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:25 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Support Transitional Housing for Homeless

Dear City council members: Please consider trying an experimental transitional housing unit. It can be cheap, strict and is currently being implemented around the country. We have good examples of how to create successful units.

This crisis won't go away no matter how many DIVISIVE, NIMBY individuals write to you full of fear and hate (spread all over Nextdoor Neighbors blog).

We must act responsibly and with fiscal soundness that provides the most help for the maximum amount of homeless who WANT TO CHANGE. Many drug users will continue to seep into the forest and wherever they go. Hopefully caseworkers can be assigned for many longterm drug users, in hopes they too will someday want to STOP!

Take the challenge and attempt real change for our community. Thank you for all the hard work you all do.

Sincerely, Ann Simonton

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Taylor Wolfson <cluboctanelist@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:24 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

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Rosemary Balsley

From: Terri Richards <terri@santacruzsystems.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:23 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

You really need to evaluate your decision to put the "Emergency" declaration forward. You will lose any support you feel you have from the community. Homelessness is an issue, but turning the city into an unsafe place with increased diseases, dirty needles, etc. is an issue YOU do have control over.

Let's think this through and hopefully come up with a working solution.

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T. Richards

Rosemary Balsley

From: Dan Sullivan <dan@dansullivanconstruction.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:22 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Jean matthews (jeanmatthews2010@gmail.com)
Subject: Homeless camping

Dear council members,

I absolutely do not want homeless people camping in our parks, sidewalks or in our neighborhood. While I have compassion for people who are down on their luck, addicted or mentally ill, the very nature of their problems can be dangerous to our children. All of the problems associated with the ad hoc campground behind Ross would be dispersed throughout the city. How is that helpful to anyone?

Dan and Jean Sullivan

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Rosemary Balsley

From: aporter145-santacruz@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:22 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless Vote on Tuesday

Dear City Council,

I do not support your efforts to find viable housing within the city of Santa Cruz. The homeless need to be housed outside of the city away from our neighborhoods and families.

We are now living in constant fear of break-ins and even walking within our neighborhoods. Everywhere we see the debris of people camping on our sidewalks and parks.

The homeless don't fund the city infrastructure , they don't pay any taxes, they don't help our economy, and they don't vote! They thumb their nose at civil society and we pay the price.

Please do not support housing this unfortunate minority in our beautiful city on our parks and sidewalks without FULL PUBLIC REVIEW.

Regards,

Elaine and Alan Porter

Rosemary Balsley

From: Michelle Robin <michellejrobin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:21 AM
To: Martine Watkins; City Council
Subject: Homeless Emergency Declaration

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members,

I would like to express my great concern for the upcoming proposal before the council on the homeless relocation. It is beyond irresponsible to allow overnight parking camping on our city streets, in parks, and near schools, without environmental review and without sufficient time for input by the public. It is my opinion and that of my neighbors that this is being pushed through negligently and without regard for public and environmental safety. As a home owner and property tax payer in the city, I am outraged but this proposal that has not been properly reviewed and taken to the voters.

Why is the County not involved in this proposal? The county Board of Supervisors need to to be asked to help with this problem, to create shelters and help bear the burden of the homeless population. The disproportionate number of Homeless relative to the overall population of the city is staggering and it is because the city has allowed it. A large majority of these people are not Santa Cruz City residents who have become homeless. They are people who have migrated here because they can. Why does this fall on the shoulders of the city alone and not the County?

I moved here as a student in 1982 and have lived in many housing situations over my 35 years here. At times, I slept on couches until I found affordable housing. I moved to less expensive areas, including places outside the county. Believe me, I get it. But I finally worked my way into owning a home here. I implore the council to set up suitable facilities to manage this population, get them help, or have them move on. Unfortunately not everyone who wants to live here can afford to do so. Our city is not a campground. It is up to you to keep it from becoming one.

Michelle Robin
Westside Resident

Rosemary Balsley

From: RENATE KEMP <maalaea@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:20 AM
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Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: paeobrien@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:18 AM
To: City Council
Subject: March 19 agenda

Vote no on the homeless camping agenda items. We should not exempt our city from environmental, land use and labor laws.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Jonathan Pflueger <orthobro777@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:18 AM
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Jonathan

Rosemary Balsley

From: Scott Richards <iscottping@me.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:18 AM
To: City Council
Subject: PLEASE DON'T!

You really need to evaluate your decision to put the "Emergency" declaration forward. You will lose any support you feel you have from the community. Homelessness is an issue, but turning the city into unsafe place for disease, needles, etc. is an issue YOU do have control over.

Let's think this through and hopefully come up with a working solution.

Scott
(831-234-3161)
Pay It Forward!

Rosemary Balsley

From: Lydia Cunningham <stevlymail@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:17 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Steve Cunningham
Subject: Homeless 'Crisis'

The so-called 'homelessness' issue we have in Santa Cruz IS NOT homelessness. CALL IT WHAT IT IS – IT'S AN ADDICTION PROBLEM. At the last City Council meeting Dr. Leff and Chief Hajduk both indicated that a huge majority of those living in tents at River Street and Highway 1 are substance addicted. These people need intervention services that will help them physically and mentally, not a new parking place. Leaving these people on the street dying in filth is cruel. They don't need more than clean needles, socks, and food. THEY NEED PROFESSIONAL HELP!!!! Those who are receiving help in successful programs are grateful that someone cared enough to intervene for them. That is kind and caring!!!

r city continues to spend an extravagant amount of time and expense on this and now wants to call it an 'emergency'! The last stab at this was a \$900,000 bandaid which has fixed nothing and simply moved the problem to a new location. Filling city streets, parking lots and public parks with these people will not help them.

We believe that most people we know will be willing to donate funds to establish an intervention facility that can give these people dignity, help and hope. Please stop. Slow down. Think. Research (The Seattle and Portland models aren't working but Rhode Island has a plan that is). Work with the County and State. Get sound professional advice. Watch this video:

<http://komonews.com/news/local/komo-news-special-seattle-is-dying>

We have not heard much in the recent Council meetings about discussion with the County to help provide services. Why not? Given Dr. Leff's presentation at the last Council meeting along with the financial strain on an already hefty City budget, it seems more reasonable to do what someone has suggested: determine which of these people are Santa Cruz residents, then give the rest of them a one way ticket home. There is not a QUICK FIX solution but this would reduce the numbers. Of course, this will raise a red flag that it is harsh and uncaring, but is that really true? Perhaps it is the most caring thing to do!

Steve and Lydia Cunningham

Rosemary Balsley

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Sent from my iPad

Rosemary Balsley

From: Teresa Mendoza <teresa@serenogroup.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:15 AM
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Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:16 AM
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Rosemary Balsley

From: Kirsten Ponza <chefkirsten@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:15 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Resolution

Good Morning,

I am emailing to voice my concern and opposition to what seems to be blanket ruling for placement of the Homeless in our community.

As a resident/parent/homeowner in the Prospect Heights neighborhood, I am very worried about unvetted, unsecured locations near my family and neighbors. Our home is located one block away from the Quaker, Church of Christ and Latter Day Saints parking lots and as history shows, our homes and properties were vandalized, littered and defecated upon the last time we had RV/ tents set up in this area.

I also walk my son to Frederick Street/Arana Gulch/Harbor by way of the steps through Frederick Street Park. We already encounter homeless using the bathroom, the picnic tables which I don't mind, however I am concerned that without control, or proper impact studies we will quickly lose the beauty and ability to safely use this area.

I know that the Bible Church and Our Lady Star of the Sea are on the list for parking/tent use but how will this impact Arana gulch access and walking safety? Or the neighbors that live in the cul de sacs immediately next door? Will the use of Frederick Street Bathroom be overrun?

How/who will be responsible for patrolling/controlling those who wish to use these camping "sites"? I have an open front yard and driveway and I am one of many who are not ok with having our ability to say 'this isn't ok' removed.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter,
Kirsten Ponza

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Rosemary Balsley

From: John Harker <jharker@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:13 AM
To: City Council
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John Harker

Rosemary Balsley

From: Alan Porter <emelineneighbors@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:13 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Homeless Crisis

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

I live at Sutphen St and Emeline Ave. I do not support the City's efforts to provide homeless services within the city or on a private city property. These people need to be placed safely away from our neighborhoods and children. You should reject the portion of the proposed Emergency Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration that would allow the use of our city open spaces like streets and parks without any public review or an environmental review.

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Alan Porter

145 Sutphen Street, Santa Cruz, CA

Rosemary Balsley

From: Greg <vwsurfer42@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:12 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Ross encampment

Dear Councilmembers,

You need to get the Ross encampment removed, it's a disgrace. My family visited from Hawaii this past week and asked "Why are there so many trashy campers and tents along the freeway? I just told them its a volunteer group cleaning the beaches of trash!!! I was soooooooooo embarrassed that I pay over \$2500 a month to live here and you allow these people to camp in an area where tourists and visitors from out of town come to visit and enjoy. Shame on you for allowing this disgusting site of Drug Dealers, criminals and 1% legit homeless people.

sincerely,
Paying resident of rent.

Rosemary Balsley

From: Bob Widmann <bwidmann1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:12 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Amend the Emergency Shelter Crisis Resolution

Dear Mayor Watkins and City Council Members:

It is really important that the homeless problem in our city be addressed properly. I know that there is no super easy answer to this problem but a very careful study of ALL options needs to be carried out before any decisions as to how best to deal with it are made.

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Yours truly

Bob Widmann