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Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 10:51 AM
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Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on December 7, 2020 about Agenda Item II.

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Name: Sonja K Berndt **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

I am a long-time resident of Pasadena. I, along with the many other residents of our city, are grateful for the passage of Measure P. As a result, funds will continue to be transferred to Pasadena's General Fund for critical services including programs for our homeless neighbors. Pasadena's Housing Department along with its partners have decided that, due to problems stemming from the pandemic, the Bad Weather Shelter will not operate this winter. Many persons experiencing homelessness are highly vulnerable to serious illness/death from sleeping in near-freezing temperatures and in rain due to age and chronic illness. While the plan is to hand out warm clothing and ponchos, respectfully, this is not sufficient. Our city has a moral obligation to protect our most vulnerable residents. Other alternatives, such as allowing shelter in city-owned properties and tents, are available to the city. Housing advocates and the faith community stand ready to help. Please direct the Housing Department to immediately address this issue and develop a plan that will provide greater protection for our most vulnerable residents. There is no time to waste. This is a matter of life and death. Thank you.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Comments:

The passage of measure P is a step in the right direction. I work hard with Pasadena for All, an advocacy and mutual aid organization, to provide our unhoused neighbors with food and water. We much use our money to create a bad weather shelter and increase our permanent supportive housing capacity.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Novelo, Lilia

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Name: Joanne **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:**
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Comments:

As a long-time resident of Pasadena I am grateful for the passage of Measure P. As a community member that has been involved in direct outreach to our unhoused neighbors I am grateful that funds will be available for critical services for the most vulnerable in Pasadena. However, as we head into the cold winter months I am very alarmed that there are no plans for a Bad Weather Shelter in Pasadena this year. I volunteered at Bad Weather Shelters in LA and Pasadena last year during the extreme rain and cold and I saw first-hand the importance of this service. The emergency shelters provide not only shelter, beds and hot food, but I also observed access to health check-ups from an on-site nurse, connection to outreach workers to discuss housing plans and a chance to connect with other people for much-needed emotional support. When it came time to leave the shelter there was an opportunity to collect hygiene items, donated clothes and blankets as well. To not offer this service again this year during a pandemic is unthinkable and I really hope Pasadena will reconsider this decision.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Comments:

As a resident of Pasadena and an organizer for direct aid to and advocacy for the unhoused, I am thrilled with the passing of Measure P and the affirmation that services to our most vulnerable residents deserve funding. However, I am greatly concerned that there will be no Bad Weather Shelter this year. These shelters provide a life-saving reprieve from freezing temperatures and rain. Those who live exposed to the elements also struggle with age, illness and pain that makes their ordeal all the more dire. While I understand that concerns with the pandemic, something must be done to prevent the needless death and suffering of people on the street. My org can assist with distribution and labor. The urgency of addressing this issue with great care and speed cannot be overstated.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes