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

Comments:

I am a resident of Pasadena and I participate in direct outreach for our unsheltered residents. The staff report states as follows: "The availability of local site-based emergency shelter beds has dropped by 75% in the past eight months, and the annual Bad Weather Shelter hypothermia prevention program will not be in operation this winter season due to the program's model that would impede the implementation of measures necessary for safe operations." The concerns about the lack of a Bad Weather Shelter are expressed in public comments for items 3, and 4. Union Station and Friends In Deed are performing exceptional work with our unhoused residents, but their resources are stretched thin. The safe haven programs at All Saints Episcopal Church and First United Methodist Church are critically important, but together, they will provide shelter for only 24 persons. Our City has hundreds of unsheltered persons sleeping on the street every night. This year, the Council approved substantial funding from the General Fund and/or General Fund Reserve for food insecurity programs, small business disaster relief, and an alternate healthcare facility at the Convention Center. I urge the City to provide substantial local funding to protect our unhoused residents. Thank you.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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