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Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 1:15 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on December 14, 2020 about Agenda Item 3, 4

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Comments:

I am a longtime resident of Pasadena. The results of not having a Bad Weather Shelter for our unsheltered residents this winter will be tragic. Make no mistake, this is an urgent, life-and-death matter. As stated in the letter submitted by the organization Pasadena For All, there are very serious short-term and long-term effects from leaving our unsheltered residents out in the cold this winter, even death. The proposed plan set forth in the report from the Housing Department will protect only a small fraction of our unsheltered residents. Significantly, this year, due to the effects of COVID-19, the Council approved very substantial funds 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. Last April, during COVID-19, the Council even approved \$420,000, without competitive bidding, for a helicopter camera surveillance system to replace a system THAT WAS STILL FUNCTIONAL. The letter submitted by Pasadena For All suggests several options the City can pursue. The resources and alternatives are available. Please take action today so our unsheltered residents will not have to needlessly suffer and/or die this winter. Thank you.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Comments:

I was recently dismayed to learn that the city will not be supporting a Bad Weather Shelter this year, opting instead to rely on the handouts of ponchos and vouchers for motel rooms. I was also shocked to learn that FEMA gave the city about 50 trailers that would be perfect for use as shelters, most of which have been sitting vacant at the Rose Bowl for the past few months.

This is a life or death issue for those not as fortunate as you or I. Our Christmas night might be spent with family members over Zoom; there are plenty of others who will spending it in their car or a public park. At a time when people are being evicted and joining the ranks of the newly homeless, it seems more necessary than ever to provide some protection from the cold and rain of coming months.

I implore the council to take a closer look at the options that exist for providing emergency winter shelter.

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Comments:

Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council Members

I share the anguish of those who have written to object to the extremely limited proposed response to the need for bad weather shelter .It is heartbreaking to send folks who have had a warm meal at our church out into the rain with no shelter in our cold winters! It feels like sending someone to death! Our Planning Department and Friends in Deed have tried in vain to find a way , and I sincerely applaud their efforts- but we need to go beyond what they have felt the city would support. This city council can do better! Use more Covid relief money for vouchers. Allow people to sleep in cars or in other public covered locations without being hassled by the police. Use the FEMA trailers. Pasadena for All has given an excellent list of possible ways to do better for our unhoused friends. We need to use every possible means to mitigate the effects of bad weather. Please do not let this be the end of efforts to keep our unhoused neighbors safe and healthy.

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Comments:

I am the Housing & Homelessness Outreach coordinator for Lake Avenue Church. Our community meal guests have often found safe-haven after our meal at the BWS previously located just down the street. I am supportive of there being plans B-Z for the critically felt absence of the BWS this year. I also believe we need to take extraordinary measures to ensure that no one dies on the streets of Pasadena this winter. I therefore urge the Council to consider the following: 1) I am asking the Council to not enforce applicable code provisions and allow unhoused persons to sleep in their vehicles overnight during increment weather. Given the current crisis this does not seem unreasonable. 2) expansion of information & supplies to public-private network partners across the city to ensure no one slips through the cracks 3) a dedicated mobile team and hotline to identify those who need or request shelter in real time 4) increased funding for motel vouchers & other creative housing solutions. 5) a well thought out transportation plan to getting unhoused residents to safety. Thank you for your consideration. We are not just suggesting but willing to partner to ensure we do not lose lives needlessly this winter.

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Comments:

Because of the dire need to house our unhoused neighbors during this pandemic, I urge the Council to consider approving additional funds from the General Fund to ensure that all persons who wish to be sheltered are sheltered. This year the Council has approved very substantial general fund expenditures for food insecurity programs, a small business disaster relief fund, and an alternate care facility to treat COVID-19 patients at the Convention Center. Approving similar expenditures to ensure that our unsheltered residents do not suffer in freezing temperatures and in the rain is consistent with the Council's other approved, COVID-19-related General Fund expenditures this year.

I am also concerned that the current plan for housing homeless people in motels may house too few during the winter. The 50 trailers from the State that are parked and unused at the Rose Bowl would provide ideal shelter for our unsheltered residents this winter. According to an article in Pasadena Now dated December 9, 2020, Rabbi Grater approached the City about using the trailers as winter shelter but was turned down. I feel it's a moral imperative that we use these trailers to prevent homeless people from dying on our streets.

Thank you.

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