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Comments:

Pasadenans Organizing for Progress (POP) wishes to join in support of Pasadena for All in its call for the City Council to consider all options for how the City might provide Bad Weather Sheltering for our homeless population this winter.

While the objective of providing safe haven may be made extremely difficult in the midst of a pandemic, it is not insurmountable.

We urge the Council and City Staff to consider:

- Increasing emergency funds for motel vouchers beyond what's already been allocated.
- Identifying public or private spaces that can be used for tents while suspending citations for makeshift shelters
- Make use of any and all vacant city-owned property, housing, facilities INCLUDING the FEMA trailers located at the Rose Bowl.
- Identifying and permitting safe parking locations to allow people to sleep in their cars overnight without citation

One of the benefits of Pasadena having its own health department is having access to experts who can work with the City's housing department in discovering or inventing safe practices to meet the demand for safe bad weather sheltering.

Thank you in advance for your careful and considerate action in providing workable solutions for members of the City's homeless community.

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Comments:

Staff and Council should be commended for your efforts to find alternatives to replace the Bad Weather shelter. I support efforts to pursue additional approaches like the programs at First Methodist and All Saints churches. I also support suggestions by Making Housing and Community Happen. In the long run, however, there's no humane or sustainable way to protect the long-term health and safety of people without a home. A tent, a night in a shelter, a warm meal, a shower -- these are necessary mitigations. These ease, but don't solve the ongoing misery for the 294 people counted as living on our streets on January 21. That count was conducted before the pandemic -- and before the potential wave of evictions looming when emergency tenant protections expire. The only cure to homelessness is a home. Pasadena has made significant progress in reducing homelessness, especially compared to the rest of Los Angeles County. Yet we still have a long way to go. Let's do everything we can to ease misery this winter, but let's prioritize working as a community and with County, State and Federal partners to make sure no one has to live on the streets in Pasadena.

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Comments:

It saddens me to know there are those less fortunate who have no other option but to sleep outside. It is freezing at night. Most homeless don't have the adequate essentials to stay warm and safe. If we don't find a way to shelter and protect people this winter, some will surely die from covid or exposure. People deserve to have a warm place to sleep at night! I also believe they have a right to mental and medical help as well. This pandemic has hurt so many people, why can't we help them any way we can? So let's work together to find a solution.

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