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From: City Web
Sent: Saturday, December 12, 2020 4:08 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on December 14, 2020 about Agenda Item 3

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Name: Melissa Kent **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

If the City of Pasadena isn't providing bad weather shelter without properly compensating to get our unhoused population off the streets, then the City of Pasadena is intentionally trying to kill people. The least you could do is allow people to have tents and stop overnight citations for people living in their cars. I understand there's some funding for motel vouchers, but not enough to adequately solve the problem. Why do we even have people out on the streets during a pandemic anyway? That's such a tremendous risk for everyone and if we're going to take this pandemic seriously as Covid cases are skyrocketing, we should be providing adequate shelter where unhoused people can distance and have access to soap and water because it is impossible for them to protect themselves and the rest of the community without the resources to do so.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Ramirez **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

I am disappointed but not surprised that this city is not offering a No bad weather shelter. Instead of offering a minimal amount of resources to unhoused people, make use of the current resources you have been given. Use the FEMA shelters provided by the state, allow for tents to be used in accordance with social distancing, request and allow more funding for motel vouchers, and allow people who sleep in their car to sleep peacefully without the threat of a citation. This city has made it clear that they continue and are willing to sacrifice lives for profit. This city council and mayor are an embarrassment. Provide the unhoused with the proper resources and stop sacrificing lives.

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Name: J **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

On my way to work (the nice part of pasadena you clearly care more about) I've seen 2 unhoused persons pants down shitting in bushes. Why don't we spend less money on law enforcement that clearly isn't working (license plate readers will totally stop "gang violence" lol) and help people who are clearly struggling. What happened to the FEMA trailers at the Rose Bowl? Why isn't that being used to provide shelter during a global pandemic? Or the civic center that was somehow ok to be temporary field hospital but is now vacant, having done nothing but sit empty. Be bold and think outside the box. And for God's sake be human beings and give the unhoused of our city a chance to live with dignity.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: May Lee **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Parks and Recreation just confiscated Items from unhoused WHILE there's a long wait list at Jackie Robinson. It's unconscionable, right in the middle of a pandemic AND before the holidays! PEOPLE will perish under the current LACK of action. Motel vouchers aren't enough. What are FEMA trailers for? Job and income loss are increasing so will lack of affordable housing. Your comfort cannot and should NOT blind you to sufferings. It's inhumane to strip people of their belongings when that is ALL they have. You can do better! You MUST do better.

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Entry Submitted: December 13, 2020 at 8:13 am

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Name: Mary Christine Boomhower	Email:	Phone:	Address: l, Pasadena, California 91101
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Comments:

Leaving unhoused people on the streets is unacceptable, especially during winter. Pasadena needs to use all resources available to help these people, such as making use of any vacant property (like unused fema trailers), giving out motel vouchers, and finding a way to make shelters work. Pasadena should not be breaking up encampments and citing people for sleeping in their cars or tents. That is ridiculous. We are a city full of well off people, and instead of using our resources to help our poorest citizens we are paying police to harass them, and citing them to pay fines with money they obviously don't have. That is cruel and ineffective. Unhoused people would love to go somewhere else and not have to use the bathroom in the streets, and criminalizing homelessness doesn't do anything to dissuade them, because they still have no where else to go! This pandemic is not an excuse to leave behind our most vulnerable people. Our city needs to do more all the time, and ESPECIALLY NOW when our hospitals are full and can't take on anything more, like unhoused people sick and dying because they were left out in the cold by the city of Pasadena.

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Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 3:48 PM
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Name: Matthew Barbato **Email:** **Address:** South Pasadena, CA 91030

Comments:

It is a disgrace that the City Council of Pasadena would consider withholding services from our house-less citizens at any time, but especially now with a pandemic raging through our population. It is critical that Pasadena continue to provide Bad Weather Housing, food and services to these people who are struggling to survive. In addition, every effort should be made to allow them to protect themselves from bad weather and desperate living conditions. They should be allowed to use tents without harassment and the city should provide motel vouchers and shelters. Anything less than a full commitment by the city will be seen as a failure of the humanity of the council members. Homelessness is a local, statewide and national disgrace. Turning our backs on these people is not an option.

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Name: John Srebalus **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
South Pasadena,
California 91030

Comments:

Dear Mayor and City Council, I understand you have suspended the bad-weather shelter and related services for our unhoused neighbors. I urge you to resume these services and take the necessary COVID precautions. It's the holidays, no time to retract a helping hand. To tackle the cold-weather needs of our unhoused, I ask you to do the following: 1) Allocate funds for motel vouchers beyond those requested by the Housing Department; 2) Allow tents and suspend citations for impromptu shelters; 3) Make use of all vacant city property, housing and facilities, including the 45 FEMA trailers at the Rose Bowl, which are currently sitting idle; 4) Allow safe parking by permitting our unhoused neighbors to sleep in their cars overnight without citation. Thank you in advance for your compassion. Best Wishes, John Srebalus

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Public Comment for Meeting on December 14, 2020 about Agenda Item Agenda Item #3: "STATUS OF THE BAD WEATHER SHELTER AND ALTERNATIVE SHELTER AND COLD WEATHER HOMELESS SERVICES"

Name: Jackson Loop
Email:
Phone:
Address: Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Closing the bad weather shelter will kill people quickly if measure are not taken to counteract the loss of beds. We must find real alternatives, including allowing unhoused neighbors to create makeshift shelters and sleep in their cars. If we simply close the shelter without providing an alternative, we will be causing a direct loss of life, under the guise of protecting the greater public from COVID 19. This is not an action that can be taken solely. We must act fast to counteract the inevitable consequences approaching.

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Name: Ada L Ramirez **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** 5 Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

I write to you to ask that you consider and support the concerns and solutions offered by Pasadena for All to mitigate the problem created by the fact that the Bad Weather Shelter will not be open this year.

- Funds for motel vouchers beyond what the Housing Department is requesting
- Allow tents and suspend citations for makeshift shelters
- Make use of any and all vacant city-owned property, housing, facilities INCLUDING the reported 50 FEMA trailers at the Rose Bowl. These trailers were provided by the state for the city to use them as they see fit, and are currently sitting vacant.
- Safe parking by allowing people to sleep in their cars overnight without citation.

Thank you.

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Name: Katherine Eiler **Email:** **Address:** Sierra Madre, CA
91024

Comments:

My name is Katie, and although I live just a block over the Pasadena/Sierra Madre border, our two cities have shared fortunes in many ways. I'd like to respectfully urge you to do everything you can to make life less dangerous and deadly for our unhoused neighbors. Please, please allow people to sleep overnight in their cars or in tents without citing them. Shelters are full or hard to access, there's a pandemic, and it's getting colder. People don't have anywhere else to go, and no way to pay these fines. There are 45 vacant FEMA trailers at the Rose Bowl, provided by the state for the city to use as they see fit to. I urge you to use this empty housing, and other city-owned vacant property and housing, to mitigate the suffering and death on our streets, and give unhoused people a safe place to come home to and a launchpad to get their lives back on track. We're in the middle of a devastating health crisis, and our ICUs and ERs are filling up. People are safer and healthier when they have shelter. Please do the right thing, and thank you for hearing my comment.

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Name: Michael Lira **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

With the understandable restraints of COVID, it is still not enough to provide blankets and INCREDIBLY limited motel vouchers for the unhoused population in Pasadena this winter. Plain and simple such a lack luster plan will result in people dying. There are 45 FEMA shelters at the rose bowl that should and need be used. Tents should be allowed as a bare minimum and those with cars should be allowed to sleep in them. More importantly though, the motel voucher program should be extended to as many people as possible. Given that we are in a pandemic where unessential travel is not only dangerous but foolish, there is no excuse to keep these rooms vacant when there are people out on the streets who will die if they do not get shelter. The absolute absurdity of a warm unoccupied room existing while people are out on the street dying to exposure should make anyone's stomach churn. 200 words is not nearly enough to list all of the possible options in regards to housing people or explain said options in depth, but the previously mentioned items are a great place to start this discussion. No one needs to die because of this.

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Name: Art Del Castillo **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

I would support a church in my neighborhood building affordable housing, and support regulated areas in Pasadena to allow makeshift tents for the homeless during bad weather shelter months.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Name: Helen Stafford **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

As a Pasadena resident and Family Physician , I am deeply concerned about our community members in need of shelter this winter during the coronavirus pandemic, since the city will not be providing bad weather shelters. To meet the needs of these members, I ask for the following:

- Additional funds for motel vouchers beyond what the housing department is requesting
- Allowing tents and suspending citations for makeshift shelters
- Making use of any and all vacant city owned property, housing facilities INCLUDING the 45 FEMA trailers at the Rose Bowl, which are currently vacant
- Safe parking by allowing people to sleep in their cars overnight without citation.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Ethan Crane **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

The City Council has utterly failed Pasadena's most vulnerable people. While these politicians enjoy the holiday season from the comfort of their homes, hundreds of their constituents will sleep outside in cold and wet conditions.

Every person deserves stable housing, where they are secure enough to survive and flourish. City council members have the power to make good on this right, but they lack the political will. They fail to realize that a city with homelessness is entirely their making, as they prioritize real estate profits and millionaire wealth over basic human decency. I am positive that the City Council members have slicker justifications on hand, but how can we take them seriously when more than enough suitable structures are vacant. It is feasible to substantially tax vacant property, thus expanding the affordable housing supply and raising the revenue to publicly house every person in need.

Rather than proposing a sensible, just solution like this, the city is on the verge of making a horrendous situation even worse. If they choose to shutter the Bad Weather Shelter, they should be haunted by their decision. They can avoid the cold, but they might not be so lucky to avoid the heat of Hell.

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Name: Joanne Long **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA
91107

Comments:

As we head into the cold winter months I am extremely alarmed to hear that there are no plans for a Bad Weather Shelter in Pasadena this year.

I urge City Council to seriously consider all other options for shelter including providing motel vouchers, Safe Parking for people living in their vehicles and allowing tents and other makeshift shelters in the City. Pasadena reportedly received 50 trailers from the State months ago and yet they still sit vacant at the Rose Bowl.

Since the start of the pandemic I have worked closely with many unhoused individuals as a volunteer at a grassroots mutual aid organization in LA.

I see community members showing up for unhoused neighbors over and over again, sharing their own very limited resources.

Meanwhile elected leaders are failing to show up or worse and this is costing lives.

Within the last few days I learned of a veteran who died on the streets not far from Pasadena, leaving behind their beloved service dog. And there are many more stories like this happening right now.

I ask Pasadena City Council to show leadership and compassion and provide shelter for all unhoused residents in our city before it's too late.

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Name: Alex Davis **Address:** Altadena, CA 91001

Comments:

Hello,

As a resident I find it unacceptable that there will be no bad weather shelter offered this winter. While I recognize the logistical difficulties of the pandemic, these challenging times only serve to further highlight the need to support the most underserved in our community and to provide them with safe living conditions. There are ample alternatives the city could take in lieu of the initial shelter plans falling through. This includes funding hotel/motel vouchers (which certainly have numerous unused rooms), suspending citations for overnight parking, sleeping in a car, tent, or makeshift shelter, and use of the currently vacant rose bowl, including the state provided FEMA trailers. The majority of these actions require little logistical oversight and in fact would reduce the burden of normal enforcement of these policies. The more complex actions on the other hand involve responsible use of state provided resources and vacant hotel rooms. By taking these steps you will be keeping the unhoused, and broader community, safe during both a pandemic and bad

weather. Failing to use the tools at hand would be putting your own citizens at greater risk across the board

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Name: Tina Fredericks **Email:** **Address:** --
Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

Dear Mayor and Pasadena City Council,

I support Pasadena For All's position that the city should exhaust every avenue to ensure we provide Bad Weather Shelter for our unhoused neighbors. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to remind us who are the most vulnerable in our community and continues to ask us what kind of society we want to be. I hope City of Pasadena decides to lead with compassion. As temperatures drop, the urgency increases with every passing day. I urge that City of Pasadena:

- 1) Provide funds for motel vouchers beyond what the Housing Department is requesting
- 2) Allow tents and suspend citations for makeshift shelters
- 3) Make use of any and all vacant city-owned property, housing, facilities INCLUDING the reported 50 FEMA trailers at the Rose Bowl. These trailers were provided by the state for the city to use them as they see fit, and are currently sitting vacant.
- 4) Provide safe parking by allowing people to sleep in their cars overnight without citation

Thank you for your consideration.

Tina Fredericks

Pasadena resident, mother of 2

Pasadena Unified School District parent

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Name: Julianna
Email:
Phone:
Address: Pasadena, CA
91103

Comments:

It is alarming that the city has chosen to suspend Bad Weather Shelter for our unhoused neighbors.

Since real support isn't being provided, may I suggest:

- Funds for motel vouchers
- Suspending citations for makeshift shelters, allowing neighbors to put up tents
- Allowing people to sleep in their cars overnight - safely, without risk of being cited

And, making use of city property, namely the 50 vacant FEMA trailers sitting at the Rose Bowl.

The city of Pasadena has the resources to help our unhoused population and I would like to see those resources being used.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Name: Sarah **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Closing bad weather shelters due to COVID concerns leaves an already vulnerable population still unhoused and without options. In a time where housing is the ONLY known fully effective tool against COVID, removing shelters is counterproductive and violent. This solution creates more problems than the one it attempts to solve. It also belies the City's lack of desire to help its unhoused community. If that were the intent, this policy would need to be rethought. I urge you not to close these shelters, as it will directly lead to more suffering, and very likely death. The consequences of policies are real, human lives. I urge you to make decisions centering those most vulnerable, at the intersections of so many struggles. This policy does not do that and promotes further harm. Do not approve this measure. More, not less, housing is needed for the unhoused community, especially during a global pandemic.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Leticia Santoyo **Address:** _____, Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Hello my name is Leticia Santoyo, and I live in councilman John J Kennedy's district, I would like to speak on agenda item 3 to ask the council not to suspend the shelter and to provide help and a place to stay for Pasadena's most disadvantaged residents. People who are struggling with homelessness are most at risk of contracting covid 19 and we should be doing our best not only to help prevent this but to also give the residents of this city who are without a home a resource in our community.

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Name: Alana Dunne **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

Hello, my name is Alana and I have been a Pasadena resident for just under 2 years now. In my short time here, I have fallen in love with the city but also have come to recognize the large demand for homeless services. I am very concerned to hear that the city is choosing not to open Bad Weather Shelters for our homeless residents. While the days here are beautiful, the night can get bitterly cold for those without proper shelter, especially once the rains start. I have done outreach and spoken to many of our neighbors living on the street, and staying warm in the winter time is always one of their largest concerns. I understand the concerns with COVID, but refusing to open shelters this winter will ultimately lead to some of our neighbors dying from the elements. I urge the city to reconsider this decision and come up with a solution where we can provide shelter to our unhoused residents while also taking COVID precautions into consideration. Thank you.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Nora Salem **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

I'm writing to urge you to provide bad weather shelter for our city's unhoused neighbors this winter. The pandemic does not absolve city council of the responsibility to protect people. There are many options for providing safe shelter, including motel vouchers, temporarily allowing tents and/or makeshift shelters, using empty city property like the 50 FEMA trailers that will go unused for this year's Rose Bowl, AND allowing people to park overnight without citations. Without these protections, our neighbors could end up very ill or even dead. Don't leave Pasadena residents out in the cold this year!! We know you have options and we will not take kindly to shoddy excuses.

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Name: Teresa Eilers
Email:
Phone:
Address: California 91030

Comments:

As of January of this year, there were 527 homeless individuals in Pasadena and 4,479 homeless individuals throughout the San Gabriel Valley. And, these are the numbers pre-COVID. Currently there are just two winter shelters planned in the San Gabriel Valley, one with 15 beds in Hacienda Heights and one with 75 beds in La Puente. This still leaves thousands of people in need of shelter this winter in the San Gabriel Valley and hundreds of people in need in Pasadena. Please put yourself in the position of someone sleeping on the street this holiday season. Imagine the people spending their days and nights soaked in rain. There are solutions. Pasadena can allow tents and suspend citations of make shift shelters. Pasadena can fund motel vouchers. Pasadena can convert vacant city-owned property into temporary housing. Pasadena can work with LAHSA and Union Station to imagine a winter shelter here in Pasadena. And, Pasadena can create safe parking lots, or at the minimum not cite people who sleep in their cars. The alternative is to willingly let people die on the streets. We can and should do everything that we can to prevent this from happening.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: ~~No~~ Yes

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