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Sent: Saturday, January 09, 2021 10:50 PM
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Name: Franz Silver
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Comments:

It is necessary that people are provided safe housing, especially now with COVID rates so high and rainy weather. There is enough money to be spent for motel housing, this is honestly the bare minimum. Housing is a human right. People who wish to use these motels must be provided transportation and storage for their belongings. There are 20 vacant FEMA trailers, there is no reason these should stay unused. People need them. Ordinances for loitering and overnight parking must be suspended, displacing and fining people does not solve anything. It is your job as city council to provide for your city so do it and actually help people.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Alec Reyes **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:**
Monrovia, CA 91016

Comments:

Hello, I am a concerned student in the SGV area. The winter months are some of the harshest on unhoused people. The tough weather and pandemic combine to create an extra dangerous time for people without housing. I urge the council to provide motel support for as many unhoused people as possible. I also urge that the counsel ensure transportation to and from LAHSA shelters and explore ways that unsheltered people secure their belongings at these shelters. Another request is to provide 20 FEMA trailers as more shelter for unhoused people during this dangerous time. I also strongly urge the council to suspend ordinances pertaining to loitering and overnight parking, allowing unhoused people to shelter in cars and City-owned structures. You have the ability to prevent deaths by implementing these demands, don't mess it up.

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Name: Zoe Ives **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** ...
Ives -- ~ Street, Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

I am commenting to urge the City Council to approve funding to provide motel shelters for as many of our unhoused neighbors as possible. Pasadena's bad weather shelter is currently closed due to the pandemic, so the option to shelter at a motel would be incredibly helpful for those in need. Please ensure that there is transportation available for those looking to stay at the winter shelters operated by LAHSA, and please explore ways that unhoused residents can secure their belongings, so that they don't lose anything they own while they are staying at these shelters. Please suspend consequences/sweeps for loitering/parking, so that those sheltering in their vehicles and by buildings are allowed to do so this winter. If approved, these motions will help make Pasadena a safer place for our unhoused neighbors by reducing unnecessary police violence against the unhoused community, helping people access warm, dry shelter during these winter months, and preventing the transmission of COVID-19 between our unhoused residents.

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Brandon Ives			Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Unsheltered people in Pasadena deserve to live with dignity and safety. Please approve funding for hotel vouchers, make FEMA trailers available for use and suspend enforcement of overnight parking and loitering ordinances during the pandemic.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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

Comments:

I am calling on the City Council today to take immediate action to protect people experiencing homelessness in Pasadena this Winter. There are several steps the City could take right now which would immediately increase accessibility to shelter and save lives. First, provide a place for residents to safely store their belongings while they are in a LAHSA shelter. Second, provide transportation to and from the Winter shelter. These are obvious roadblocks that currently make it much harder for unhoused neighbors to use these services. Finally, I am asking that you work with area motels to immediately expand availability for this type of shelter to everyone that wants it, not just a subsection of the population. No-one should be left without shelter. If none of these actions are acceptable to City Council then I again have to question the decision to suspend the Bad Weather Shelter without any plan in place.

Many of us community members in Pasadena care about the safety of ALL people living outdoors this Winter and want to make sure they can access all of the services available. Thank you.

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Name: Dan **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

I am a resident of Pasadena. The cold weather and pandemic is greatly affecting unhoused residents. I urge the city council to allocate enough funding to provide hotel vouchers for as many people as possible. We must also ensure that there is transportation to and from winter shelters operated by LAHSA and explore ways for residents to to secure their belongings during their stay. I urge the city council to suspend ordinances regarding loitering and overnight parking so that residents can shelter in vehicles and City owned structures. In addition I ask the council to authorize the use of 20 vacant fema trailers to provide much needed shelter during this winter. Thank you for your time.

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

Comments:

I urge the city council to provide as many motel vouchers as possible. Where the motel vouchers can't reach, the least the city could do is help transport others to LAHSA shelters, provide security for belongings that people can't take with them to LAHSA shelters. The trailers can also be used and we can suspend the ordinances that prevent people from sheltering in place, directly and effectively reducing criminalization for people who are just trying to shelter in place.

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Name: Ferne Hayes **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

Officially Pasadena has 527 unhoused residents. The actual number is likely more.

Pasadena via Friends In Deed has plans to shelter 55 or so of the most vulnerable of those during the most inclement weather.

Yes, allocate additional funding for weather-activated motel vouchers (agenda item #6) to allow more nights and/or more people to have shelter.

There are additional measures which I recommend also be taken:

1. Suspend Ordinances re: Loitering and Overnight Parking to Allow Our Unsheltered Residents to Shelter in Vehicles and City-Owned Structures.
2. Set up locker stations to be managed by interested religious and community organizations. Unsheltered residents need safe places to store valuable documents and excess bags over the two bag allowance often required at shelters.
3. Generate funds for additional outreach workers. Pasadena Department of Housing has stated that lack of social services staff is the main problem in sheltering our unhoused residents during bad weather. Pasadena needs access to an increased number of qualified social workers dedicated to the needs of our unsheltered residents.

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Thank you

Ferne Hayes

District 7 resident

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

Comments:

I want to thank Housing Department staff for the work done, on an urgent basis, to put forward an alternative plan for sheltering our unsheltered residents in bad weather this winter. I urge the Council to approve sufficient funding for motel support for as many of our unsheltered residents as possible, recognizing the limited outreach workers available. For those who are not offered motel support, I urge the Council to ensure transportation to and from LAHSA shelters, including for those who do not have cellphones. Additionally, given that there is a two-bag limitation at the LAHSA shelters and many, many of our unsheltered residents have belongings needed for survival exceeding that amount, I urge the Council to direct the Department to explore ways our unsheltered residents can secure their belongings while at a LAHSA shelter. Unsheltered residents should not be required to place their survival belongings at risk of loss in order to receive shelter in bad weather. The Council should also authorize shelter in the FEMA trailers that are sitting in storage at the Rosemont Pavilion. Finally, the Council should suspend ordinances prohibiting overnight parking on city streets and overnight shelter in city structures in bad weather this winter.

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Name: Anthony **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
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Comments:

I commend City Council members for urging the City Manager to ensure that every homeless person who needs a motel voucher will receive one during this time of pandemic. I am pleased that the Housing Department is diligently working with service providers like Friends Indeed and Union Station to enable the most vulnerable population of our city to be housed during critical times of bad weather, but I am concerned: is there enough funding for vouchers and for the staffing needed to implement this program? I urge the City to seek further funding to increase not only the number of vouchers, but also the support needed for those with vouchers to insure a successful voucher program. With the number of COVID cases rising exponentially, our homeless neighbors are becoming increasingly vulnerable. They need all the help that the City can muster.

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Allison Henry			, Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

I'm a District 3 resident. We need more winter shelters, we know this. Thank for this funding, but we need more. People are dying in our city—look at the poor individual who died in the Arroyo. We don't know if that person was a victim of violence, or merely the victim of trying to heat a tent. We DO KNOW that he was a victim of economic injustice. Public safety needs to include keeping the unhoused public safe indoors.

During Project Room Key, 40% of people brought indoors reconnected with income and economic supports that they were legally entitled to! Winter is here, and winter shelter needs additional support. With the uptick in COVID cases we need to bring people indoors for so many reasons. Please, we know we can do more. Thank you.

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Name: Jill Suzanne Shook	Email:	Phone:	Address: Pasadena, CA 91104, Pasadena, CA 91104
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Comments:

As we start this new year, it is my hope and prayer that our imaginations will be engaged and fully preset to our most vulnerable residents. As we lay comfortably in our warm beds, let's imagine what it would be like for us to lack such comforts, no bed, no convenient place to use a bathroom, no place to enjoy breakfast and read the paper delivered to our door. As we express thankfulness for all these comforts and conveniences we enjoy and too often take for granted, let us also exercise the Golden Rule—to want for others what we also want for ourselves. Please allocate all the funds needed to assure that Pasadena continues its reputation of consistently lowering our homeless count as we have since 2011 by 54%. Please increase the funds for both vouchers and the support needed to assure a highly successful voucher program.

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