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From: Denise
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 6:08 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Lyon, Jason
Subject: Please vote Yes tomorrow for Friends in Deed

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Dear City Council,

Please vote yes to give an additional \$50,000 to Friends in Deed for motel vouchers for those affected by the inclement weather with nowhere to go.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Denise Robb

Denise Munro Robb, Ph.D.
Professor, Pierce College; and Joshua's Mommy

"Those Who Can Make You Believe Absurdities Can Make You Commit Atrocities" (Possibly Voltaire)

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From: davis.alex
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 7:49 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Severe weather and houseless shelter

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Hello,

My name is Alex Davis and I work in Pasadena and volunteer to support our houseless neighbors. I am writing to urge the city council to open a bad weather shelter. In light of the last few weeks and likely weather the rest of this winter it is unconscionable to to not provide this life saving service. In the interim, I urge the council to expand funding for the motel voucher and PORT programs. Please expand support to those to those who need help.

Thank you,
Alex

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From: Claire Phillips
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 9:28 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Opening shelters for unhoused residents!!

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Dear City Councilmembers,

My hope is that this year the City of Pasadena will begin to work more seriously toward the following goals:

1. Opening shelters for unhoused people
2. Providing more motel vouchers and outreach to make sure people do not experience extreme weather conditions.
3. Increase funding for Port

I have contacted several reporters at KPCC radio and Kate Cagle at Spectrum Cable news to make it clear that after meeting with City Council people last year via Zoom too little has been done to house and care for our unhoused community.

Concern has been expressed by these media people that our elected officials are not performing their civic duties.

Please consider doing the above to remedy the situation.

Thank you,
Claire Phillips
Lecturer, Glendale College

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From: Andrew Good
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 11:21 PM
To: Jones, Justin; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Bad Weather Shelter

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Councilman Jones -

I'm a Pasadena resident of District 3 and a volunteer with Pasadena For All. We regularly provide food, clothing, sleeping bags and other supplies to the city's unhoused residents.

Cold weather and the recent deluge of rain can make life for our unhoused neighbors miserable. It can very well be deadly. But despite that, we have still gone more than two years without a Bad Weather Shelter.

That's not for lack of trying. I know that Friends In Deed put out bids looking for someone to host such a shelter, and no takers were found.

I have trouble believing there's no solution in a city as wealthy and connected as Pasadena. I appreciate that we have a motel voucher program at all, and that more money is being made available for vouchers. Thank you for providing those vouchers.

They are not as helpful as a Bad Weather Shelter - and from the looks of it, the city has given up on trying to find someone who could host such a shelter. The recent rain underlines the need for a dedicated place where unhoused residents can go for the night.

I urge you and the rest of the council to show the public you're taking concrete steps to locate a shelter. At the moment, it looks as if the city has given up.

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From:
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 8:32 AM
To: Jill Shook; PublicComment-AutoResponse; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Jason Lyon; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Hampton, Tyron; Masuda, Gene
Subject: Re: Addressing the plight of our unhoused neighbors

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I am pleased that you are meeting to address "measures and funding for our unhoused neighbors for extraordinary needs caused by winter storms." The proposed \$50,000 for FID is urgently needed and should be approved, but it seems too little, and too late. For the past week, I've been sick at heart seeing people living on the streets of our city, huddling under tarps and umbrellas and under the eaves of building, trying to stay out of the pouring rain.

The Council needs to be more proactive and not wait till AFTER a storm has passed to provide vouchers that should have been provided before the bad weather season began. It's a known fact that there are over 280 people living on the street, in bushes, in alleys and in parking lots in our city. It's also known that Friends In Deed is able to provide only 15 vouchers per week for these 280 people who desperately need them. Rabbi Grater has been sharing this information for at least a year.

The City of LA and LA County have declared homelessness to be an emergency. I think that the situation in Pasadena (with two unhoused people murdered in Pasadena this past year and no bad weather shelter since COVID began) meets the definition of an emergency: "a serious, unexpected, and often dangerous situation requiring immediate action."

Adding \$50,000 to the FID budget for vouchers is a good start, but much, much more needs to be done.

Respectfully,

Anthony Manousos and Jill Shook
Co-founders of Making Housing and Community Happen

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From: Alli Burnison
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 9:21 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: In Support of Increasing Access to Motel Vouchers

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Good morning,

My name is Alli Burnison, and I am an employee at Door of Hope, which as you likely know, is a homeless service provider in the Pasadena area. I am writing in support of increasing funds for the motel housing voucher program that Friends in Deed is spearheading.

This is the text of the proposed amendment:

1. AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 ADOPTED OPERATING BUDGET AND AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 31830 WITH THE FID GROUP DBA FRIENDS IN DEED WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF MOTEL VOUCHERS

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

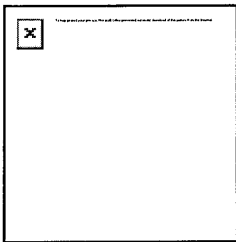
- (1) Find that the recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines per Section 15061(b)(3), the "common sense" provision that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
- (2) Amend the Department of Housing's Fiscal Year 2023 Adopted Operating Budget by transferring \$100,000 from the unappropriated fund balance in the General Fund (101) to the Housing Department's Other Housing Fund (238) for expenses associated with the provision of weather-activated motel vouchers to people experiencing homelessness as detailed in the background section of the agenda report;
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 31830 with The FID Group, dba Friends In Deed, to increase the total contract value by up to \$50,000 for emergency shelter services as detailed in the body of the agenda report;
- (4) Authorize the City Manager to further amend Contract No. 31830, if necessary, such that the total contract award may be increased by an additional \$50,000 as detailed in the agenda report; and
- (5) To the extent the amendments could be considered a separate procurement subject to the Competitive Selection Process, grant the contract an exemption pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 4.08.049(8), contracts for which the City's best interests are served. These transactions are exempt from competitive bidding per PMC Section 4.08.030 and City Charter Section 1002(F) based on contracts for professional or unique services.

The current program is not sufficient, as it does not come close to meeting the current need. I recently spoke to one individual who is unhoused, Raymond, and he remarked that he would love to have a motel voucher, but has not been able to secure one due to limited access.

Please consider revising the current plan to increase funds. Although this will likely not completely meet the demand, it will certainly go a long way.

Thank you for your time and for everything you do.

With gratitude,



Alli Burnison
Volunteer Manager

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From: Liberty McCoy
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 10:45 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Supplemental Emergency Shelter Services

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Hello,

My name is Liberty McCoy and I am a Pasadena resident in District 5 and a volunteer with our unhoused neighbors. This upcoming week I will be taking part in the Homeless Count as a team lead. I am writing to urge the city to take clear steps towards reopening a bad weather shelter, which has not been a permanent option since 2020. Until one is opened, I urge you to expand the motel voucher program and increase funding for the PORT program.

As Pasadena does not allow overnight parking on its streets and has minimal safe parking programs and NO bad weather shelters the current situation is a health and moral hazard to our unhoused neighbors, who will be facing temperatures in the low 40s and high 30s this week.

Sincerely,
Liberty McCoy

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