

Communication from Public

Name: Martha Hall

Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 01:01 PM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I live in Chatsworth and the proposed homeless shelter in Chatsworth is too close to Chatsworth Park Elementary School and should not be near children. I feel that it will not be good for the children attending school there. My great granddaughter is a student and the shelter will be too close to the school. The facility should house the homeless away from children. It will also bring our property values down. The homeless deserve to have a decent place to live, but not where there are children so close. We have enough homeless around here begging at our local stores. Having them in a housing unit will not change that.

Communication from Public

Name: Jerome and Marilyn Ruzicka

Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 01:09 PM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: We are in opposition to the proposed residential homeless housing on to panga and Devon Shire it is too close to Chatsworth elementary school and a traffic Nightmare a 7 story building wouldn't be acceptable for any other development near homes why here there has got to be a better location for this did you look into the old cosco property ?

Communication from Public

Name: Joginder singh

Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 01:34 PM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Please for sake of kids not allow this building Not again building houses please not near elementary school i'm Pretty sure as city council member u do have kids just think about if some builds homeless housing near there school Traffic is already horrible on Topanga during rush hours takes good 20-30 mins to travel 2 blocks how this will impact will make it worst Please take consideration of kids before anything else and put stop to this i'm Pretty sure there is plenty of other resources and land available
Thanks Joginder Singh

Communication from Public

Name: Denise Anderson
Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 01:45 PM
Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I am a Chatsworth resident writing to object to the proposed homeless apartment development on Topanga, south of Devonshire, in Chatsworth. I am in favor of supportive housing and services, as the homeless issue has reached elevated levels in our area. What I am not in favor of is the location in question. The proposed site is across the street from an elementary school, down the street from three preschools, and at an extremely busy intersection. Pedestrian traffic is not optimal at that intersection because only three crosswalks are available, and presumably the people living in those apartments will not have cars, given that only five parking spaces are allotted to the development. The proposed building is a six-story structure on a small lot backed onto one or two-story single family homes. There are no structures over three to four stories high in the area, including nearby apartments, hotels and commercial buildings. A building of that height and density would be inappropriate for that site when there are other locations within Chatsworth that would support a more spread out, lower height profile building. Also, the amount of money proposed to build each of the 64 units, which I understand would be studio apartments, costs more than what most 2-3 bedroom apartments and condos are selling for in the area, for far less livable space. The numbers for this development do not make sense, and the amount of services reported to be made available to residents of the building do not appear to offer much more than a manager, laundry and outdoor patio facilities. Given that more issues than housing need to be addressed to successfully assist in creating coping skills for the residents of the proposed facility, a location that can additionally offer counseling (to treat substance abuse and psychological issues, for example) and occupational skills would better serve those intended residents. There are concerns that this will also bring more crime to the area, which we are already experiencing with the current homeless situation, and that is another worry with the location being so close to schools. This proposal does not make the best use of the HHH funding, take into account the logistics of the location and dimensions of the building vis-a-vis the surrounding area, nor does it offer enough services to the people it is intending to help. I strongly urge the Council to reconsider this plan and search out more viable locations in Chatsworth to comply with their challenge of

providing supportive housing in each Council district and to better serve the community as a whole. Thank you.

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Name: Ana
Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 07:53 AM
Council File No: 17-0090-S8
Comments for Public Posting: This is waaay to close to local elementary school.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 07:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This housing development will have THREE SCHOOLS less than 1000 feet away! -Chatsworth Elementary (K-5) -Monarch Christian School (infant-6th grade) -private preschool just beside Chatsworth elementary Will the people it houses have background checks? What about Megan's law? There are too many residential neighborhoods for this to be a good idea. I want to protect the safety of the children in our community, don't you? This housing development will drive away the people who have lived in our neighborhood for years. PLEASE think about this.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 12:13 AM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Hi. This is regarding the shocking plan to build a 7 story apartment for the homeless just 500 feet away from my daughter's school, Chatsworth Park Elementary School. It's across a small street from a school with kids ages 5-12! It being so close, there will definitely be kids who will have to walk past the shelter daily. Some may need to wait for the public bus nearby to go home. I am completely against this idea as it will obviously endanger my daughter, soon my 4 year old son, other kids, parents, and the teachers. Please reconsider the plan. Homeless shelters should not be built so close to any schools, especially an elementary school.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 12:20 AM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I do not agree that a developer has purchased the property next to the ARCO station on Topanga Canyon Blvd and going to build 64 studio apartment units of supportive housing for homeless because there is just 500 ft from Chatsworth Park Urban Planning Magnet school. Many parents and I worry that might be dangerous around that area, especially school should be safe and calm. We are worry about these people drug users or mentally ill? Will they be checking Megan's law and have a background check? Are they violent? The intersection of Topanga Canyon/Devonshire is one of the most congested and dangerous intersection in Chatsworth because there is no cross walk on the south side of the street, so residents of this development will need to cross to the corner where the school is before crossing over to 7/11 corner. Making this intersection even more problematic and dangerous for kids in the school. Last thing, the proposed building is 7 stories high and will look down on the single family homes behind. We hope that they will change their mind to build supportive housing in other place in Chatsworth but not so close to Chatsworth Park Urban Planning Magnet school. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 06:24 AM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Strongly oppose the building of a homeless shelter next to an elementary school, in a portal leading to a busy highway, and near train tracks where homeless people might get hurt. The building should be located in a more remote area where they will be protected from so much traffic and where the opposition to a shelter from homeowners will not be so vociferous. This solution will satisfy all parties.

Communication from Public

Name: Maria

Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 06:42 AM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: It's opposite to a elementary school. Our kids need to see better. How will these people be placed here. It's bothers me as my children will be so close to drug addicts or criminals.

Communication from Public

Name: Evina

Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 07:02 AM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Dear council, Being a contributing member of Chatsworth and the local community, I would like to voice my concern for the development of the housing for the homeless next to a school. I don't think you are doing the community justice when we build new housing for the homeless. A solutions that would be more reasonable, would be to re-open mental health facilities, as well as provide more programs by qualified professionals to be able to run it. You're doing a disservice by just providing housing. Housing will not solve the problem. This is a problem beyond the capacity of having a place to stay. This is a problem that comes down to family structure, drug addiction, alcoholism, and mental health. And it all starts with providing a very well program that's going to provide the solution. By providing free housing, the state is enabling the behavior of someone to continuously stick with the vicious cycle. These people need help. Their families need help. This is only going to cause major problems in the area. Think about traffic, think about the school, think about the local businesses that are already being affected by the state of the homelessness. We are all not going to be able to help dissolution if you don't direct the funding to something that will actually solve the problem. Thank you, You're local community member.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 07:23 AM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: This comment is regarding the low income housing project planned for Chatsworth. I do not disagree with low income housing, however, I do disagree with placing it so close to an elementary school. The vast majority of the homeless population in Chatsworth have severe drug issues. Who in their right mind would place 64+ of these addicts walking distance from children? Before I could even begin to be okay with this project location I would need a couple points clarified. Will residents be drug tested and be required to be clean to keep their housing? Will residents be required to have a job in order to be considered for residency? Will residents go through a background check to ensure predators are not being placed next door to children?? The second issue I have with this proposal is the size of the building - 7 stories high!?! Take a long hard look around Chatsworth and you will find nothing higher than 2 floors. Groups have spent a lot of time trying to preserve Chatsworth and keep it western and a 7 story building on such a small piece of land will only be an eyesore. Not only that but it will also drive down to value of the million dollar homes within a mile radius. Are those home owners even being considered here? They've spent their lives working toward the American dream - to own a home in a nice neighborhood, good school district, great community, parks nearby. And this project will squash everything they've worked toward. Would tax's breaks even be offered? Even if these people try to sell their homes, no one is going to want to purchase land that has addicts peering in from 7 floors up. As I said earlier, I am no opposed to the idea of housing for the homeless. But I do think there are much, MUCH, better locations in surrounding cities that need to be considered.

Communication from Public

Name: Traci Shiver

Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 03:14 PM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: This is a terrible idea, it is way too close to a school! It would be much better to find an area in a less congested intersection, further from an ELEMENTARY school, and with considerable distance to residential homes. There are plenty of other areas to choose from.

Communication from Public

Name: marjorie laferriere

Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 10:30 AM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing about the homeless apartment building that will be built on Topanga and Devonshire in Chatsworth. I have concerns about it being too close to the Chatsworth Elementary school. We need to feel safe about our children and grandchildren. There must be some other locations that would be more appropriate. Thank you! Marjorie Laferriere

Communication from Public

Name: James Robertson

Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 10:48 AM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I am informed that there is a proposal to open a SEVEN story homeless shelter in the small lot adjacent to the Arco station on Topanga and Devonshire. I believe the purchaser of this parcel is looking to exploit the homeless propositions that will provide him ample financial reward (I understand he could potentially make upwards of 70 million dollars) while destroying the neighborhood around it. I oppose this being built at the proposed location for several reasons. 1) This proposed facility is mere yards from an Elementary school. The facility will have an on site mental health specialist. This means there will be people there with mental health issues. Is this an appropriate site for a mental health facility??? 2) There is a lack of parking. Only 4 parking spaces are proposed. Many single homeless people live in their cars. Will the City require the cars to be sold or parked in other parts of the City if the person is accepted in to this facility? How will this help their situation. 3) The proposed tower will be the tallest building west of the 405! Currently the tallest building in the west valley is the Chatsworth Courthouse. There is currently a height restriction on buildings in the Devonshire/Topanga corridor that this building will far exceed. 4) Cost! This building will essentially be built with public funds at a projected cost of more than \$400,000 per unit. The building will be owned by the private developer. Why should the developer own the building while we pay for it, to the detriment of the value of the surrounding homeowners? Other locations have been forwarded by concerned members of the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council to the city for consideration. When will these suggestions be discussed? Yes, the homeless crises needs to be addressed, however this is not a reasonable solution. The profits of the developers are being put ahead of common decency towards the citizens of Los Angeles and without regard for the local communities they are affecting. Lets find a solution that is acceptable to the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council and hold the developers responsible for more of the cost.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael T Anderson

Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 11:09 AM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Regarding the proposed Topanga/Devonsire homeless shelter. As a resident of Chatsworth, CA, I oppose this location for a homeless shelter. I oppose a six story structure at this location. I oppose the cost to build each unit within this six story structure. I oppose a very poorly thought out plan by the city and county in identifying that location with that six story structure. That location with that structure has to be one of the most ill conceived projects the city and county could come up with. To go further, in my opposition to this location with this structure, the location is about 150 feet from a grammar school, a little further up Topanga are two pre-schools, a couple hundred yards west on Devonshire is a charter school, the structure would border several individual homes, with six stories those apartments would overlook dozens of back yards and windows of individual homes, there would not be enough parking in an already congested intersection area, and there has not been anywhere near enough input from and outreach to the Chatsworth community. It feels like a very poorly thought out, ill conceived project has just been plopped on Chatsworth. It happened because our local elected officials have allowed a small problem to become a big problem supported by a lot of bad decisions over many years. Yes, these folks now need help, but the roots of the problem go back many years with government allowing it to happen, and now we have a big mess. Suggestion for another location in Chatsworth, on Marilla between Topanga and Owensmouth. That location with a structure that is fewer stories high, makes sense. Thank you. Mike Anderson.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 06:32 PM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I am concerned about the new project to house homeless people in chatsworth on Topanga and Devonshire. I oppose to this project, as the housing is SO close to the elementary school. Please don't build a homeless housing right next to a school which could result in putting kids in danger, causing a lot more traffic, and we don't know if the people who will be housed there are mentally ill and/or on drugs?? Please thinks of the kids who are walking to school and people been housed there are walking around the same area...not safe!!! Do not allow this to happen!!

Communication from Public

Name: Julie Eglick

Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 06:54 PM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: my concerns and objections to building housing in Topanga and devonshire. - It is 500 ft from our school - It will house chronically homeless/ single people: Are these people drug users/mentally ill? Will they be checking Megan's law and have a background check? Are they violent? - The intersection of Topanga Canyon/Devonshire is one of the most congested and dangerous intersections in Chatsworth. There is no cross walk on the south side of the street so residents of this development will need to cross to the corner where our school is before crossing over to the 7/11 corner, making this intersection even more problematic and dangerous for our kids. - The proposed building is 7 stories high and will look down on the single family homes behind them.

Communication from Public

Name: Veyda

Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 08:28 PM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: - It is 500 ft from a school, a school young children attend. Personally if it was the developers child's school they wouldn't allow this to happen 500ft away from their school front office. - It will house chronically homeless/ single people: Are these people drug users/mentally ill? Truly homeless ? Will they be checking Megan's law and have a background check? Are they violent? Are they felons ? Are they currently using ? Will they be drugged tested prior to entering and randomly ? 24/7 security in and around the premises ? Check ins with medical staff ? Check in's with mental health staff? - The intersection of Topanga Canyon/Devonshire is one of the most congested and dangerous intersections in Chatsworth. There is no cross walk on the south side of the street so residents of this development will need to cross to the corner where Chatsworth Park school is before crossing over to the 7/11 corner, making this intersection even more problematic and dangerous for the kids parents workers etc who attend that school. - The proposed building is 7 stories high and will look down on the single family homes behind. Where is the privacy in our own homes !? Please we can help the homeless but in a proper area with proper mental care - food - security - space - job offering - etc

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 04:32 PM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: The plan for homeless housing to be built in chatsworth CANNOT be allowed to proceed. it is 500 feet from an elementary school! This building will house people that are likely mentally ill and or have drug problems. This would be a HUGE danger to the children of the community. Our public representatives need to think of what is best for the community and our children, and this building is not it.

Communication from Public

Name: David Ramey

Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 05:29 PM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Sometimes, proposals for development defy belief. Chatsworth roads, which are already straining, simply cannot support the addition of a 7 story facility adjacent to one of the busiest intersections in the Northwest Valley. Homeowners adjacent to the property should not have to endure a 7 story building full of people peering into their homes and yards. But most baffling is the thought that putting a homeless facility right next to an elementary school is some sort of a good idea. Taking care of homeless people is certainly a laudable goal, but so is taking care of children. They don't have to be right next to each other for that to happen. Chatsworth is full of lots and industrial complexes that could be easily developed into facilities for the homeless that aren't also right next to the most vulnerable in our society. For goodness sakes, kill this idiotic idea before it gets off the ground.