

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/22/2019 07:56 AM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: My concern is that this building will be housing people who will not be vetted prior to occupancy. It will be less than 500 feet from an elementary school. The corner of Topanga and Devonshire is already dangerous and congested. People living in this building will have to cross from the south side of Devonshire to the north, putting them immediately in front of the school. Untreated mental health issues are one of the leading precursors to homelessness. Putting a structure directly across from an elementary school is irresponsible.

Communication from Public

Name: Bill Cotter

Date Submitted: 09/22/2019 01:17 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This project s completely wrong for this area: 1) Height - it would be the tallest structure in the area and tower over neighboring homes and businesses 2) Parking - completely inadequate at only 5 spaces 3) Too close to a school 4) Why are we being asked to find high-end facilities with amenities such as dishwashers, a computer lab, and a rooftop garden where the residents can "relax in the shade" as described? Spend less per unit and you can house more people!! 5) What provisions would ensure the building is not flipped from a homeless shelter to other use such as standard rentals or condos? With only 5 parking spots that would be a major problem for the area. 6) What provisions are there for vetting who goes into the facility? 7) What security will be provided? Providing bridge housing for people in need is one thing. Building a way-oversized building full of luxury amenities is another. Use the money wisely and the community will support it! This proposal is just plain wrong - and a massive and expensive waste that will reduce potential service for other who could benefit from more, but less elegant, housing. Other cities like San Diego are building tent shelters faster, cheaper, and for more people. LA has got to stop dreaming that we can build our way out of this problem through over-priced projects like this one.

Communication from Public

Name: Sajjan Joseph

Date Submitted: 09/22/2019 09:58 AM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in protest to the proposed homeless housing proposed to be built at 10243 N. Topanga Ave. in Chatsworth. My biggest concern is that this location is 500 ft from a elementary school. While I am not opposed to this being built in Chatsworth, I am opposed to this location. Another concern is for the residents living on Brooke Ave., right behind this homeless structure. One of which is my parents (10242 Brooke Ave.). It isn't right to have them live right behind the only 7 story structure. Who guarantees their safety in this situation? I don't believe all homeless people are violent, but I won't be concerned about their safety if there is at least one individual that is violent or mentally ill. Please reconsider this proposal. Pick a location that is not 500 ft from a elementary school.

Communication from Public

Name: Veronica Stambolis

Date Submitted: 09/22/2019 11:31 AM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I am not opposed to public housing in Chatsworth, where I have resided since 1975. But I am opposed to have a 6 story structure in a town with mostly two or three story housing. I am also opposed to having housing for 68 people with less than a dozen parking spots. Finally, I don't think it is appropriate to have housing for transients or those with serious mental illness so very close to an elementary school. This particular area is Chatsworth is already fragile and plagued by junkies and transients who, on a daily basis, harass school children, business owners, and residents. Again, it's important to build housing to support homeless people, but it's unfair to place it in an area that does not meet community standards or taken into consideration the needs of the community at large, especially the children of the community.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 09/22/2019 03:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Although I recognize the need for a Homeless Shelter and Facilities, I strongly oppose the proposed Topanga Canyon Blvd. and Devonshire St. location. The elementary school is too close as well as the residential neighborhood. Please consider Canoga or DeSoto and Roscoe and Mason and Lassen. What about the Palmdale/Lancaster area? Lots of land available for building in a safer more remote area.

Communication from Public

Name: Liliya Kirzhner

Date Submitted: 09/22/2019 04:05 PM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing as a resident of Chatsworth Community regarding the homeless shelter project on Devonshire and Topanga. This is definitely a wrong place for this project. The main reason is that there is an elementary school across the street, two pre-schools close by, the building will stand out from the rest of one story houses in that residency. There are definitely better parts in the area to build this project around other multi level apartment building and away from schools. The project will house homeless people with different needs including mentally ill people and people who use drugs/alcohol. Therefore, this project is not acceptable in the residency being so close to schools. Please consider different part of valley for the sake of our children! How would you feel if your child had to be most part of the day in the school so close to such project! I believe in justice and proper solution to this problem. Im sure there will be more angry citizens, parents, and school workers who will demonstrate against it and take legal actions against this project! I understand LA has to help homeless community, but not by making the kids of Chatsworth Elem school and 2 private pre-schools feel unsafe. Thank You!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/22/2019 07:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: i am completely against the homeless shelter going up on Topanga canyon and Devonshire. There are several elementary schools in the area that do not need to be exposed to these people. Most of these people have been in and out of jail or prison. Some are part of the AB109 early release program that should have never passed but it did. It will affect the safety of my children when getting to school at school and departing school, the safety of my neighborhood, my property, and my property value just to name a few. Many of these people are drug users, and a drug user is always committing crimes to support their habits. I do not wish to be a victim nor do I want to increase my chances of being a victim to these crimes. Many of these people also have mental health issues that need to be dealt with. Something else needs to be done before figuring housing...

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Name: Crystal Taz
Date Submitted: 09/22/2019 07:46 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not build the homeless apartment building to the Chatsworth Park Elementary school. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Ramin Amiri

Date Submitted: 09/22/2019 07:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: 11:52 AM (7 hours ago) To whom it may concern My Name is Ramin Amiri and my wife Nazanine Amiri and myself have owned a single family home on Mayall st in Chatsworth which is approximately 1200 feet from Chatsworth park elementary school for well over 15 years. I am writing with concern and opposition to the new housing structure that will be placed 500 feet from the elementary where my home is located Chatsworth park elementary. My issues are as follows- 1. homeless and or transitional housing structure have a high expectancy of opening the doors to more crime in the neighborhood for obvious reasons. There is already a lot of crime in Chatsworth and we are virtually inviting more into our community with such establishment. 2. The children at this school range from the ages of 5-11 years old and are defenseless to the dangers of mental health issues and violence that carries with the homeless population and would be subjecting these children to the dangers of not only the above issues but also the issues of unregistered sexual predators. 3. As a homeowner the value of my home would plummet, and my wife and I have worked decades to be able to purchase a home that we have kept in good standing to not only increase the value on the market but also in the community. If people feel their children are unsafe at the local school the chances of buying my property if I ever chose to sell what we have worked so hard to secure a financial future for our children the opportunities will decrease immensely 4. We currently have renters that have been renters of our property for over 5 years and in this day and age it is extremely difficult to find solid renters that not only pay their rent on time but also take care of our property as if it's their own home in order to allow the value of our home to remain in good equal standing with the current sale rate. Our renters have a young child of 9 years old with severe life threatening health issues caused by autoimmune disease that attends Chatsworth park elementary and they have expressed their concern of the fear of having their child exposed to the diseases and dangers that the homeless population may carry over to him (and the other children) by being placed so close to where he spends the majority of his day when he is well. So this establishment is not only posting a threat to my financial standing of losing a quality family that is a major asset to my property but also the hardship on a family with 2 children one as I

mentioned with health issues having to be displaced from the home and having to relocate in order resulting from the cities plan to house a population that would be placed in their back yard. So for every person you are placing in this proposed establishment you are jeopardize displacement of families throughout the community that have worked very hard to live in this community.

5. There are a substantial amount of vacant buildings in industrial areas of Chatsworth more suitable for such housing even as close as Canoga ave, Owensmouth and De Soto. There is even a vacant restaurant on the corner of De Soto and Nordhoff that has been vacant for some time and it is neighbored by the department of mental health, The county offices including assistance of Cal Works, Cal Fresh and GAIN not to mention public transportation to allow the homeless population easy access to the tools needed to benefit the improvements of their lives

6. Since I have been a member of the Chatsworth community I have known the dangers already in place in regards to traffic on Devonshire and Topanga due to the traffic light setup and congestion that is formed their being so close to the 118 freeway and also the lack of a crosswalk on the south corner which will lead all the transients and population of this housing onto the north corner which the school is located on exposing the children to one on one contact to a population with a heavy statistical number of violent behavior disease and mental health issues leaving the babies of our community completely defenseless

7. Last in perspective thought to the taxpayers money that will be paying for this project. Do you not feel it is an unfair expectation for the tax payers to pay to bring crime and danger into their backyards and even a bigger substantial liability to the city at the amount of lawsuits that will be brought against the city for these crimes and dangers caused by this housing. Also a loss of monetary capitol for the amount of children that will be kept home from school on a daily basis in order for parents to protect their children from the same crimes and dangers. Every time a child is absent from school the district loses funding. Do you not see the potential dangers in our educational system if the absences were to increase over 90% over the housing issue? So please value the concerns of the community and stop this housing project and relocate it elsewhere. Thank you,

Ramin Amiri

Communication from Public

Name: Cyriac Ellikkal
Date Submitted: 09/22/2019 09:02 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I do not like the fact that the homeless shelter will be built next to the elementary school. This will put the kids and the school staff at danger. I highly advise against it.

Communication from Public

Name: Oscar facio

Date Submitted: 09/22/2019 09:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: in my opinion it is not safe to have a homeless apartment building so close to an elementary school which can put many children's lives in danger. This is a highly populated area for kids and sometimes homeless people can attract drugs, alcohol, and suspicious people which can affect the lives of these kids and their parents. Not to say that all homeless people are associated with this but homeless shelters should not be permitted within a certain radius of schools and in smaller neighborhoods. A large necessity of society is to keep our children safe, we don't know where these people come from, if their drug dealers, sex offenders, or mentally unstable people who may have the capability of putting the children's, and parents lives in danger. Bringing a homeless shelter will also attract more homeless people to the area which can also bring up the crime rate in the neighborhood and attract more solicitors to the neighborhood.

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Name: Rebecca

Date Submitted: 09/22/2019 09:28 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The following schools (Chatsworth Park Elementary School, Montessori of Chatsworth, Monarch Christian School, A Mother Goose Academy of Chatsworth, Little Treehouse Academy / Teremok) are located within walking distance of the proposed location for the homeless shelter at 10243 Topanga Canyon Blvd, Chatsworth, CA 91311. Building a homeless shelter at this particular site will increase the risk of exposure to individuals who might be prone to violence, drugs, and alcohol in a quite family oriented community. The close proximity to the school could expose children to people that might have bad intentions and jeopardize their safety, or teach them bad habits such as drugs. The proposed location is already at the corner of a busy ARCO Gas Station with a no parking zone, and is an extremely busy street during the morning and afternoon rush hours. Since a lot of the homeless in the area have RVs and large vehicles as homes, it is quite possible that these would add to the congestion on Topanga Canyon Blvd. Added to this that a lot of the cars have mechanical issues such as fuel or oil leak due to lack of funds to fix them, it would create a hazard to the public. Lastly, the residents of the homeless shelter could park their vehicles and RVs in front of the elementary school. While a homeless shelter is a great idea, my suggestion would be to relocate the shelter to an industrial zone and possibly repurpose the office building to accommodate people with spaces similar to how people in large density cities such as New York and Tokyo live. Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter that would greatly affect this neighborhood.

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Ann Cozza

Date Submitted: 09/22/2019 08:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The site at Topanga and Lassen is a terrible place to put a 7story homeless housing facility. Chatsworth Park Elementary School is only 500 feet away! Why would anyone with any intelligence think this was a good location for homeless housing ? Buildings in that area are all one and two stories, the only place you can cross Topanga is the corner right in front of the school. Don't you care about the children and their safety? There has to be another site not so close to an elementary school available. What happened to Save School Zones?

Communication from Public

Name: Lenore Petz

Date Submitted: 09/22/2019 08:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello! I am a homeowner in Chatsworth and Protesting to protect our children and our neighborhood. I am against to the proposed 7 story apartment for the homeless to be build within 500 feet of Chatsworth Park Elementary School. This is not an ideal location. We wanted to live in a peaceful and pleasant environment. We have seen people loitering around our neighborhood, the grocery stores and it's not safe. This proposal will increase the possible drug addicts, crime rate, robbery in our area in Chatsworth. I hope they find a location somewhere else aside from Chatsworth.