

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/25/2019 01:14 PM

Council File No: 17-0090-S8

Comments for Public Posting: This very concerning to all the parents of Children that attend Chatsworth Park Elementary. The homeless shelter is way to close to the school ONLY 500FT AWAY!The city council is overseeing the safety of our children and it should be of top priority! Not to mention it is going to be a 7 story rise building and overlooks the community around. Which I'm sure this people have children. Where is the privacy for this home owners. Lastly, we don't know what kind of people will move into this shelter. Are they in drugs?! Mentally challenged?! My daughter was telling me this morning that she is afraid of going to school just by the thought of this project going through. How could our children learn in such environment. Please find another location not close to our schools!

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Comments for Public Posting: Please relocate the homeless apartment from Topanga and Devonshire to a more industrial neighborhood. It is too close to the elementary school.

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Name: Greg
Date Submitted: 09/25/2019 09:22 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not put your proposed low income housing project near our children's schools when there are several other viable locations to choose from. Thank you.

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Name: RPS
Date Submitted: 09/25/2019 02:43 PM
Council File No: 17-0090-S8
Comments for Public Posting: I am Protesting the Homeless Project in Chatsworth near Chatsworth Park Elementary. City council should be looking out in the best interest of the children. They need to Protect our children. A homeless apartment building to close to the school would not be safe. Please reconsider another location away from the children!!!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/25/2019 03:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am very concerned about the proposed homeless apartment building at Topanga/Devonshire. While I do understand that we have a huge problem with homelessness in our neighborhood I do not agree with the location. This is too close to schools and too close to residential areas. In addition this intersection is way too busy to accommodate that much additional traffic. This project should not be approved at this location.

Communication from Public

Name: James Hatem

Date Submitted: 09/25/2019 07:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The proposed homeless shelter, just a few hundred feet from Chatsworth Elementary School is misguided and shameful. This is a residential community. We pay exorbitant property taxes to live in this area and part of the deal has never included high taxes in order to live next to a building housing a large number of drug addicted, violent, mentally disturbed vagrants. We already have a problem with a number of vagrants who habitually loiter and harass residents visiting nearby markets and stores. The nearby Ralph's market even had to hire armed guards to stop the pilfering, property damage, and harassment in their store and parking lot. On more than one occasion I have found hypodermic needles strewn on the ground in the 7-Eleven parking lot across the street from the proposed housing unit. Rather than making the area more inviting to vagrants, the city should be helping us disperse them. The homeless in our area are not simply people down on their luck. I have seen some of the same individuals loitering in the area for years! There are plenty of wide open industrial areas nearby that would be better suited for the proposed housing unit.

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Name: Mark Curran

Date Submitted: 09/25/2019 03:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not build a 7 story, 63 unit homeless shelter on Topanga Canyon, right next to Chatsworth Elementary School. It is also absurd that your spending close to \$700000 per unit, what a rip off. Also only having 6 parking space for of 60 units is not good planning. Build it in some industrial park. I live in Chatsworth close by and do not want this in our neighborhood. Think how bad traffic will be on Topanga during the build. Regards, Mark Curran

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Burak

Date Submitted: 09/25/2019 04:03 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I definitely oppose this proposed housing for the homeless. It will not work for a multitude of reasons. In order to erect something of this nature in a residential area, very close to 2 schools, a pot store and a meth lab is insane. These homeless people have moved in and caused a lot of problems and damage due to the multitude of drugs, alcohol consumption and mental disabilities. All of the local markets had to put combo locks on their rest rooms because of the filth and damage done by the homeless. The stores also had to hire more security at their expense, raising the prices to the patrons. I had a radio talk show out of Burbank when a lady called me pleading for help because her house was stolen. Due to the fact that I am a real estate agent, I could verify everything she told me. Her house was paid off and fraudulently stolen from her...not uncommon unfortunately. She was an accomplished UCLA graduate, not stupid and had her own business, which she had just retired from. She finally did get her house back after degrading meetings and city officials ignoring her. My point in mentioning this is because something seems to happen to people's minds after they have lived on the streets for a number of years, without the use of drugs or alcohol which compounds the problem substantially of course. She is still on the street & is 77 years old. I had tradespeople willing to repair her little house for free, but she wouldn't do it. That's why I say that living on the street for a period of time must do something to one's head/brain. After many meetings with city officials, our story fell of deaf ears. Needless to say, I fear this homeless facility targeted for Chatsworth will fall on deaf ears as well. There are plenty of vacant buildings and/or inexpensive vacant land on the outskirts of Los Angeles where spectacular mental health, rehab and homeless family shelters could be built, allowing these less fortunate folks to have safety, food, shelter, medical aid, therapy, etc. A great deal of thought must be put into this gigantic problem because it's been swept under the carpet for far too long by our officials. Now, it not just a matter of relocating and taking care of the homeless, it's turned into major health and safety for all of us. When all of the stores are sold out of rat sticky pads, that is a huge problem. I truly fear for our people and our city! It's time to take care of this as soon as possible!!! I thank you for your time and, hopefully, your attention.

Communication from Public

Name: Diane

Date Submitted: 09/25/2019 05:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Why would you even consider putting in a seven story apartment building for the homeless so close to elementary schools and public parks. We have seen what places become when homeless move in with mental issues, alcoholism and drug addiction. Even though it will be for 63 singles, you know they will attract more to come and we are next to 2 parks which will probably become overrun just like downtown. We should have places where children can be safe to go to school and play without having to walk over people or find needles or watch people urinating/defecating in public. There are vacant commercial areas that would accommodate more and not be around young children. Unfortunately, when homeless move in it brings crime, drugs, disease, rats etc. If you have any doubt just go through downtown L.A. and tell me you would want your children around that. If someone else wanted to put in a seven story building in that same space you wouldn't allow it because of zoning restrictions and no place for parking. People bought expensive homes in this area to be away from all that. They also pay high taxes....all you will do is force more middle class to leave this state. I believe you do need to take care of the homeless problem but you shouldn't put them next to elementary schools.

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Name: Robin
Date Submitted: 09/25/2019 06:07 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed homeless housing site in Chatsworth. My home sits just behind the proposed area for development, and the building will be sharing a wall with my backyard. This proposal would not only pose a safety risk for our community, but it will be a constant source of fear of endangerment of my wife and young daughter. I understand the challenges of homelessness in your district, and I am in support of providing resources for this despondent population. The concerns that I have are both for the safety of my family and my neighbors. On a local level, the building would be built just behind 3 homes which house 9 children. These children will now be in proximity with individuals who struggle financially, and may be tempted to pose danger to them for personal gain due to increased accessibility. On a more global level, the building would exist very close to a distinguished elementary school, after-school activity venues (such as a popular Tae Kwon Do school), and a local park with an expanding community engagement program. A homeless housing site would direct such individuals towards these establishments, and create unsafe congestion in a budding neighborhood that is trying to foster a safe community. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my comments. You can count on my support on your mission to oppose this location site, and to provide the necessary resources to determine a viable alternative.

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Name: Catherine Clemens

Date Submitted: 09/25/2019 06:27 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am commenting on the proposed building of a seven story apartment complex, low income housing, at the SW corner of Devonshire and Topanga Canyon. First I believe the structure is too close to an elementary school and public park. Second, the seven story building would be an eye sore. I am opposed to the building location and size. Please find another location! Catherine Clemens

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Name: Damaris Shreve
Date Submitted: 09/25/2019 01:41 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: My concern relates to the "affordable housing" being proposed in Chatsworth at Topanga and Devonshire. While I understand there is a need for housing, the location of a 7 story, 64 unit apartment building, in a very small lot, busy intersection, less than 300 feet from an elementary school, is completely unacceptable. The project, which until recently, was kept very quiet by the developers and city officials, seems like a complete money grab of tax payer money, with no real concern for the homeless or the tax payers. This tax payer and Chatsworth resident of 28 years, urges all those involved with this horrible project, to reconsider the location and cost of said project. There are many industrial areas in Chatsworth and surrounding areas, that would be much better locations.

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Name: Bill Pitkin

Date Submitted: 09/25/2019 02:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of the Topanga Apartments area in Council District 12 and fully support it. Our district is the ONLY one in the city without any permanent supportive housing developments from Prop HHH. Supportive housing works to change lives and improve communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Santhosh James

Date Submitted: 09/25/2019 08:27 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I have a serious concern on the location of this homeless apartment building that will be built across the street from the Chatsworth Park Elementary school. Many children are walking to the school from this community and any increase in homeless community in this area can be dangerous. We are not against building apartment for homeless, but it must be few miles away from a school or regular residential area. Many kids play in open area without much supervision and city needs to take measure to reduce the homeless and drug addicts from this neighborhood.

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Name: Nimi
Date Submitted: 09/25/2019 08:59 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please stop building the homeless apartment close to Chatsworth elementary school. School should be a place where parents should feel safe to send children, from where they can come home walking without any worries. Take action to protect the children, stop the movement to build the homeless apartment in this location

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Gage
Date Submitted: 09/25/2019 09:51 AM
Council File No: 17-0090-S8
Comments for Public Posting: No homeless apartments in Chatsworth

Communication from Public

Name: Laura schwarz

Date Submitted: 09/25/2019 09:56 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear leaders, I am a local business owner, and residents of Chatsworth for 22+ years. I am out raged at the fact that we ypu even considering putting a homeless shelter next to a school. Next to peoples homes, which is their biggest asset, that they have worked for their entire life. D valuing their asset, without any thought of their hard work to achieve that. Do we not as a community support the people who pay taxes, shop in the community, choose to school there children in there community, by protecting them from a reckless idea to house, Substance abusers , homeless, people with mental issues, right next to their homes and their schools? You are loosing us. I can't tell you how many of my neighbors are moving out of state, and now talking about how they will move if this goes through. I myself will leave the area, I have a business in the neighborhood I have children who go to school in the neighborhood, I will leave the area. Would you as city Council people want this next to your children's school, next to your business that you work so hard to open and stay open. Would you want this next to your home, that you have all your equity in, and are hoping one day to cash out and retire on? I can't believe that I even have to write an email about this, I have no idea what is happening to the leaders of our city, our state? What will you govern, once all the taxpayers leave? All the small businesses are gone, who are you Going to get tax dollars from? We love our community, we know there's a problem with homelessness, this is not the right place for it. There are many other sites, in the Chatsworth, Northridge area to place a homeless shelter. That would not be next to somebody's home, a child's school, and a small business. I really hope that you guys will value the input of the community, and not some preacher from a church, who has no assets in the neighborhood. If you want to get things done you talk to people in the neighborhood, figure out where the best spot is to put it is, not just sign off. Come together, not just shove it down people's throats and ruin there communities. Sincerely Laura Schwarz

Communication from Public

Name: Caitlin Myers

Date Submitted: 09/20/2019 03:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is imperative that you block the building of this homeless apartment complex at this location (Topanga and Devonshire) As a parent of a child at Chatsworth Elementary , I am concerned about the safety of my child. The area is already inundated with drug addicts and people with mental illness. Adding housing for homeless, will only attract more potential problems to this congested area. DO NOT APPROVE DO NOT BUILD here (there are other options)

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Name: Guadalupe M Perez

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Comments for Public Posting: A developer (Affirmed Housing of San Diego) has purchased the property next to the Arco station on Topanga Canyon Blvd and is planning to build 64 studio apartment units of supportive housing for the homeless population. There is many other places in Chatsworth to build supportive housing, not so close Chatsworth Park Elementary. - 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.

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Name: Laurie
Date Submitted: 09/20/2019 07:11 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: across from an elementary school ? really?? think about it... really think about it \

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Name: Zainab
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Comments for Public Posting: Please consider moving the construction away from school. It will affects our kids.

Communication from Public

Name: Amande

Date Submitted: 09/20/2019 09:39 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not approve the homeless housing in Chatsworth right across from my daughters elementary school. I agree homeless housing is needed but right across from an elementary school at a busy intersection is not the right place!

Communication from Public

Name: Shawn Hussain

Date Submitted: 09/21/2019 03:24 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a concerned resident. This building will be 500 feet from a school. Are any of these residents drug users? Are any of them mentally ill? Or violent. We understand the need to build this but do it somewhere else in Chatsworth. It does not seem that anyone is listening to us.