

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Polinsky

**Date Submitted:** 10/10/2019 05:47 PM

**Council File No:** 17-0090-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am in favor of the District 12 Permanent Supportive Housing project in Chatsworth. It would additionally benefit the neighborhood and maximize the use of the property. . This project has already met the necessary threshold to receive funding and the developer has made clear they are open to an honest and reasonable community engagement process. These would be the first supportive units funded by HHH in Council District 12. With this being the last occasion to allocate these funds, we cannot let this opportunity pass. It's time for the West Valley to become part of the solution to our homeless crisis.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Janeen

**Date Submitted:** 10/10/2019 08:35 PM

**Council File No:** 17-0090-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** City Council...I am a stakeholder and I say YES to the project

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Armen A

**Date Submitted:** 09/24/2019 11:27 PM

**Council File No:** 17-0090-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** I live in chatsworth I find it absolutely disgusting that the city council has elected a site so close to an elementary school. The are has enough homeless people living in the area. They are drunk or on drugs the other few nights ago there was a fight one was using a large chain and fighting with another homeless person. I for one will NOT BE VOTING for anyone on this city council due to incompetence !!!! Good luck with your other career this was political suicide

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mary Dawson

**Date Submitted:** 09/25/2019 05:35 PM

**Council File No:** 17-0090-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is unacceptable for a homeless housing project to be built so close to a school. Time to rethink this plan.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Neighborhood Watch-GA  
**Date Submitted:** 10/09/2019 10:25 PM  
**Council File No:** 17-0090-S8  
**Comments for Public Posting:** please see attached 2-page .pdf document for comment against the building at Topanga and Devonshire.

**jswetzelsbcglobal.net**

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**From:** Neighborhood Watch Chats PR Georgia <georgia17a23@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 09, 2019 11:10 AM  
**To:** jswetzelsbcglobal.net  
**Subject:** Fwd: THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME #17-0090-S8

Re-sending. Please let me know you got it. Thank you, Georgia

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Neighborhood Watch Chats PR Georgia <georgia17a23@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Mon, Oct 7, 2019 at 3:21 PM  
**Subject:** THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME #17-0090-S8  
**To:** <jswetzelsbcglobal.net>  
**Cc:** Neighborhood Watch <georgia17a23@gmail.com>

Hi Shannon -

Please enter my name as: Neighborhood Watch-GA

My email is: [georgia17a23@gmail.com](mailto:georgia17a23@gmail.com) (following is my comments. It looks like too much, but it does fit w/in the restriction of characters.

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I am in opposition of the proposed supportive housing project location of "Topanga Apts." @10243 Topanga Cyn., Chatsworth, CA 91311. Following are my reasons why I believe this location is wrong. 1. There are several schools & child care centers/schools w/in walking distance. (i.e. Chatsworth Park Elem., Monarch Christian School, Oakridge, & Montessori Chatsworth to name a few). This could reduce school attendance. These are sensitive areas, putting children may be put @ risk to the behaviors of addicted/mentally unstable residents of this supportive housing project. Kids could be offered drugs, alcohol, flavored tobacco, THC candies & food w/THC in it, including "gummies" that look like innocent candy for kids. Not to mention, if any of the supportive housing residents are a suicide risk, that puts our kids @ risk. 2. My husband & I personally pick up trash DAILY & drug paraphernalia on the streets of Chatsworth. Many of the people littering are mentally unstable or intoxicated trashing our community & putting the residents at risk of diseases we haven't seen in years. 3. This proposed supportive housing project is walking distance from a "pot shop," Strain Balboa Caregivers, which may enabling residents to continue w/their substance abuse. 4. Any of the residents of this supportive housing that are struggling w/substance abuse, may easily obtain alcohol because 3 out of the 4 corners @ the proposed location (intersection of Topanga Cyn & Devonshire) SELL ALCOHOL! This enables the residents to continue their abusive behavior & puts everyone at risk. 5. Adding a multi-unit complex of any size @ this location will increase NOISE to nearby businesses & existing single family residences. This is would be a nuisance. 6. Many chemically addicted people smoke. Smoking will increase the risk (especially if they are intoxicated) of fire & health of nearby businesses and residents. 7. The proposed location does not have a marked cross-walk to cross Topanga Cyn. The nearby intersection of Topanga Cyn & Devonshire, has marked crosswalks on all sides, EXCEPT the side WHERE this projected would be located. 8. The project does not have enough parking spaces. Many of the residents probably have been living in their vehicles, so where do those vehicles go after they get housing here? 9. Has a traffic study been doing on Topanga Cyn. during peak commuter hours (i.e. 6am-8am, 3pm-6pm)? 10. CD12 area, in recent past has had a MASSIVE population growth w/new housing of all kinds. HOWEVER, we have NEVER received ADDED POLICE officers to our Basic Car 17A23. We don't need more people, as the LAPD Devonshire Basic Car 17A23 area is "stretched thin" as it is, & LAPD also was given the task of patrolling our local Chatsworth train/bus station too. How much more is going to be added to the responsibility of an already strained police department? 11. The location for supportive housing would be best near a government (city or county) facility (i.e. Chatsworth Courthouse, near the Council Office, near the Dept . of Consumer

Affairs., or ideally near the Department of Toxic Substances Control on Oakdale, in Chatsworth., etc) & NOT in a residential, congested area w/inadequate parking or in an area where small businesses are & their employees are afraid to come/go to work, & can't park because "previously homeless" people have to park their vehicles on the street because there is inadequate parking @ the supportive housing. CD12 has more commercial businesses than any other council district. 12. This proposed supportive housing is very tall, & not in keeping w/the Chatsworth plan or culture. The planned rooftop patio/garden would invade privacy of nearby, already existing, single family homes & businesses.13. The intersection of Topanga Cyn/Devonshire (nearby where the supportive housing project is proposed) has had a history of VERY BAD accidents. Additional residents in this area put them @ risk of death or injury if they are sitting or walking around the area due to the high number of traffic & past accidents. 12. The CITY was very "sneaky" & "slipped this project in" during a time of change for CD12 w/our interim Councilperson Smith & new Councilperson John Lee transitioning. I can't help but think the CITY did this intentionally, knowing our local council office was very preoccupied w/all things leading to this change & knowing that CD12 had not yet found the perfect place for supportive housing. The CITY took advantage of us, & DID NOT ALLOW PROPER TIME for PUBLIC COMMENT. The city "kicked us while we were down." 13. It's my understanding that people w/a violent crime history will not be allowed to stay in the supportive housing. This is misleading, because #1, not all have been caught doing a violent crime, doesn't guarantee that they have never done it. #2, It's misleading because Prop. 47 re-categorized some nonviolent offenses as misdemeanors, rather than felonies, as they had previously been categorized. #17-0090-S8

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Land Lord  
**Date Submitted:** 10/10/2019 02:34 PM  
**Council File No:** 17-0090-S8  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please see attached letter OPPOSING the proposed project for council file 17-0090-S8.

I am in OPPOSITION of the proposed supportive housing project location of Topanga Apts at 10243 Topanga Cyn., Chatsworth, CA 91311. Following are my reasons why I believe this location is wrong. 1. There are several schools & child care centers/schools w/in walking distance. (i.e. Chatsworth Park Elem., Monarch Christian School, Oakridge, & Montessori Chatsworth to name a few). This could reduce school attendance. These are sensitive areas, which may put children at risk to the behaviors of addicted/mentally unstable residents of this supportive housing project. Kids could be offered drugs, alcohol, flavored tobacco, THC candies & food w/THC in it, including (gummies) that look like innocent candy for kids. Not to mention, if any of the supportive housing residents are a suicide risk, that puts our kids at risk. 2. My husband & I personally pick up trash DAILY & drug paraphernalia on the streets of Chatsworth. Many of the people littering are mentally unstable or intoxicated, trashing our community, putting the residents at risk of diseases we haven't seen in years. 3. This proposed supportive housing project is walking distance from Strain Balboa Caregivers, a POT SHOP, which may enable residents to continue w/their substance abuse. 4. Any of the residents of this supportive housing that are struggling w/substance abuse, may easily obtain alcohol because 3 out of the 4 corners at the proposed location (intersection of Topanga Cyn & Devonshire) SELL ALCOHOL! This enables the residents to continue their abusive behavior & puts everyone at risk. 5. Adding a multi-unit complex of any size at this location will increase NOISE to nearby businesses & existing single family residences. This is would be a nuisance. 6. Many chemically addicted people smoke. Smoking will increase the risk (especially if they are intoxicated) of fire & health of nearby businesses and residents. 7. The proposed location does not have a marked cross-walk to cross Topanga Cyn. The nearby intersection of Topanga Cyn & Devonshire, has marked crosswalks on all sides, EXCEPT the side WHERE this projected would be located. 8. The project does not have enough parking spaces. Many of the residents probably have been living in their vehicles, so where do those vehicles go after they get housing here? 9. Has a traffic study been doing on Topanga Cyn. during PEAK commuter hours (i.e. 6am-8am, 3pm-6pm)? 10. CD12 area, in recent past has had a MASSIVE population growth w/new housing of all kinds. HOWEVER, we have NEVER received ADDED POLICE officers to our Basic Car 17A23. We don't need more people, as the LAPD Devonshire Basic Car 17A23 area is STRETCHED THIN as it is & LAPD also was given the ADDED task of patrolling our local Chatsworth train/bus station. How much more is going to be added to the responsibility of an already strained police department? 11. The location for supportive housing would be best near a government (city or county) facility (i.e. Chatsworth Courthouse, near the Council Office, near the Dept . of Consumer Affairs., or ideally near the Department of Toxic Substances Control on Oakdale, in Chatsworth.,etc) & NOT in a residential, congested area w/inadequate parking or in an area where small businesses are & their employees are afraid to come/go to work & can't park because PREVIOUSLY UNSHELTERED people have to park their vehicles on the street because there is inadequate parking at the supportive housing. CD12 has more commercial businesses than any other council district. 12. This proposed supportive housing is very tall & not in keeping w/the Chatsworth plan or culture. The planned rooftop patio/garden would invade privacy of nearby, already existing, single family homes & businesses.13. The intersection of Topanga Cyn/Devonshire (nearby where the supportive housing project is proposed) has had a history of VERY BAD accidents. Additional residents in this area put them at risk of death or injury if they are sitting or walking around the area due to the high number of traffic & past accidents. 12. The CITY was very SNEAKY & SLIPPED THIS PROJECT IN during a time of change for CD12 w/our interim Councilperson Smith & new Councilperson John Lee transitioning. I can't help but think the CITY did this intentionally, knowing our local council office was very preoccupied w/all things leading to this change & knowing that CD12 had not yet found the perfect place for supportive housing. The CITY took advantage of us & DID NOT ALLOW PROPER TIME for PUBLIC COMMENT. The city KICKED US WHILE WE WERE DOWN. 13. It's my understanding that people w/a violent crime history will not be allowed to stay in the supportive housing. This is misleading, because A., not all have yet been caught doing a violent crime, doesn't guarantee that they have never done it. B. It's misleading because Prop. 47 re-categorized some nonviolent offenses as misdemeanors, rather than felonies, as they had previously been categorized. #17-0090-S8

## Communication from Public

**Name:** S. William  
**Date Submitted:** 10/10/2019 02:41 PM  
**Council File No:** 17-0090-S8  
**Comments for Public Posting:** PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FOR SPECIFICS. I AM OPPOSED TO THE LOCATION OF THE TOPANGA APARTMENTS, COUNCIL FILE #17-0090-S8.

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Myron Dembo, Ph.D

**Date Submitted:** 10/10/2019 03:05 PM

**Council File No:** 17-0090-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** Re: Letter of Support for Topanga Apartments 10243 North Topanga Canyon Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 91311 Members of the City Council: You all pledged to build permanent supportive housing in LA County. This means that each Council person has a responsibility to achieve this goal. There are no projects in CD 12. There are over 500 people who are experiencing homelessness in CD12. These people are members of the community and deserve the same respect and dignity as any other member of the community. President Kennedy wrote a book called "Profiles in Courage" describing the unique moral behavior of a number of elected officials, explaining how they responded under pressure to do the right thing. Councilmen and women: It is your time to step up and do the right thing. Support the housing project in CD 12-allow the builder to interact with the community and make any necessary changes. In other words, allow the process to proceed. Thank you for your support of this important project.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Hannah Bowman

**Date Submitted:** 10/10/2019 03:24 PM

**Council File No:** 17-0090-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** 10/10/19 Councilmember John Lee Los Angeles City Hall 200 North Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 Re: Letter of Support for Topanga Apartments 10243 North Topanga Canyon Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 91311 Councilmember Lee, My name is Hannah Bowman and I am a resident and homeowner in Council District 12. I am writing to express my strong support for Topanga Apartments, a 63-unit supportive housing project that is being proposed to be built in Council District 12. This project would provide supportive housing for our vulnerable homeless neighbors in Chatsworth. It would additionally benefit the neighborhood and maximize the use of the property, which is currently occupied by an auto sales lot and two garages. As a homeowner in District 12, I believe we have an essential responsibility to provide housing for the members of our community that are homeless. As a Christian, it is an imperative of my faith that we shelter those who have no homes. This project is a way to fulfill that commandment. We know that the homelessness crisis impacts every community across the city. As such, we need to make sure that we are building supportive and affordable housing across Los Angeles, but especially in areas that are not creating their fair share. This project has already met the necessary threshold to receive funding and the developer has made clear they are open to an honest and reasonable community engagement process. The developer has already indicated a willingness to reduce the size of the project and target specific populations in the community, like veterans. As you know, the HHH funding commitment often comes very early in the process and there is still considerable time to refine the design as the building moves forward. Perhaps most importantly, these would be the first supportive units funded by HHH in Council District 12. With this being the last occasion to allocate these funds, we cannot let this opportunity pass. We must continue to move forward with this chance to build the critical units we need to end homelessness in LA, and we urge you and your colleagues to support moving funding for this project forward. Sincerely,  
Hannah Bowman

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Harry Sherman

**Date Submitted:** 10/10/2019 04:14 PM

**Council File No:** 17-0090-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Harry Sherman. I'm a very knowledgeable homelessness and housing advocate from the West San Fernando Valley. I have visited the site of the proposed Permanent Supportive Housing project on Topanga and Devonshire and believe that it is an ideal location for the project. I have visited other PSH complexes in Los Angeles and I know that they are beautifully designed and have no history of criminal incidents. There is an imminent need for this project in District 12. I have spoken to the developer a number of times and they are very open to revising their plan to be less tall. There are nearby services, stores and transportation, which conforms with best locations for PSH projects. Time is of the essence when it comes to building housing for the homeless. Please don't waste time. Support this project!