

May 19, 2018

The Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair
Homelessness and Poverty Committee
Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Room 450
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: 1533 Schrader Boulevard Temporary Bridge Housing Facility (CF 18-0352)

Dear Councilmember Harris-Dawson:

On behalf of unaware families who send their children to four schools immediately surrounding the proposed temporary shelter at 1533 Schrader Blvd, I am writing to express opposition to this location, at this time. Adequate notice has NOT been given to my community from Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's office and notice is the cornerstone of DUE PROCESS. This community deserves to know about important details, potential unintended consequences regarding the safety of their children going to school next to a temporary facility and the city council's review process for approving the site.

Notices to the one and only community outreach meeting by the Councilman's office (held at the YMCA) were not circulated in advance, (if at all) to the parents of young children at Selma Elementary (LAUSD) and Larchmont Charter School. In fact, parents are now being directed to a conversation with the Councilman's office only after today's committee meeting. This denies parents the opportunity to ask questions throughout the entire planning process.

Here are questions and concerns that deserve answers, prior to allocating this property for a temporary facility. I also request that an environmental review, safety analysis and community impact statement in regards to the proposal be made available to the public before final council approval.

Please Address the Following:

1. Will families be notified in advance of the Information, Technology and General Services Committee meeting regarding this site?
2. When will the City Council confirm or deny the proposed site? How much notice will parents be given?
3. What other sites are available in District 13 and where can constituents review this list?
4. Does LAUSD have restrictions on the proximity of a rehabilitative/homeless shelter within 500 feet of their property? And the proximity of sexual predators and sexual offenders within 500 feet?

5. Does LAUSD have a budget for providing additional security measures on and around their campus if a temp shelter is built?
6. There are no designated parking lots or spaces for parents picking up and dropping off students in this immediate area. What will security look like surrounding school grounds as families walk to and from their cars parked around the neighborhood?
7. How many community partners ventering with the elementary schools have been informed of this proposal?
8. Why were parents with children attending school across the street not included in the preliminary discussions with Councilman O'Farrell?
9. How will this temporary shelter collaborate with the adjacent LGBTQ center?
10. Is this facility (Schrader) a Crisis Facility Housing or Bridge Housing for displaced?
11. Please detail the differences and define what type of shelter this is.
12. How did the city arrive at the decision to utilize this location and the number of potential residents?
13. Are there any up to date statistics on the makeup of the current homeless population in and around the Hollywood 90028 area?
14. Number of male, female, minors?
15. Is there any data categorizing areas of need, length of homelessness, number of those who have criminal records, number of those who are sex offenders?
16. Any statistical information on this population and degree of potential for placement or rehabilitation.
17. Please elaborate on the operations throughout the day and night.
18. Who are your service vendors, food, sanitation, security and healthcare?
19. Please elaborate on their experience and credentials.
20. Please give detailed scenario of how residents will spend their day.
21. Is this facility completely self sufficient in terms of services such as internal security/policing, emergency medical services and fire?
22. Will this facility be relying on public emergency services and how will this affect response times in the area particularly around the schools?
23. Please elaborate on rules within the facility/tent. What are the consequences if one breaks such rules?
24. If a person is expelled from the facility, what is this process and where do they go?

SECURITY

1. Please elaborate on the 24/7 security detail. What is their training, will they be armed and what is the ratio of security personal to resident?

POTENTIAL RESIDENTS

1. Is there a vetting process for potential residents?
2. Will you be testing for illness such as TB?
3. Is there statistical information on the number of persons with mental health issues, chemical dependency or both?
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5. Will you be allowing sex offenders to reside in this location and will Meghan's Law be enforceable given that this is not a permanent residence?
6. With a goal of this being a temporary placement facility, what is the maximum number of days people will be allowed to stay?
7. What will happen to those that refuse service?
8. Please elaborate on the Special Services and counseling particularly chemical dependency and mental health. Who are the vendors and what is your intake process?
9. Since detox is the first crucial step towards helping get individuals off the street and back into society, how will you be handling chemical dependant residents and will you provide detox services of any kind on or off site?
10. If so, who is your provider and Medical Director?
11. Where (physically) will these services be rendered and how will HIPPA laws apply?
12. What is your capacity to treat injured residents?

Thank you for your time and help ensuring all children have the highest levels of safety on campus while we strengthen the social systems in our city that will end the homelessness crisis.

Sincerely,

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CC:
COUNCILMEMBER MONICA RODRIGUEZ
COUNCILMEMBER MIKE BONIN
COUNCILMEMBER JOSE HUIZAR
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May 21, 2018

The Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair
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RE: 1533 Schrader Boulevard Lot (649) Proposed Temporary Homeless Crisis/Bridge Housing

Dear Councilmember Harris-Dawson:

I was made aware of and attended a public meeting, the day of, to discuss potential plans for a Temporary Homeless Crisis/Bridge Housing at the parcel listed above. Although this is in extremely close proximity to three elementary schools including the school my son currently attends, I was not made aware of any such plans or given advance notice of this or prior meetings.

At the close of that meeting I was quite dissatisfied at the level of planning and/or the rollout of such an ambitious project. I know the city is in dire need for homeless services and support. My family is involved with efforts to help alleviate the plight of the homeless. That said I have very serious concerns over the process by which this has been introduced/presented to community stakeholders (particularly parents of children who don't reside in this district), the lack of concrete operational information and disagree whole heartedly that this is a situation that should be remedied near elementary aged children and facilities that serve them such as the YMCA.

This concept has been presented in many ways as a done deal. Meetings regarding use of this site have been inadequately and poorly publicized. There has been no environmental or safety analysis or a proven working facility. In fact at that meeting I inquired about other shelters, working models of this concept that are currently in operation. They referenced the success of the Olivera Street facility as a current working facility. Nothing but a concrete slab resides on that site. It was also stated that this would help "clean up the area around the schools". How can claims such as these be substantiated unless new loitering, etc. laws are put into place? Those who choose to remain on the streets around these schools, will remain on the streets.

Prior to allocating funds and considering this property as a potential site, I am requesting that an Environmental Review, Safety Analysis and Community Impact Statement be made. I am also asking that you integrate public opinion, particularly parent opinion, questions and input at a City level rather than at a local District level. Attached is a comprehensive list of questions compiled by another parent. I do hope this entire list of questions and concerns will be addressed/answered and that you will reconsider use of this parcel due to its proximity to the YMCA, a liquor store and most especially, elementary schools. I know that by working together to arrive at solutions that benefit those in need and the community at large, we can begin to chip away and eventually and thoughtfully solve this crisis.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


Angela Galletta

CC: Council Member MONICA RODRIGUEZ, Council Member MIKE BONIN, Council Member JOSE HUIZAR
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Schrader Blvd Site as Bridge for Homeless

1 message

Carolyn Mohr <carolynemohr@gmail.com>

Mon, May 21, 2018 at 11:32 AM

To: Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org

Hello Mr. Villanueva,

I'm writing as a Larchmont Charter School parent and a family member of the Hollywood YMCA. I have a few questions about using the Schrader parking lot as a bridge location for homeless.

- Will bathrooms that are frequently serviced be available to the temporary residents?
- Will there be security on site 24/7 and frequent checks for drug use and paraphernalia to ensure that our children at LCS and the YMCA children at summer camp are not exposed and harmed by the them?
- For YMCA families who park in the YMCA lot, will there be a path to enter the YMCA that does not go through the temporary shelter site?

Thank you in advance for considering these questions.

All my best,

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Tuesday 5/22 Meeting-Homelessness and Poverty Committee

1 message

Alisa Strathearn <alisa.strathearn@gmail.com>

Mon, May 21, 2018 at 1:46 PM

To: eric.villanueva@lacity.org

Dear Mr. Villanueva and Homelessness and Poverty Committee,

I am a homeowner, mother, and resident of Hollywood. I am writing regarding the upcoming meeting and regarding the The Schrader Blvd Site-which is listed as item #4.

My husband and I have lived in the Hollywood Hills area since 2004 and have been so disturbed to see the homelessness problem escalate to what is becoming unbearable. There is trash everywhere, encampments, and we are scared to walk with our kids in our own city.

I can't imagine what this is doing for local businesses, tourism, etc. We should be embarrassed and this should be our number one priority.

As I look around it appears that there are categories of people living on the streets. There seem to be a small percentage of people who have had some bad breaks, many on drugs, some human trafficking, many mentally ill, and then those who seem to believe that they own the city streets and can do with them what they want. We are now seeing furniture, toilets, rugs, and other items plopped on any sidewalk because the homeless believe they have the right to do this.

Part of the City's job is to keep the streets safe and clean. The city must help ALL of these people find somewhere to live. We need NEW MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES, outreach programs, alcohol/drug rehab programs, work/job placement programs, and many other things to help rehabilitate these people.

My daughter attends Hollywood Presbyterian that is located at the corner of Gower and La Baig. Everyone at the school and the church are constantly having to call the police, file reports with 3-1-1, and be vigilant to make it a safe place for toddlers. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

My son attends Larchmont Charter School which has four campuses in the city. The problem is only getting worse for all of the campuses each day. The school is having to allocate more resources to security, trash pick-up, and staff hours to call the police. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

What are we doing to fix this? I really don't think that parents or anyone, should have to constantly step over trash, feces, and other messes left by mentally, deranged homeless people when we are taking our kids to school, to a movie, or going grocery shopping.

One idea that worked in San Francisco involved videos and social media. A man began interviewing the homeless and reunited some with their families. Here is the article: <https://www.npr.org/2016/10/16/498074856/harnessing-social-media-to-reconnect-homeless-people-with-their-families>

I believe that Los Angeles could set up a similar program.

The City of Los Angeles voted to raise taxes, so please start doing something with the money to help these people. I don't know that proposal to use parking lots to convert spaces for outreach is the answer, but I am not opposed to trying one and seeing what happens. Pilot programs are always risky, but sometimes they do work.

My biggest fear with this proposal is that the converted parking lots will not have the appropriate staff and training to deal with these types of people. The facilities must hire experienced Social Workers and other professionals who are accustomed to dealing with mental health issues, people who have been abused or abandoned, drug and alcohol problems, and anything else that may come their way. Some of these people are also violent, so security must be top notch and there must be consequences for offenders.

Please be thoughtful in what is decided, and keep in mind all of the young families that are working so hard to provide a good education and life for children while navigating through a busy city filled with homeless people. It is exhausting, scary, and we need to see programs implemented now!

Thank you for reading this and helping to make Los Angeles safer for everyone.

Best,

Alisa Strathearn



Eric (Roderico) Villanueva <eric.villanueva@lacity.org>

Re: The Schrader Blvd Site is item #4

1 message

Ricardo Jimenez <rejir74@gmail.com>

Mon, May 21, 2018 at 8:29 PM

To: Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org

Hello Mr. Villanuevo,

I am a concerned parent with a son attending Larchmont Charter School on Selma and Cherokee. I understand the homeless situation has increased but disagree in having any type of homeless housing near my child's school or any school for that matter. I am strongly apposed to this proposal and hope there will be another solution that will not involve having these forms of housings located near any schools.

Thank you,
Ricardo Jimenez