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To: Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org

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

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Please Address the Following:

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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?
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8. Why were parents with children attending school across the street not included in the preliminary discussions with Councilman O'Farrell?
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Mon, May 21, 2018 at 8:48 AM

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Cc: Jason Otero <jasonotero1@yahoo.com>

Hello Eric,

I am a Larchmont parent and I am writing you on behalf of my husband, Jason Otero, and myself. We want to voice our objection to the temporary bridge housing that is being proposed less than .1 miles away from the Selma campus of Larchmont Charter School.

We not only have kids that attend LCS, but we have lived in this area for nearly 15 years. We witnessed the steep decline due to what our neighborhood deems an invasion over the past two years. We have witnessed what happens in these encampments and know firsthand about the drug use, crime, mental state of these individuals and the prostitution. The residents in our neighborhood and our building have been victimized more times over the past two years than we can keep track of.

We are very opposed to erecting a place, albeit "temporary", right around the corner from not one, but THREE SCHOOLS. It is not fair to the kids, it is not fair to the staff at these schools. I say this, because as residents, we are fully aware of the increased incidence of crime that will occur if these individuals all congregate in one place.

The promises of 24 hour security and increased patrol do not ease our worries even 1%. We have witnessed private security at the local market engage in transactions with the more infamous and criminal local transients. I have attended meetings with LAPD where I heard first hand how the odds are stacked against them in terms of any enforcement. To try to placate the parents and residents with promises of "increased patrols" isn't working.

As a lawyer, I can't comprehend why the application of "solutions" is inconsistent in terms of sensitive areas. On one hand, there is verbiage in LAMC 85.02 that limits the distance that a RV can park from a school to 500 feet and rightfully so. On the other hand, the proximity of this proposed temporary shelter is just a smidgen over 500 feet. Why isn't the fact that it is in such close proximity to 3 schools being taken into consideration. Just because it is a LA City lot? Just because the local district gets over a \$1M for enacting this "solution".

Please know, we are 100% against this location for the bridge housing. The City of Los Angeles is one of the largest cities in the world. Please select a location that is not around the corner from three schools.

Thank you,

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Thank you,

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