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Fwd: DUE PROCESS REQUEST - 682 S VERMONT

1 message

Anna Martinez <anna.martinez@lacity.org>

Mon, May 21, 2018 at 4:32 PM

To: "Eric (Roderico) Villanueva" <eric.villanueva@lacity.org>, Gloria Pinon <gloria.pinon@lacity.org>

Please see email below.

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From: **fastline0508** <fastline0508@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, May 21, 2018 at 4:30 PM

Subject: DUE PROCESS REQUEST - [682 S VERMONT](#)

To: cityclerk@lacity.org, patrice.lattimore@lacity.org

Dear City Of Los Angeles,

I am writing this letter to share my concern on your homeless shelter project made on [682 S Vermont](#). My heart really cries for those homeless people being honest and agree to support them. No one should be left out on the street!

However, I did not see a clear point why Mr. Wesson selected the [682 S Vermont](#) without due process. His claim sounds clumsy with the following reasons:

1. Why no public input? This is Los Angeles, City of Democracy. I know SB-2 has been already passed, so no need to go through many steps to build a homeless shelter, but SB-2 sounds like it could be unconstitutional b/c it limits the public input – people's voice. I can't believe we have such a rule limiting the public input. This is 2018 America, we live in Los Angeles, California!
2. Any Data proving [682 S Vermont](#) has the most homeless people is available? Mr. Wesson claimed that the Mid - Wilshire area has the most homeless people in the district 10. Is that right? Please prove the data. I don't see any reliable data source.
3. Why Mr. Wesson's Flyer listed the LA city owned properties but Korea town only? Is that all properties available in the district 10? It looks like [682 S Vermont](#) was pre targeted without any comparisons with other properties. Is that true? If so, it is not fair.
4. Why [682 S Vermont](#) is the best? It is in close proximity to many schools within a mile and just one block away from the Wilshire/Vermont Metro station. I understand that the place might be convenient to serve various demands of the homeless people but we also think about the thousands of walking populations including children, women, and elderly – their safety and public health matter. It is in a too busy area for shelter.
5. 5/22/19 meeting is NOT a public hearing but a committee meeting. I can't believe Mr. Wesson did not do the due process before he present this project to the committee meeting. Why he wants to hold his own without his people's voice? He is an elected official, hearing and representing his people are his duty. I don't think he is doing his job now.

6/11/2018

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I feel for the homeless people and want to support them with due process. Anyone could be homeless these days so my due process request is nothing to do with NIMBY – Zero. Mr. Wesson and Mr. Garcetti, you can do this project in a better way with all community supports, please do not leave anyone out. Let's work together, this is your people's voice!

Best,

Jessica Lee
LA Resident/Mother

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone



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

Fwd: FILE # 18-0392 CD10

1 message

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Mon, May 21, 2018 at 4:10 PM

To: "Eric (Roderico) Villanueva" <eric.villanueva@lacity.org>, Gloria Pinon <gloria.pinon@lacity.org>

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From: "???? ?" <microjenny@hotmail.com>

Date: Mon, May 21, 2018 at 4:00 PM

Subject: FILE # 18-0392 CD10

To: "cityclerk@lacity.org" <cityclerk@lacity.org>, "patrice.lattimore@lacity.org" <patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>

Hello,

We demand public hearing. please hear and respect our voice.



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

Fwd: To Herb Wesson, case 18-0392 CD10

1 message

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Date: Mon, May 21, 2018 at 4:00 PM

Subject: To Herb Wesson, case 18-0392 CD10

To: cityclerk@lacity.org, patrice.lattimore@lacity.org

To LA city council and councilman Wesson,

I oppose building a homeless shelter without first getting citizen input.

We demand a public hearing!

Jaehee Kim

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Opposed to Bridge Housing on Shrader Parcel

1 message

L. Veronica Bianchi <anibella_03@yahoo.com>
To: eric.villanueva@lacity.org

Mon, May 21, 2018 at 8:50 PM

Hello,

I'm a parent of a child that goes to Larchmont Charter School on Selma, just a block away from the proposed Bridge Housing on 1533 Shrader Blvd. I understand that Los Angeles has a crisis in it's hands with the high homeless rate. It is our duty as residents of Los Angeles to help those that are homeless and can't find affordable housing.

Having said that, I am opposed to having a housing lot close to my child's school. Our children's safety is first and foremost. In fact, these shelters should not be anywhere near children's schools. We have homeless people with mental health issues. Who are these people that will be coming in to this neighborhood?

I am really concerned and I do not want the safety of our children being compromised. There has to be other properties that are better suited. I am opposed to this type of housing near schools.

I hope that you take our children's safety highly into consideration when going over this proposal.

Thank you,
Lillian Veronica Bianchi

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May 21, 2018

To: City Mayor, Eric Garcetti
Councilman, Herb Wesson

Re: Opposing statement against the designation of 682 S. Vermont
as a temporary bridging home

I write this letter on behalf of the public to object to City Mayor Eric Garcetti and Councilman Herb Wesson's designation of 682 S. Vermont Avenue as the first temporary bridging home. The City announced that the location will be designed to accommodate 65 homeless people only. We do not object to the idea of a temporary bridging home in District 10 *per se*, but we strongly object to the way how the location was chosen. We base our objection on the lack of procedural fairness and due process of law.

First, the designation was made without any public hearing required for fundamental due process under the Constitution. The City announced the designation on May 2, 2018, before there were any public hearings for people whose interests are directly affected by the future temporary bridging home. Residents in Koreatown were deprived of both their right to be informed of the City's policy regarding a temporary bridging home and their right express their opinions on the City's policy.

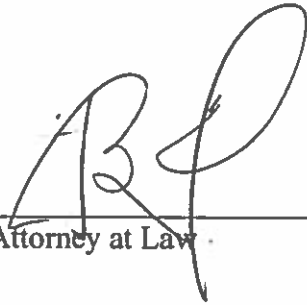
Second, the designation was made on the insufficient and illogical grounds. The City's purported basis that about 400 homeless people live on the streets in Koreatown, while there are about 1,500 homeless people in District 10, is not a logical or persuasive reason for designating the center of Koreatown as a temporary bridging home. The current case law permits the City to move 65 homeless people to a different location as long as it has a habitual facility. It appears that the City's decision is based on its administrative or political convenience.

Third, the City failed to give due or fair consideration to the impact that the temporary bridging home would have to the area. As stated, 682 S. Vermont is at the center of Koreatown. There are many commercial and residential buildings, including many kinds of restaurants and retail stores, as well as seven schools for children around the location – RFK school, Hoover St. Elementary, Rise Kohyang Middle School, Young Oak Kim Academy, Larchmont Charter School, New Covenant Academy, and Pilgrim School and Commonwealth Elementary. Accordingly, there already is a lot of car traffic in the area, as well as children walking through the location. The environmental impacts of building a temporary bridging home at 682 S. Vermont, such as the impact to children's safety and the economic impact on the community,

should have been seriously and fairly evaluated. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) mandates any government agency to prepare for an Environment Impact Report before starting to construct to any building. We have not seen any kind of environmental impact report from the City. Moreover, the City has its own properties in District 10, but as far as we are aware, the City did not conduct a full environmental evaluation on any other possible location before it designated 682 S. Vermont as a temporary bridging home. As a result, the people who live or work in Koreatown feel that they have been unfairly treated and discriminated against, which is why they have demonstrated against the City for the past three Saturdays. Pending a full environmental evaluation on other possible locations in District 10, the designation of 682 S. Vermont should be vacated.

We request that the City seriously consider these grounds of objection. We understand that Senate Bill 2 exempted local governments from holding a prior public hearing and the intent to help resolve the homelessness issue in California. However, the people still believe that there must be proper and fair procedure and due process of law. Without consensus-building through public hearings, and full environmental evaluations of potential alternative locations for temporary bridging homes, the City's designation of any location will face continuous resistance from the community. Even if the City goes ahead and builds the temporary bridging home as designated, the proper and continuous operation will not be guaranteed due to the lack of consensus. Therefore, it is in everyone's interest to communicate first and resolve this issue together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KFL', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

K. Freeman Lee, Attorney at Law

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On May 2, 2018, Mayor Garcetti and Councilman Wesson announced in front of media that the City will build an emergency homeless shelter at 682 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA. Until May 2, 2018, there was neither any procedure of informing the community members about this plan, nor any prior consultation with the community. This is a matter of the due process right to be heard as well as the matter of the right to be informed. Even now, there has not been any detail of the plan disclosed to the community.

As you might have seen on the news, the community members living and/or working in the area including Korean Americans, Latinos and African Americans expressed their concerns through a number of rallies. We do agree that; (1) there are over 35,000 homeless people in the City of Los Angeles; (2) this has been a big issue for the city and our community; (3) we need to do something and want to resolve this issue. We are in fact glad that the City pays attention to this issue, and will spend 20 million dollars for emergency homeless shelters and 1.2 billion dollars for supportive shelters.

We are aware of SB2 that provides cities may choose not to have a public hearing for this kind of shelters. However, skipping public hearing is not a sound solution as homeless shelters bring other critical consequences. We have to discuss why we could not resolve this issue any earlier than today. We have to discuss why homeless people did not use the existing shelters. We have to discuss what the shelters should provide to truly help the homeless. We have to discuss what potential impacts the homeless shelters could bring to the neighboring community such as children walking by the shelter to go to school and elderly people walking by the shelter to go to market or retail shops. Further, the community members should be clearly informed about what is going on. The community members should be given proper procedure to be heard. In this case, this plan to build a shelter at 682 S. Vermont Ave. shows that the City and Councilman Wesson simply failed to consider any of the above-said discussion factors and take any of the aforesaid procedure.

Other City Districts have been informing and discussing with the community members of their plans and available candidate sites as well as their usefulness for the homeless and their impacts on the neighboring area. CD 10 of CM Wesson is the only city district that did not have any public hearing on this site at all.

The community members near 682 S. Vermont Ave. from multiple ethnic groups are requesting that we (1) consider all available sites in CD 10, (2) do the public hearings through which the community members will be informed of, and heard about the plans, and (3) choose the best site that will really help the homeless people while minimizing the negative impacts to the community. If necessary, we are ready to help the City even more actively than simply watching what they do.

We are disappointed and concerned that Mayor Garcetti and Councilman Wesson simply mischaracterize our attempts as NIMBY selfish reaction or as feared/angry response. They both are either pretending to fail to understand that the community is truly saying or unwilling to understand the community's concerns stemming from the subject shelter. This issue of homeless people is one of the biggest community issues, which requires the efforts and cooperation from the entire community. All of the residents in the City would agree that we need to resolve this important issue. This does not have to be adversary at all. Indeed, this should not be adversary. Rather, the attempt/effort to successfully resolve the homeless issue requires the entire community's participation, discussion and cooperation. Again, we want to discuss together and resolve the issue together.



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May 20, 2018

City Council and Councilman Wesson,

On May 2, 2018, Mayor Garcetti and Councilman Wesson announced in front of media that the City will build a emergency homeless shelter at 682 S. Vermont Ave., LA CA. Until May 2, 2018, there was no procedure of informing the community members of this plan, nor prior consultation with the community whatsoever. This is not only a matter of the due process right to be heard, but also the matter of the right to be informed. Even now, there was no details of the plan disclosed to the community. As you might have seen on the news, the community members living and/or working in the area including Korean Americans, Latinos, and African Americans, etc., express their concerns through multiple rallies. While we understand SB2 provides that for this kind of shelters, the cities may choose to not have a public hearing. We do agree that; (1) there are over 35,000 homeless people in the City of LA; (2) this has been a big issue for the city and our community; (3) we need to do something and want to resolve this issue. We are in fact glad that the City pays attention to this issue, and will spend 20 million dollars for emergency homeless shelter and 1.2 billion dollars for supportive shelter. However, the discussion should not stop there. We have to discuss why we could not resolve this issue any earlier than today. We have to discuss why homeless people did not use the existing shelters. We have to discuss what the shelters should provide to truly help homeless. We have to discuss what impacts the potential homeless shelters could bring to the neighboring community such as children walking by the shelters to go to schools. Further, the community members should be clearly informed about what is going on. The community members should be given proper procedure to be heard. In this case, this plan to build a shelter at 682 S. Vermont Ave. shows that the City and CM Wesson simply failed to consider any of the above-said discussion factors and take any of the above-said procedure. Other City Districts have been informing, and discussing with, the community members, of their plans and available candidate sites, and their usefulness for the homeless and their impacts on the neighboring area. CD 10 of CM Wesson is the only city district that did not have any public hearing on this site at all. The community members near 682 S. Vermont Ave. from multiple ethnic groups are requesting that we (1) consider all available sites in CD 10, (2) do the public hearings through which the community members will be informed of, and heard about, the plans, and (3) choose the best site that will really help the homeless people while minimizing the negative impacts on the community. If necessary, we are ready to help the City even more actively than simply watching what they do. We are disappointed and concerned that Mayor Garcetti and Councilman Wesson simply mischaracterize our attempts to talk either NIMBY, fear or anger. They are either simply off the point or pretend to fail to understand what the community is saying. This issue of homeless people is one of the biggest community issues, which requires the efforts and cooperation from the entire community. I am sure all of the residents in the City would agree that we need to resolve the issue. This does not have to be adversary at all. This in fact should not be adversary. Rather, this attempt to resolve the homeless issue requires the entire community's participation, discussion and cooperation to be successful. Again, we want to discuss together and resolve the issue together.



Charlie Chin 05/20/2018

Board Member

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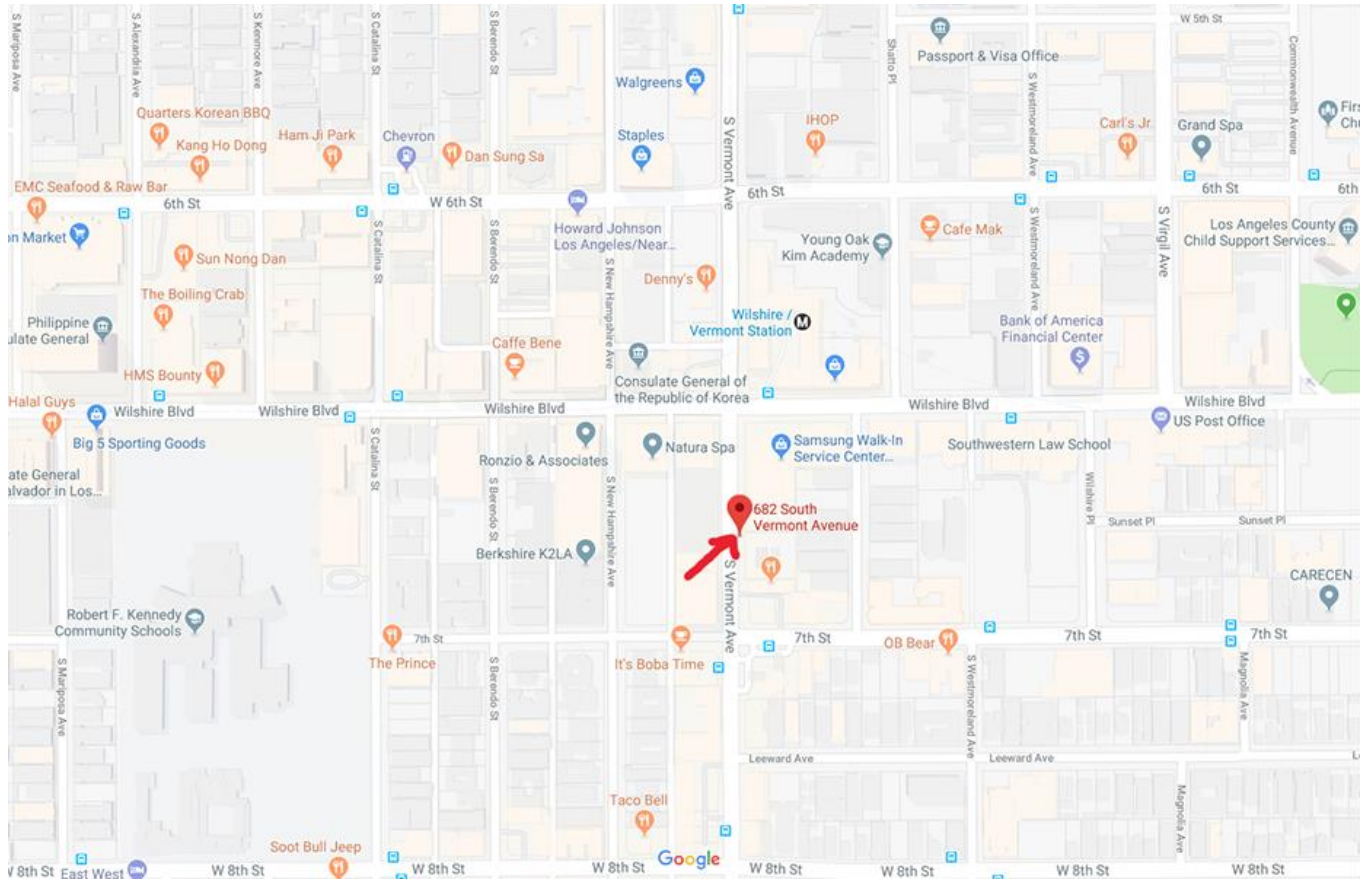


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**File No: 18-0392 (CD 10) | 682 South Vermont Avenue (Lot 691) | Temporary Homeless Bridge Housing Facility
Public Comments**

This is Sue L, a Wilshire Center-Koreatown resident have been living over 10 years. I'd like to present my concerns regarding the temporary homeless shelter project. In my view, this temporary homeless plan at the location (682 S. Vermont Ave) is **NOT an effective plan and NOT suitable location** for homeless, residents, business commerce, and community.

Please see the map below to understand the site. The red mark (arrow) is the shelter location 682 South Vermont Avenue (Lot 691).



1) Unsuitable location 682 South Vermont Avenue

Please look over temporary facility location 682 South Vermont Avenue (Lot 691) and the surrounding area. This site is in the center of high density in population, apartments, business commercial buildings, retail stores, and even many schools (Elementary-12). It means that this location currently has high volume of residents, visitors, street walkers, students, seniors, and even vehicle traffic. Heavy traffic and lack of parking place are also the current problems in this area. Especially, medical centers for mental illness and drug are not near around the location. The Fox 11 news reported that LA county's homeless on the streets is due to 34% domestic violence, 30% mental illness, and 19% substance abuse (according to LA county homeless authority). There are not even proper health care centers near the site. In the current circumstances, is this a proper location to set a temporary homeless shelter for homeless as well as the neighborhood? **This site location itself cannot be a suitable place as a temporary homeless shelter.**

2) Over 5 schools located within 0.3-0.5 miles (walking distance 5-10 mins.) from the site

The site (Lot 691) is NOT surrounded by 100% commercial buildings or retail stores. Over 5 schools are located even within 0.3-0.5 miles (walking distance 5-10 mins.) from the site. (Schools: Young Oak Kim Academy, Robert F. Kennedy Community Schools, Hoover Street Elementary School, Commonwealth Avenue Elementary School, South Western Law School). Especially, most of the schools are for elementary-12 students. Have the city /council members seen how many students, kids, and parents are walking on the street in the morning? Is there any temporary homeless facility that located within 0.5 miles from schools? **The plan of temporary homeless shelter/facility near the schools is an outrageous idea.**

3) The size of Lot 691 and homeless numbers in Koreatown

The Mr. Wessen Herbs site (www.herbwesson.com) states "...there are approximately 400 individuals living unsheltered in Koreatown. The only site owned and controlled by the City of Los Angeles and available for temporary housing is 682 S. Vermont Ave. ..." along with the tent facility rendering image below.



Check the site size. The proposed site is very small site currently available approximately 65 vehicles. How many the tent facility will be set in the small site? Per some media, the city budgets over \$1.0 million dollars and the temporary homeless facility would be able to stay around 65 people. Is this a plan for 65 homeless people of 400 homeless people in Koreatown? How will the city control the rest of them on the street? The Mr. Wessen Herbs site (www.herbwesson.com) also states "...A minimum of 15 temporary homeless housing facilities will be built across the city." It seems that shelter of homelessness crisis may not require in every neighbor but it will take several per a district. If temporary shelter will be built across the city or district, isn't there any other suitable places where has low population density, medical groups/center, small amount of schools, apartments, stores? Why is the small site (Lot 691) selected as the first suitable place? Did the city research and analyze any other public owned sites in the district? **It seems that the temporary shelter at the proposed site is NOT effective plan in site size, cost, homeless rate, and even surrounding area.**

4) Homelessness

There are many causes of homelessness, such as a lack of affordable housing, poverty, unemployment, and life events. And, homeless population has been increased from many years ago. Have the city/council staff interviewed or research what the homeless on the street really want? All homeless is living in unstable place (tent, trailer, cars etc.). They need stable place NOT temporary shelter facility. Generally speaking, only after people are in stable housing, people can begin to address their other challenges. If homeless people (or street camping people) cannot have stable housing environment including health assistance, they finally return to be homelessness again. It means homelessness crisis will be continues. Many cities in the US has been adopting housing first strategy with success in reducing homelessness. However, the proposed plan is still focused on temporary factors like showers, and beds with a huge amount of money. It seems that **the current temporary homeless facility become a waste of money and time without providing help homeless people who need stable place and without reducing homelessness.**

5) Veiled procedure without communication with the community (residents)

In the Koreatown shelter plan, unfortunately the city (or councilman) didn't communicate with the community and

announced. It is unavoidable that the homeless facility and homeless people would affect to the surrounding area (community) in many reasons. Even the current existing homeless shelters (where people line up and get in and out in the morning) are also affected to the surrounding area especially in many negative issues. Even though there is SB2 law, **the city/councilman must collaborate with the community groups and people through hearing and discussion to find effective solutions for homeless people as well as the residents/community.** Why the city, councilman, and city staff do not collaborate with the community (currently Koreatown people) to resolve the important social issue?

I hope the city/councilmen and staff exams and research the location again and collaborate with the community deeply to find an effective solution. It seems that the temporary homeless shelter plan including the proposed site and procedure are not reasonable solutions.

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