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#### Impact Information

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Council File Number: 12-1549-S11

Agenda Date: 01/26/2021

Item Number: 8b

Summary: The Wilmington Neighborhood Council opposes CF 12-1549-S11-Permanent Supportive Housing proposed at 927 Marine Ave. The City is unfairly targeting our community by inundating & corralling the homeless into our community instead of balancing services citywide. We are only 9.14 sq. miles with 6 proposed PSH projects, 1 Bridge Home, another Bridge Home proposed, & a Navigation Center. Approximately 30% of our community is designated for homeless safe parking. The City has already approved a 56-unit PSH project and we have 2 transitional housing facilities as well as 3 private homeless shelters. We have 585 homeless in our community. 51% live in RV's/vehicles factored by the safe streets program & LAMC 85.02. Should all projects complete we will end up housing no less than 612 people and still have 30% of our community designated for the homeless to live in their vehicles. There is a confidence loss in our community with our city. They failed in their promises of cleanups & extra patrols near Bridge Homes. Failed in their obligation to enforce parking restrictions in place for those living in RV's near sensitive areas. We suffer from environmental health hazards and now have the added burden to clean up feces, urine, and syringes because the city didn't plan for these issues. In other words, we are left fending for ourselves. We oppose the placing of Homeless from the Beach Cities in Wilmington by Harbor Interfaith through the Beach Cities Contract because more affluent communities refuse to house them in their own communities. The responsibility to help the homeless was to be a countywide effort shared equally. This is not true in Wilmington. This is not an issue of being NIMBY's and not being willing to help. We have been helping. It is an issue of inequity and the City's obligation to work in the best interests of our exploited & burdened community. The City is obligated to follow through in making sure the burden is share



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Re: Council File # 12-1549-S11

The Wilmington Neighborhood Council opposes CF 12-1549-S11 and any related files for the Permanent Supportive Housing proposed at 927 Marine Avenue.

The City is unfairly targeting the community of Wilmington by inundating and corralling the homeless into our community instead of balancing these facilities and service citywide. Wilmington is only 9.14 square miles with 6 proposed PSH projects, 1 Bridge Home, another Bridge Home being proposed, and a Navigation Center. Approximately 30% of our community is designated for homeless safe parking for RVs & cars. The City has already approved a 56-unit Permanent Supportive Housing and we already have 2 transitional housing facilities as well as 3 private homeless shelters.

We have 585 homeless in our community. 51% live in RV's/vehicles factored by the safe streets program and LAMC 85.02. Should all the projects come to fruition Wilmington will end up housing no less than 612 people and will still have 30% of our community designated for the homeless to live in their vehicles. When you consider that Council Districts 3,5 and 12 don't have a single bridge home open and the city is openly sending people in their vehicles to live in Wilmington, it lends credence to our position.

There is a definite confidence loss within our community with our city. The city has already failed in its promises of cleanups and extra patrols around the current Bridge Home. They have failed in their obligation to enforce the parking restrictions that are in place that forbid those living in their RV's to do so near sensitive areas such as schools, parks and daycares etc. Our community has witnessed


people living in their vehicles, doing so in those restricted areas and the hands of law are tied to have them removed. Our Community already suffers the burdens from environmental health hazards and now we have the added burden to have to clean up feces, urine, and syringes because the city didn't coordinate or implement a plan to address the many issues of those residing in their vehicles. In other words, our community is left fending for itself because of a lack of planning and the city's failure to honor its commitments.

We further oppose the placing of Homeless from the Beach Cities into Wilmington by Harbor Interfaith and other entities through the Beach Cities Contract because these more affluent communities refuse to house them in their own communities. Harbor Interfaith and the Beach Cities are doing this community a disservice by outsourcing their homeless here. Our City officials are obligated to look after our best interests, and in this case, they are failing. The Homeless problem is not Wilmington specific it is a problem that plagues our entire state. The premise was that the responsibility to help the homeless was to be a countywide effort and the burden was to be shared equally throughout the city and county. This is not the case for this Wilmington.

Stakeholders have repeatedly opposed these projects, but the city has been non-responsive to our concerns. The City of Los Angeles, the beach cities and its elected officials are taking advantage of a disadvantaged community of color by dismissing and breaking its commitments to our community.

This is not an issue of being NIMBY's and not being willing to help the homeless. We have been helping. As we previously stated, we currently have a 100-bed bridge home that even before the pandemic was never near capacity. We have been approved for a 56-unit Permanent Supportive Housing, we have a Navigation Center, 2 Transitional housing and approximately 30% of our community is designated for homeless to live in their vehicles. The issue has now become an issue of inequity and the City's obligation to work in the best interests of this already exploited and burdened community. The City is obligated to follow through in making sure the burden is shared.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gina Martinez on behalf of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council