

## **Public Comment #2**

County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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# **Navigation Center on Milssouri Flat**

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Wed, Jul 27, 2022 at 6:53 PM

I sure hope you are NOT planning on passing this \$3.6 million idiocy. I am tired of this outpouring of my tax dollars to a "community" that exists merely because most of the individuals refuse to live according to civilized culture, values, and laws. You can start to solve the problem by just telling the homeless"NO", and rejecting this proposal.

Bill Hubartt Shingle Springs



### homeless shelter

4 messages

Jake Parsons < jake@statherosfinancial.com> To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us> Wed, Jul 27, 2022 at 8:39 AM

To Whom:

We're not really going to build a homeless shelter in Placerville and succumb to this horrible idea that this will in some way help our local addicts. It will only create an avenue for more crime and a more unsafe place for working parents to raise their children. Vote no.

I'm very surprised that Wendy would vote a "yes" on this - I certainly hope this is not going to be the case.

Sincerely concerned.

Jake Parsons cfp®,chfc® PRESIDENT AND CEO

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#### County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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## Homeless camp

**Gatha Willyard** <ileneg1948@gmail.com>
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Wed, Jul 27, 2022 at 8:39 AM

Hello Board,

This is Gay Willyard and as I sat and listened to the four of the Supervisors that are voting for this monstrosity to be built to start the demise of the peace and tranquility of our wonderful community.

I hope you do realize that the three million eight hundred thousand dollars that are going to help approximately 70 people is \$54,285.71/per person per space. That's before adding water, PG&E and Fire Hydrant costs into the equation. And we all know how expensive that is. And then there's the matter of the building the ROADS! OMG!!! How can you live with yourselves to Justify this and you say, it's only for two years? Who are you kidding? Not all of us were born yesterday, and I really hate it when someone tries to insult my intelligence by thinking I'm dumb enough to buy into your stupidy.

Is the Sierra Harm Reduction Coalition going to be kept away? Are they? How would you know? You don't even know how many homeless people will even be willing to live in a place like this because they won't be able to live in it on their terms, that's why they live like and how they do.

I think if this was truly to be used as a pilot project, the Pallet Homes and the Sheriff's plan would be a much better way to go. They only cost ten to twenty thousand per home. It's not your headache, your problem, or your reputation on the line and if it fails, it's not on you!!!

The only thing that can make any sense at all for building the downfall of our community is the Grant money, which is taxpayers money. They don't make money from the Mint for us to use as Grant money, in case you are not aware.

Gay Willyard

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Thank you,

Gay Willyard (916) 220-4105



## Homeless encampment

**Jennifer Haun** <jenniferhaun6@gmail.com> To: edc.cob@edcgov.us Wed, Jul 27, 2022 at 9:41 PM

Good evening,

I am writing to ask that you vote no on the \$4,100,000.00 homeless encampment. Our homeless problem is very real and needs to be addressed but making it comfortable for people to stay on the streets is NOT the way to help. This only enables and encourages many more to come to our little town.

My daughter went away to college for four years and returned home briefly in 2020 to start her Masters Program. She was shocked when she would go to Main Street to sit in Centro's to try and get some work done. She couldn't believe how many homeless wandered the streets. On three separate occasions, the manager of Centros had to escort homeless people out of the shop because they were harassing my daughter.

The issue is now one of the biggest in our county and by setting up an encampment, we are encouraging homeless to come and live in our town. This is not compassion nor is it wise.

I am asking that you work with our Sheriff's office and come to a solution that the community will support. I am asking for our Board of Supervisors to start supporting the community that they represent. The last few years have been very disheartening and I am expecting for you all to hear the people in the community.

Thank you,

Jennifer Haun

El Dorado County Resident Placerville Resident Taxpayer



# **Vote NO on the Homeless Navigation Center**

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Wed, Jul 27, 2022 at 8:26 PM

I, Mary Ann Mueller am a resident of El Dorado county. I am protesting to the Board of Supervisors, the Homeless Navigation Center that they're trying to urgently push through. I do not want this homeless center here! My strong opinion is that there is too many government ran, medical, dental, etc being built on Missouri flat. We DO NOT WANT this area to be a one stop shopping area for all the homeless to come up the hill. There are better solutions. Stop it! Vote no! Sincerely,

Maryann Mueller Registered Voter (my vote counts)



# Comments regarding Agenda 7-28-22, #1 & #2, Item #22-1279

**Sue Taylor** <sue-taylor@comcast.net>
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Thu, Jul 28, 2022 at 8:21 AM

Please attach this to today's agenda. Thank you, Sue Taylor



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To the Board of Supervisors

7-28-22

Comments regarding Agenda 7-28-22, #1 & #2, Item #22-1279

### Dear Board,

First, I would ask that Wendy Thomas recuse herself from this item. If Supervisor Lori Parlin cannot participate in creating design standards in Shingle Springs because it might increase the value of her home, then how on earth can Wendy Thomas not only participate in, but be driving the train in actions, to move the people living in the dirt along Broadway that is within the City of Placerville, over to the Missouri Flat Interchange at Perks Court and away from Broadway where she and her family have enormous financial interests?

- 2. This is a poorly thought-out plan that is not going to bring forth the stated desires of this Board. If you build it, they will come. Not only will the folks not be moving off of Broadway, the County will be putting out a beacon for one and all to come into El Dorado County for free shelter and services. You think the money you have today is going to cover the money of the future it will take to support this plan or to try and unwind it?
- 3. The same person being hired to run this program was, yes, successful in creating a resource center in Sacramento in which the program grew to where they were a permanent program that did grow enormously. This type of program is not meant to merely deal with the homeless that is currently living in the dirt. Once the organization ran out of funding the place blew up into a crime fest that could not be shut down. When this population finds out we have free services for "navigation" they will come flooding into the county. Once the transient homeless becomes familiar with our county and have a network in which to work within they will not be leaving. The Hangtown Haven was an experiment and once they shut it down those that came into the city have not left. Sacramento now has the largest homeless population in the State.
- 3. The Sheriff had a plan that both the County and the City agreed to, that would get those living in the dirt, currently within our county, out of their dire conditions and locate them into a safer environment. This plan would have taken the collaboration of the homeless advocates, Health and Human Services and the Board. Unfortunately, as soon as large grants became a reality, to grow homeless services, then working with the Sheriff's department came to a holt. Therefore, without this collaboration, the Sheriff's office moved forward with implementing elements of their plan and have reduced the transient population of homeless living in the dirt from over 200, down to 22 people that are living in the dirt in a planted location. The Hot Team is continuing to work with those people and without millions of taxpayer dollars. They are WORKING TO ELIMINATE THE PROBLEM,

NOT TO GROW IT FOR MORE GRANT FUNDS. Remember Volunteers of America set up permanent navigation systems. One of their main focuses is to put this particular demographic into permanent housing. With those free services being made available, and the word gets out there will be a continual flood of new transient populations coming into the County. I watched people being dropped off at the bus station and was approached by a man with his garbage bags who had just recently arrived on Main Street asking where the homeless center was. This happened soon after the Board of Supervisors announced they would be acquiring motels for the homeless.

- 4. Then we have to look at the agenda of Housing El Dorado, who wants to grow this problem rather than helping people to get out off the streets. They had the opportunity to work with the sheriff over a year ago to get people off the streets and not only refused to collaborate with them but have made it clear their agenda is to create a program that will grow rather than decrease. Rather than deal with those few left in the County and work to help the City, the City's homeless have been left to be used as a reason for grant funds. In the meanwhile, there is no mention or effort of helping the 100s of families that became homeless after the Caldor Fire in Grizzley Flats... we lost an entire town... and nothing... crickets.
- 5. The County is "panicking over" 22 people in the County and 50 to 70 in the City as per the Sheriff's department and the statement from the City. When the County turned to help the city, after being successful in the County to reduce the numbers, they were turned away. Housing El Dorado did not want this interaction. Now the City wants to move their problem that the City Council has refused to deal with or take assistance, into the county so they can build a 4-story hotel in Smith Flat not far from the current Broadway Homeless Encampment. Please do not bring the City's issue into the County.

To think individuals on the Board can just cancel this program if it is not successful is a dream. That will not be possible after spending \$4.1 million to build this project. One, the Board will not likely have the votes to overturn this bad decision and two, there will be legal challenges by those that have pushed this on us, with the law on their side, and three, once that beacon is lighted and more people migrate to our County, they will not be leaving. After the City realized they created a monster with Hangtown Haven they shut it down and it became the growing problem we have today.

If the County moves forward, they are dismissing all the organizations and local service providers and handing the City's problem over to a non-local provider whose main focus is to grow housing for the transient homeless. Do so is pulling the rug out from all the hard work that has been accomplished by the Hot Team and others that have been successful in reducing these numbers.

6. The Board needs to step back, withdraw the emergency ordinance and spend the time to vet this out the right way. Bring the Sheriff's office back to the table. They have to be a key buy in to whatever the County decides to do. As members

of the Board kept saying, without the assistance of law enforcement there will be no success in whatever the plan becomes. If this is true why has the County Board and Administrators kicked law enforcement out of the equation?

7. The project itself needs to be vetted. Why put a horrible looking structure at the entrance to the County's core? This property is not designed for such a project. 15' of dirt will be required to be removed and replaced with clean fill. The County will have to replace the 2" water line with an 8" line and also acquire the easements to do so. The county is planning to use a septic tank for this project... really? Access is very hazardous at this location and the roads are insufficient. Bringing the roads up to legal requirements will consume much of the property. The Board is ignoring the Community's on-going fight for following and improving the Missouri Flat Design Guidelines. Streamlining does not mean side-stepping. There will be lawsuits on this poorly designed or thought-out project. Too many zoning and development requirements are being violated or ignored.

A truly vetted project should go out to bid after verifying that the project meets all county and state standards that are required for such a project. This project does not qualify for emergency actions. It's only in the vortex this way to sidestep the public that will be impacted. With 22 people in the County living in a permanent dirt location, that the Sheriff's office is working to mitigate, why is time of the essence?

Please withdraw from moving forward on this poorly planned out project. The current situation that everyone is focused on was created and perpetuated by the City Council and City Administration. Please do not allow them to push the result of their poor decisions onto the County.

Pleadingly,

Sue Taylor

County Resident and City Property Owner