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Public comment for agenda item 5 Homeless Shelter in Pollock Pines

2 messages

Dawn Wolfson <dewolfson@aol.com>

Sat, Jul 24, 2021 at 5:38 PM

Reply-To: Dawn Wolfson <dewolfson@aol.com>

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Dear Supervisor Turnboo, Members of the Board, Clerk of the Board,

None of you would disagree that homelessness is a problem in our county. We have a growing number of homeless residents, including homeless students in our schools. I understand that nobody wants crime in their neighborhood, but transitional housing, which provides support services so that people can get out of their homeless situation, is urgently necessary. This housing can help people get back on track, eliminate health and sanitation problems, decrease the likelihood of wildfires from homeless encampments, etc. It is past due for us to take action on this urgent problem. I comment the county for coming up with this solution, and I support this kind of transitional housing, not only in Pollock Pines, but I would be proud to see something similar here in Cameron Park. The proposal in Agenda item 5 is one step towards addressing the needs of our homeless friends and neighbors. I urge the Board to support and approve item 5.

Thank you,

Dawn Wolfson
Cameron Park

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

Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 8:08 AM

To: Sue Hennike <sue.hennike@edcgov.us>, Laura Schwartz <laura.schwartz@edcgov.us>, Don Semon <don.semon@edcgov.us>, Tracy Doyle <tracyoilsistas@gmail.com>

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Best Western

2 messages

David <dkpickett@aol.com>
To: EDC.cob@edcgov.us

Sat, Jul 24, 2021 at 7:48 PM

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I disagree with the idea of permanently turning the Best Western Stage Coach Inn into a homeless facility.

First, it's not practical for the homeless to get the resources they need. When it snows they'd be stuck without means to travel.

It also moves homeless to our already overrun area.

Pollock Pines is a primarily residential area with many families and retired people. It's not equipped to be a homeless camp. If a fire broke out here, the homeless would have no real ability to leave in a hurry because we are secluded.

I realize being a homeless residence is better financially for the owners, the county pays better. But it's not better for our community.

David Pickett

6 year resident of Pollock Pines.

Sent from my iPhone

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Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 8:09 AM

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Concerned Citizen

2 messages

Jennifer Benuto <jenn.benuto@gmail.com>

Sat, Jul 24, 2021 at 8:40 AM

To: bostwo@edcgov.us

Cc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear George Turnboo,

I am requesting that you fight hard against turning the Best Western into a homeless shelter. It is a terrible idea for Cameron Park! I am appalled at the clientele at safeway shopping center as it is and refuse to go there with my kids or myself. It needs to be cleaned up entirely! With moonraker and other great businesses coming we don't need to scare people off by having a homeless shelter as well! It doesn't fix matters at all! I would love to see quality inn and motel 6 to as well as it attracts scum to the area! I'm hoping Cameron park can clean up and be a place people want to come up for a beer and eat at restaurants and feel safe to stop into Safeway on their way home! Please fight for this!

Jennifer Benuto

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Consent item for approval of Pollock Pines Hotel and support services from Tahoe Coalition

2 messages

Maureen Dion-Perry <dionperry@att.net>
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Sun, Jul 25, 2021 at 5:54 PM

Dear Board of Supervisors - I am writing you to support our County's work to provide housing and support services to our homeless neighbors. They must have a place to live and the Best Western is a start. Each BOS District should have some type of housing with support services for our homeless neighbors. Spread out the responsibility. Thank you for your support of housing and services for our homeless neighbors.

Warm Regards
Maureen Dion- Perry
Camino resident

Sent from my iPhone

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Item # 5 Best Western Pollock Pines

2 messages

Jamie Beutler <beutlerjamie@gmail.com>

Sun, Jul 25, 2021 at 9:42 PM

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

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to address the issue of Item # 5 which provides for a continuing contract with TCH to operate the Best Western in Pollock Pines.

I am strongly in favor of continuing this contract for many reasons.

1. With home prices and rents going sky high, the current number of homeless in EDC 1,463, (including PIT count and EDC office of Education), things will only get worse for our county. EDC lags far behind other counties in having affordable housing and other solutions for our homeless residents.
2. If we fail to provide adequate transitional housing and support services, it will be impossible for folks that desperately want to get out of homelessness, to achieve success.
3. Failure to act now will increase the likelihood of even more problems in the future.
4. The homeless folks are not going anywhere. If we don't address this issue now, there will be even more homeless folks. We HAVE to find solutions, not just for them, but for the health and safety of our entire county.
5. The type of folks that would be residing in the Best Western, would be the folks who desperately want to transition back to normal life. This is their chance, and our community's chance, to make it work for the common good.
6. The county has an opportunity to do the right thing for the homeless of our county and for our community at large. Please vote to support and approve Item # 5.

Thank you!

Jamie Beutler

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

Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 8:12 AM

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Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

Fwd: [BOStwo] Homeless Hotel in Pllock Pines

3 messages

Todd White <todd.white@edcgov.us>
To: Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 9:18 AM

Good morning Kim,

Please attach this to the appropriate agenda item.

Thank you,

Todd

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **John & Rachel EMLAY** <kksmom25@comcast.net>
Date: Fri, Jul 23, 2021 at 12:15 PM
Subject: [BOStwo] Homeless Hotel in Pllock Pines
To: bostwo@edcgov.us <bostwo@edcgov.us>

Good Afternoon Mr Turnboo,

I am writing in hopes that you will NOT place the homeless in Best Western permanently in Pollock Pines.

We live 2 doors down from this hotel. We have had more on foot activity on our busy road, they walk through our driveway, looking in our cars. I get home late from work and my 19 year old daughter leaves very early for work. We both have had people walk into our driveway, they ask questions, they want things or they act as if they are lost when they notice we are there. It is unsettling. This did not happen before the homeless was placed in that motel.

They leave shopping carts, trash, and misc items strung on the side of the road.

I truly hope you will take our small communities best interest to heart and not place the homeless in Pollock Pines.

Rachel Emlay

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Todd White
Assistant to District 2 County Supervisor George Turnboo
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Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>
To: Todd White <todd.white@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 9:20 AM

Will do and I will forward to the Board and appropriate staff. Thanks, Kim
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Kim Dawson
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Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

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BOS meeting 7.27.21 Consent Calendar items 5, 6 and 7

2 messages

Sarah Saunders <cmyst123@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 11:56 AM

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

Please forward to the BOS, thank you:

It has come to my attention that these items may be requested to be pulled. All of them are related, but my observations are based on Placerville. To my knowledge, the owner of the Best Western Stagecoach Inn is not objecting to the use of the motel for housing the unhoused. It is obvious when one drives along Placerville Dr past Jacquier Rd. that the unhoused exist in large number in Placerville. I have also personally interacted with unhoused people in Georgetown, and I can only assume that South Lake Tahoe also has a significant unhoused population.

There is government funding available to use for this purpose, both state and federal. Whether one supports the use of their taxes for such is beside the point, as it has been designated and set aside for this and if we do not avail ourselves of it, when facing an obvious need, that is not good leadership or management of the situation. Many of us donate volunteer hours, money, food, clothing and hygiene items monthly in addition to the taxes we pay, and we know that this is not adequate to meet the situation locally.

When society begins to fray and homelessness, drug abuse, mental health crisis and other symptoms of a lack of social safety nets and civic responsibility increase, who are we to expect to deal with these issues if not the people that we have put into power? We can't make the unhoused disappear by ignoring them or by refusing to consider them as human beings, or by blaming them for their condition no matter the evidence that for many their attempts to deal with a harsh reality by numbing themselves to it with drugs or alcohol was their response. The less resources a person has, the more they will turn to the cheapest and easiest way possible to deal with their problems, which can seem insurmountable. As a society, we have a moral and ethical obligation to care for those who for whatever reason are unable to care for themselves. We have to at LEAST attempt to do this, whether people accept this assistance or not. To object to this is frankly incredibly puzzling to me, coming from people who often proclaim their Christian faith to be a foundation for their own emotional well-being and sense of community.

The unhoused population seems to me to represent "the least of those among us". They have the least voice, the least resources, the least will to continue to strive in a society that only gives voice to those with power and money.

Most people want to do what is ethical and beneficial for themselves and for their community. Sometimes, they do not see that what benefits "the least of those among us" also benefits ALL of us, in reducing disease, crime, eyesores and trash. Please vote Yes on all of these agenda items.

Respectfully,
Sarah Saunders

El Dorado Progressives Co-Chair
Central Sierra Foothills DSA Co-Chair
El Dorado County Democratic Central Committee SD04
DSCC delegate, El Dorado County

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Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 12:05 PM

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Comment for BOS Agenda Item 5; 27 July 2021

2 messages

ROBERT & Margie READ <bread1@comcast.net>

Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 2:02 PM

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Cc: Bob-Margie Read <bread1@comcast.net>

Dear El Dorado County Board of Supervisors-

I am writing this letter in support of the approval of Consent Item 5 which is on the Board Agenda for tomorrow, 17 July 2021.

Homelessness has been an ever-increasing problem in this county, as it has been across the country. It behooves all local governments to work together to find solutions to this problem which is a dangerous one. It is dangerous not only because homelessness degrades the value of a community, promotes disease, pollution, and crime, but also because it is immoral to deny aid fellow human beings in their time of desperate need.

Here we have a chance to do this. The use of the Western Stagecoach Inn is not opposed by the owner of the facility, and we have funding sources already approved with Housing and Homeless Program grants that will cover the cost.

What are we waiting for?

Please don't be bullied out of doing the right thing. Approve this now.

Sincerely,

Margie Lopez Read
Placerville Resident for 40 years

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Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 2:31 PM

To: Sue Hennike <sue.hennike@edcgov.us>, Laura Schwartz <laura.schwartz@edcgov.us>, Don Semon <don.semon@edcgov.us>, Traci Stilwell <traci.stilwell@edcgov.us>

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