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Agenda items # 5 and 7

1 message

John Van Schoyck <johnvanschoyck@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 7:58 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

I am writing to object to the homeless housing that has been ongoing at the Best Western in Pollock Pines. I have been a resident and property owner in Pollock Pines for 25yrs and have watched our town fall into neglect. Half the restaurants and many businesses have closed and it is not getting any better. Adding what will become a permanent homeless situation will not be in "the public's best interest". This was supposed to be a temporary situation during the Covid pandemic, but we all know that was never the real intention. This is just a extension of Governor Newsom's policy's that failed in San Fransisco and have now been unleashed on all of California and you don't need a crystal ball to see where it is headed. What happens if stores start closing like all the Walgreens in the bay area, we can't afford to lose CVS or any other business. And why does someone like Jeanne Harper have to go begging for funds to get a park up here that really is in "the public's best interest" but all of a sudden we have all kinds of money to throw at the homeless? This is what should be called the Homeless Industrial Complex. There is no longer a desire to fix the problem as too many people now make a living at "solving" the issue. My solution is we attempt to comply with the ridiculous 9th circuit ruling that for some reason we are responsible for putting a roof over anyone's head. Lets find a place to hold 600+ beds so we can actually clear the bums and junkies off of public land. They will not go to a shelter and the people who want help will still be able to access it. Renting hotel rooms only prolongs what really needs to be done. I have watched what has happened to upper Broadway since the Upper room opened in 2002 and do not want to see a repeat in my town, which is of course the logical next step for those who believe that if we just throw more money at it that will fix it. And since I am on the upper room at what point does a "charity" become just another Government agency? Should not the people who foisted this on the community be the one's responsible for it's costs? I can guarantee that if you really ask the people who are affected by this they do not have the warm and fuzzy feeling that its supporters do. Sorry if this comes off as if I don't care but honestly I am done with the homeless situation, at what point do the real constituents get paid attention to? All of this will just be money wasted as the problem continues to get worse, has any of this improved the situation anywhere? You know what needs to be done, the current path is unsustainable.

John Van Schoyck

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July 27th, Item #5 on the Consent agenda

1 message

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Tue, Jul 27, 2021 at 7:01 AM



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July 7, 2021

Dear Supervisors,

I have read the opposing comments regarding the County making the Best Western a permit homeless shelter and I am saddened by them. I work for Tahoe Coalition and I am a long time resident of Pollock Pines. In my opinion the program has been a great success and is a small, but positive step towards solving our County's homeless problem.

Everyone states they are compassionate but use qualifiers for the reasons they do not want the problem to be solved in their backyard. Well the problem has to be solved somewhere and we have navigated folks into housing, addressed their documentation issues, given them a stable place to address their physical and mental health issues and allowed them the stability to work on changing their circumstances. In my opinion that equals success.

There has not been an overwhelming presence of law enforcement, nor have we had residents arrested on site. They have a midnight curfew, so they are not wandering the community aimlessly at all hours of the night. There is not an accumulation of trash nor is the hotel unsightly in anyway. I have recently traveled through LA County and I can tell that, inaction results in a much larger problem. Shouldn't we continue with a program that has a proven track record and who is making positive steps towards a larger solution?

Inaction is not an option but the Best Western Hotel in Pollock Pines is a good start. Please don't stop the positive forward movement the County has been making in solving this ever growing crisis. All resident of El Dorado County deserve shelter, it will always be controversial but please let your conscience be your guide.

Sincerely,

Tamara Janies



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Letter re: Item 5 Best Western Stagecoach Inn

6 messages

Colleen Hearn <ccocpfounder@gmail.com>

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Please see attached. We are requesting that this item be REMOVED from the consent calendar and our questions be addressed.

Warmly,
Colleen Hearn, Founder CCOCP

 **Letter To BOS re Best Western Stagecoach.docx.pdf**
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Received, thank you.

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Thank you!

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Yes. I would like to see this item removed until there can be an opportunity for the communities affected to have appropriate time to address the board of supervisors with their concerns.

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FYI #5

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7/27/2021

Edcgov.us Mail - Letter re: Item 5 Best Western Stagecoach Inn

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Thank you. Appropriate public comment provided for upcoming agenda items will be added to the corresponding file.

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Supervisor Susan Novasel, District Five

VIA EMAIL

July 26, 2021

In re: Best Western, Stagecoach Inn Pollock Pines, Consent Item #5

Esteemed Supervisors-

I am writing to you on behalf of our community action group, Concerned Citizens of Cameron Park. Our group became aware that this item was placed on the consent calendar to extend the existing lease for non-congregate shelter for the homeless.

Although as a community we recognize the need for immediate solutions for the homeless crisis, we have questions about the program itself. The biggest concern we have as a group based in Cameron Park and surrounding areas is that this program will not only continue to be extended, but *expanded* into other community-based hotels. It is widely known that Cameron Park has struggled with the crime and drugs that continue to be centralized around both the Quality Inn, Safeway and Motel 6. On a quarterly basis we obtain Sheriff's Office logs to monitor the police activity in the areas surrounding both hotels. It is a fact, there is a problem on Coach Lane where both hotels reside.

As a community group, we would like to address the following concerns about this program:

1. What kind of public notice and information is provided to El Dorado County communities when this program is evaluated for expansion?
2. What is the plan to mitigate the unintended consequences of having non-congregate housing nearby a large community resource such as Safeway and the Dollar Store?
3. What are the terms of the contract if the program begins to degrade the quality of life in the surrounding communities?
4. Are there conditions that the residents would have to abide by in order to stay in our communities?
5. Do you have a plan in place to disallow individuals who are predisposed to habitual drug use and criminal activity?
6. What rights will the community have if the program is not adding value to our community but taking away from it?
7. Have you consulted our local Law Enforcement Agencies to learn the long- and short-term effects on a community when placing a program such as this?

On behalf of the Concerned Citizens of Cameron Park, who have grown from just a few individuals to several hundred in less than a year, I can confidently state that we do not want this type of program to expand into our already struggling community. We are working diligently as a community to reduce crime and health hazards in our homes, our shopping centers and nearby resources. We are asking that you provide some assurances that you will not disproportionately flood our community because you are attempting to mimic what you perceive as a successful model and solution. I look forward to a response.

Respectfully,
Colleen Hearn

Founder and on behalf of "Concerned Citizens of Cameron Park"