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

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**RE : August 23, 2022 EDC BOS meeting- Agenda Item 19 – Navigation Center**

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Judi Angell <jangell@earthlink.net>

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 5:59 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Hello Clerk of the Board,

Please send my email, which addresses 5/10/22 BOS meeting, item 19, to all Supervisors

**Comment Re: Item 19**

First, I want to thank the Board and all the staff who worked hard to have us on a schedule where we now can have emergency services before deadly winter weather arrives here.

**Additional benefits we can expect with implementation:**

1. Since they are being found by all the other programs using this model, including in most states, almost all CA counties, in towns, suburbs, cities large and small, and rural communities:
  - A. **Reductions in drug use, vagrancy, and crime, especially in the area of the Navigation Center.** The research and experience of navigation programs find this. Also find these results among those seeking help., Related reductions in costs to local taxpayers is also found;
  - B. **The research and evidence says people make better and more functional choices when they have the security of housing. Being housed provides incentive to do the work for housing stability, needed treatment (*most addiction and mental health treatment needs do not require hospital levels of care*). Such efforts occur more often than when in camps or on the street;**
2. **This is the foundation to our Continuum of Care Plan. It, meets requirements for State and Federal Funding, which provides 100% of the funding (80 percent of these grants cannot be used for any other purpose by the County). It has approval and funding from the City of Placerville. Other CA counties ended their ineffective law enforcement-based approaches, get such funding, and the beneficial results instead. No county money is being used;**
3. **While the existing Community Health Center serving those with low incomes qualified for Medi-Cal is nearby for serving clients of the Navigation Center, the larger Community Health Center expected nearby will have enhanced capacity for meeting their emergency and urgent needs further enhancing public health and safety;**
4. **The location is at a distance from the separate needle exchange program proposal, so the two groups would not overlap in their location (this is not a service of this program nor in the Continuum of Care Plan)-so no related issues.**
5. **Houseless people have limited resources and when seeking services ordinarily go to the closest option, thus their own county's navigation center and not ours, unless they have family or family-like support here. Our annual homeless census data consistently show the majority grew up here, went to school here, worked here and/or have family here; with rising rents, losing housing because the pay from local jobs does not similarly rise is increasingly common. Outcomes for some served may include jobs in other counties, like is increasingly common for all our residents;**
6. **If it was common for people to relocate when navigation centers open, all our homeless residents would have left for nearby counties who opened theirs' years ago;**
7. **Opening the program will reduce the number of people on the street. All areas can expect to see fewer, not more, and thus less impacts to businesses. Local businesses have the option of learning how to direct any to access referral process (some cities and towns formalize programs with designated outreach contact for businesses). Navigation centers nationally and statewide do not experience loitering problems;**
8. **The people living at the Navigation Center will change as people transition to other housing, like those already working full-time, receiving Social Security Income, as they get better paying or full-time work, etc.. Thus dividing the total cost by the capacity**

**is inaccurate and exponentially too high.**

The choice today saving local taxpayers the most would be to approve this item today. Delaying would increase the expected costs of rent, which have been trending up each month. Delay adds to time on the streets for those who are ready to transition when the research says the shorter their time on the streets, the faster they are ready to transition. I encourage approval today.

Judi Angell  
Rescue





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**Aug 23 BOS Meeting -Public Comment Item 19 - Perks Court Navigation Center**

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**Nicole Gotberg** <ngotberg@yahoo.com>

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 8:00 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Cc: The BOSONE &lt;bosone@edcgov.us&gt;, bostwo@edcgov.us, BOS Three &lt;bosthree@edcgov.us&gt;, BOS Four &lt;bosfour@edcgov.us&gt;, bosfive@edcgov.us

Please vote yes on this item and proceed with the construction of a navigation center on Perk's Court. We need to be able to help our houseless residents that want the help. We also need to be able to enforce against residents that are creating environmental and public health and safety hazards for the entire community (wildfire risk, erosion of hill slopes and landslide risks, pollution of the soil, surface water and groundwater). According to the Placerville Chief of Police 45% of the people who are homeless in the City reported previously living in El Dorado County, while 42% reported previously living in Placerville. Wildfires don't stop at City boundaries and contaminated water in creeks flows downhill. This is a County wide issue and the County needs to move forward with taking action to address it. Stop delaying!

I believe in showing compassion to everyone. As a young adult I spent several months living out of a backpack. While I never found myself in a situation where I had to sleep on the street, I was homeless and slept on friends couches/floors/cars, youth shelters and official campgrounds. I have a great deal of empathy for people who find themselves in a situation where they have lost their home, whatever the reason for that loss may be.

I also believe no individual's personal freedoms should outweigh the health and safety risks to the entire community. We cannot continue to allow people to camp in places that are creating hazardous conditions. I have no issue with someone sleeping on a public sidewalk or a park bench at night. What I see as a serious environmental and public safety hazard is the makeshift shelters on dirt hill slopes surrounded by vegetation/trees with stormwater runoff of human feces and trash going into our waterways. One of the tools needed to address those hazards is having a navigation center/shelter that people can go to.

Perks Court is a vetted location that we know we can move forward with now. We cannot delay any longer looking for the perfect place. There is no perfect place. Additionally, I would like to point out 471 Pierroz Rd is located in the Placerville City Limits. The City has its own general plan and zoning ordinances. The Pierroz Rd location is zoned C and an emergency shelter is not currently allowed in C zones under the City zoning ordinances. The County may be able to legally override the City's general plan and zoning ordinances the same way the State can override the County. However, I would hope enough of the County BOS truly believes in local government autonomy that you would not proceed with pursuing a location in the City's jurisdiction, which is not zoned for an emergency shelter under the City's zoning ordinances, without concurrence from the City Council. I often hear County Supervisors complaining about the State dictating to the County and talking about the importance of local government control. I hope you actually believe in that, and do not turn around and dictate to the City and override their local jurisdictional control.

Thank You  
Nicole Gotberg  
Placerville Resident, District 3



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## Navigation Center

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Maryann Mueller &lt;maryannmueller1@gmail.com&gt;

Sat, Aug 20, 2022 at 10:34 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

I, Mary Ann Mueller am a resident of El Dorado county. I am protesting to the Board of Supervisors, the homeless Navigation Center that has been suggested to be built on Perks Ct. I do not want this homeless center here! There are two other locations in the city of Placerville. It's a danger to this community. My strong opinion is that there is already support for homeless with the Upper Room, Dollar Tree, Grocery Outlet, Marshall Hospital and public transportaion already in place. Building on Perks Court will only require more building on Missouri flat to accommodate homeless needs. What about the neighborhood's surrounding perks Court? Maybe we don't want more construction, more traffic and more crime this will bring in. What about the families that are working so hard to keep it together in this recession, we don't need any more worries. The people that live in the city of Placerville are super excited to get rid of the problem and ship it to the County. That's not fair. Especially when they have other options. They created this.

My Supervisor, Wendy Thomas needs to recuse herself on this vote due to conflict of interest.

Stop it! Vote no!

Your reply is requested

Maryann Mueller



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## 22-1279 and 22-1042

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Nichole Paine <paine.nichole@gmail.com>

Sat, Aug 20, 2022 at 7:11 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Please send the attached letter to the entire Board of Supervisors.

**Nichole Paine**



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**Nichole Paine**  
**1740 Green Valley Road | El Dorado Hills, CA 95762**  
**916-476-7112 | [paine.nichole@gmail.com](mailto:paine.nichole@gmail.com)**

August 23, 2022

RE: Item 19: 22-1279, Item 20: 22-1402

To the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:

I, once again, am writing simply to urge the Board to vote YES on these items.

This is the closest that El Dorado County has ever come to really making a change for good for our unhoused community. This will take El Dorado County off the "list" of 4 counties that have done nothing in the face of a humanitarian crisis. This will get us moving, in the right direction!

Perks Court is the perfect location for a Shelter and Navigation Center. It is centrally located with easy access to resources and transit and has historically been a shelter and safe camping space for the homeless members of our community. Volunteers of America (VOA) is a great fit for running the shelter, with years of experience and a great track record. They'll ensure that the site is properly kept up and the programs fairly administered. G&G Construction has a history of building the sprung structures for homeless shelters that we so desperately need; they've built 20 to date. As an added bonus, local subcontractors will be used for much of the work, adding an always-welcome boost to the local economy.

The money has been earmarked and approved for this use. If we don't use it, we'll just have to send it back. And who would benefit? We can use these dollars to improve the quality of life for our own citizens, and we should.

Most of all, this provides a lifeline to those who have none. Once again, I urge the Board to vote YES on these items.

Sincerely,

*Nichole Paine*





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## Perks Court Navigation Center and Emergency Shelter - Agenda Items 19 & 20

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Zoe McNevin <zmcnevin@comcast.net>

Sun, Aug 21, 2022 at 8:34 AM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

To the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:

I am asking you to support the currently proposed project as it has been submitted. This is a well thought out plan and will benefit our county in so many ways. It is cost effective and will provide support for our ongoing homeless population which will make our county safer for everyone. I am still shocked that we are one of the few counties in California that haven't addressed the issues. Please don't be sidetracked by partisan attempts to block this viable project. This problem isn't going away!

Zoe McNevin  
El Dorado Hills  
916-812-3574



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## Perks Court

**Matt Swain** <oren.swain@gmail.com>

Sun, Aug 21, 2022 at 9:50 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

I support the full development of Perks Court Navigation Center and Shelter. Please pay close attention to the data on similar developments and the relatively low cost of the proactive services offered by facilities that Perks Court is modeled on. Please compare those relatively low, up-front costs to the potential costs of uncontrolled homeless encampments, including the actions of our homeless residents who do not receive adequate services.

I have volunteered in the homeless shelter run by the Pathways Project, and I can tell you that the people served by such projects are good, well-intentioned people. We do not need to fear them. If we completely ignore them and their needs, they may make some poor decisions (that's one of the main reasons why they're homeless), and a little guidance and support will go a long way toward improving both their quality of life and the quality of life of everyone in El Dorado County.

Thank you for your time,  
Matt Swain  
3394 Coon Hollow Rd.  
Placerville CA 95667



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

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## Perk's Court Shelter

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**Marian Washburn** <mewash@hotmail.com>

Sun, Aug 21, 2022 at 12:19 PM

To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Cc: "bosone@edcgov.us" <bosone@edcgov.us>, "bostwo@edcgov.us" <bostwo@edcgov.us>, Wendy & Karen Thomas & Feathers <bosthree@edcgov.us>, "bosfour@edcgov.us" <bosfour@edcgov.us>, "bosfive@edcgov.us" <bosfive@edcgov.us>

Esteemed Members of the EDC Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of the proposed Shelter and Navigation Facility on Perks Court.

We all are aware of the severity of our homeless problem in the area. I have observed the long-standing and tireless efforts of citizen volunteers, HOT team participants and local government staff dealing with this seemingly intractable situation.

It appears to me, the current proposal is a solid and substantial step in realistically dealing with the complicated issues involved. Additionally, the available funding will not overly burden our local government general funds.

Please endorse the collaborative efforts of City and County staff and elected representatives to, at long last, take a positive first step dealing with this complex issue toward a healthier community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Marian Washburn  
District Three Resident



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

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## BOS 8/23 agenda items 19 & 20 #22-1279, #22-1402

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**Diane Rabinowitz** <drabino1951@yahoo.com>

Sun, Aug 21, 2022 at 2:46 PM

Reply-To: Diane Rabinowitz <drabino1951@yahoo.com>

To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>, George Turnboo <bostwo@edcgov.us>, BOS Four <bosfour@edcgov.us>, Wendy Thomas <bosthree@edcgov.us>, Sue Novasel <bosfive@edcgov.us>

Hello, Clerk,

Please make sure each supervisor gets a copy of this memo and that it gets into the record.

Thank you so much!

**Diane Rabinowitz**

President NAMI El Dorado County

310 404 5252

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August 20, 2022

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Diane Rabinowitz, President NAMI El Dorado County  
DianeR@namieldoradocounty.org

Phone (530) 306-4101

SUBJECT: Item 22-1279

I was surprised and dismayed by the "oversight related to budgetary appropriations" that prevented the BOS from voting July 26 on the next phase of the Perks Court Navigation Center. I was further dismayed when opponents trotted into the BOS meeting with a proclamation attacking one of the Board members, accusing conflict of interest, and lodging a formal complaint designed to further disrupt plans to build the Navigation Center. I have been surprised and dismayed at the mysterious appearance of a dishonest, inflammatory flier around the county to fuel the ire of those already opposed and further disrupt this project. And now, I am really surprised and dismayed at the latest "staff" suggestion to explore Pierroz Road as a possible location for a Navigation Center in an attempt to further disrupt progress. And how is it that the Placerville Police Dept has suddenly seen an influx of homeless from other parts of the county while the Sheriff touts his success in ending homelessness in the county?

I recall the lone dissenting Supervisor angrily protesting at a prior meeting that nothing was being done to help those displaced by the Caldor Fire. I hope he's had the realization that there is more we can do for those victims if we work together (see my comments on item 22-1476), without obstructing plans for Perks Court.

All of the moves described above show lack of integrity, lack of honesty, lack of sincere cooperation, lack of courage. Let's remember the good faith agreement between the City of Placerville and the Board of Supervisors to work together to accomplish the goals of the CoC. Let's recall the 4-1 vote in favor of proceeding with Perks Court.

Who is throwing the monkey wrench at this project, a product of hours of careful staff research, planning, coordination? Why do some people in this county need to obstruct building a navigation center for the homeless, something that almost every other county in this state has done? What is the problem when the more than 95% of the funds are coming from the state and federal governments, already paid for by taxes, allocated specifically to help house people beset by problems that led them to be homeless? What is the problem when there is already a non-profit to supervise the Navigation Center that can deal with the serious challenges of mental illness, substance abuse, potential conflict, and possible law violations?

I hear complaints about people living in trash, about unsanitary and unsafe conditions, pulling electrical wires through the forest from a generator, and pulling water lines from

who knows where. The photographic evidence is there, let's admit it. Conditions in the homeless camps are not because they wish to live like animals; it's the result of our inaction. Our homeless neighbors have no bathroom, no shower, no trash pickup, no income, no way to get out of the elements, etc. We have an affordable housing crisis which Housing El Dorado is working on, where currently, rents are too expensive for some people who work 60 hours a week, let alone those who are beset by mental illness and substance abuse issues. Complainants are worried about the safety of the community if we build a navigation center. Those complainants have it all wrong. If we DON'T build a navigation center, we are all less safe. We can afford no further delay.

We are all human. No one is immune from misperceptions or mistakes. But I'm tired of people obstructing, delaying, diverting, complaining. The majority of the council voted to collaborate with the City of Placerville, to approve the CoC Strategic Plan, to help move people from dirt to a bed inside, and to support them get their lives back with the help of a qualified agency and community coordination. The pre-construction work on the Navigation Center was approved 4-1. The vote to continue construction was going to be voted 4-1 before all these obstructions were mounted.

It's time for all the disgruntled individuals, many of whom are ignorant about the issues, to either launch their own plans with their own money, or step aside and let the majority will prevail. Perks Court has been delayed long enough, and already we will have to be planning for winter shelter before the fire season has even ended. It's time to let saner heads prevail, approve it and let it go forward. We can afford NO further delay.



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## **Shelter and Navigation Center - Perks Court**

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**Lauri Kemper** <lauri.osgoodcreek@gmail.com>

Sun, Aug 21, 2022 at 2:50 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, Sue Novasel <sue.novasel@edcgov.us>

To All County Supervisors, and especially 'my' Supervisor Sue Novasel:

I urge you to continue to support the proposed Perks Court Navigation Center and Emergency Shelter in Placerville.

**I understand that Housing El Dorado (HED), a local nonprofit focused on housing affordability and unhoused services within El Dorado County has addressed recent misinformation and hopefully, resolved any of your remaining concerns.**

**I am proud to have volunteered for the Warm Room shelter in South Lake Tahoe operated by the Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless. It operated in new locations every year and was able to successfully address neighbor concerns at every location. Now, most of Tahoe's homeless are housed due to the amazing efforts of the non-profit agency with support from the County.**

**Our homeless need our help. The County must support this great opportunity and proposal. More must be done! This project is a positive step in providing services to those in need.**

**Lauri Kemper**

**Meyers Resident**

Sent from my iPhone



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## Homelessness

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**Cassdraxler** <cassdraxler@yahoo.com>  
To: EDC board Of Sups <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Sun, Aug 21, 2022 at 3:23 PM

**Subject: Homelessness**

Dear City Council & County Supervisors,

I have had a business on Broadway for over 20 years. I've been boots on the ground helping to feed and cloth the homeless . I've seen the increase of mental illness and homelessness, and the neglect by government agencies to address the inhumanity of this disaster in our community.

Fifty Four of our fifty eight counties in California have shelters. Surely, ideas and best practices can be gleaned from any of these county's.

This topic of Perks Court is over 20 years old. It sadly has become a POLITICAL issue rather than a humanitarian one.

Vote your conscious not your party. Build a shelter.

Cassandra Gudin Draxler

Sent from my iPhone  
Scent Detection Canine Handler





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## Support for Perks Court

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**chris belmer** <cbelmer@hotmail.com>

Sun, Aug 21, 2022 at 3:54 PM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Dear Supervisors,

Please vote to pass the Perks Court Project now, without further delays. Housing is an issue that can't be put on hold, for the Health and Welfare of our community and all its members.

Thank you in advance,

Chris Belmer, ELDORADO County Citizen and Board President for Placerville Union School District

Sent from my iPhone

August 20, 2022

Leslie Hill  
1445 Arrowbee Dr.  
Placerville, CA 95667

Reference: Proposed Perk's court Navigation Center and Emergency Shelter

Dear El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Members:

I want to join with the many other El Dorado and Placerville residents and Placerville City Council who support your vote to move this referent Center/Shelter forward at a time we are so focused on these issues and have funding and a project ready to start.

As a resident and Real Estate Broker in the County for over 45 years, it has been a dark spot on the County and City that there hasn't been an organized process and place for those who are unhoused and dealing with mental illness to seek help and who have been forced to live in such appalling conditions. As a businessperson here, I can confirm that this housing problem has negatively affected decisions made by those considering relocating here who have questioned the effects on the shopping areas and neighborhoods where so many homeless folks are forced to congregate and live in various encampments.

Additionally, the potential fires and horrendous fire insurance costs and cancellations were brought home when you as a board declared a crisis to reduce homeless encampments and the extreme fire danger they represent add to the urgency of approving this project. As a broker I can attest to the lost sales when insurance isn't available or costs so high that a purchaser is unable to qualify for the loan or just not able to pay these costs. I recognize that this is not caused solely by these encampments, but they certainly are a contributing factor.

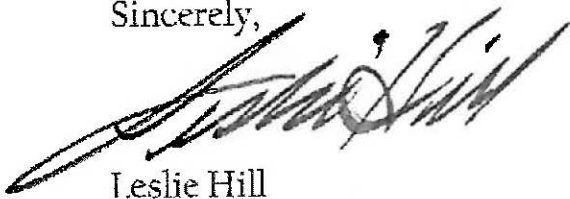
The prospects of having both a navigation center and emergency shelter with both state and federal funding thus eliminating most or all costs to be borne by the County or City is almost a miracle. The good work done by Housing El Dorado with over four years of work on this project is commendable and I hope not in vain. Now that you have the support of the Placerville City Council and both the attention and support of most residents, you are close to making this happen.

My hope is that this opportunity will not be lost as the result of another unfunded idea for what I've read would result in the loss of funding and possible lawsuit if situated as proposed site by one lone Board member and one county elected official. Add to that the reluctance for folks who have experienced both and positive and negative interactions with law enforcement when the only help offered is overshadowed by a jail and law enforcement looming next door is far from positive. I fear those we hope to help would just not be willing to avail themselves of this negative experience which is borne out by studies on the issue.

With a 3.7-million-dollar Navigation Center and Emergency Shelter finally in site, I had to write to ask that you support this strategic plan now coming before you and to ask my Board Member Ms. Parlin to do so as she has done in the past. This is both not only long overdue but would be irresponsible to just let this opportunity pass through your hands while we watch our county burn and homeless be left in their present circumstances. Please make the right decision now.

Thank you for your attention to my plea and for the consideration of this first step in dealing with a decade's long problem. If not now when?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Leslie Hill', with a stylized, flowing script.

Leslie Hill



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## BOS meeting tuesday, 8.23.2022 re homeless emergency shelter perks court

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Lorraine King <lorraine.king@sbcglobal.net>

Sun, Aug 21, 2022 at 7:11 PM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Cc: Lorraine King <lorraine.king@sbcglobal.net>

To: EDC Board of Supervisors, edc.cob@edcgov.us

I have written to you in the past regarding my support of the emergency shelter and Navigation Center for our unhoused neighbors.

Now, the issue is on your Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> agenda again, and I am writing again to express my continued strong support of the proposed Perks Court Navigation Center and Emergency Shelter. I hope that Housing El Dorado (HED) has sufficiently addressed the recent misinformation campaign about this shelter and location with accurate information.

Homeless persons will not simply disappear (or leave our county) if we ignore them. The situation we are in today has been decades in the making and it won't be easily resolved. This is a good proposal and opportunity; let's continue on this path.

Regards,

Lorraine King

El Dorado Hills





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## 8/23/22 BOS mtg items #19&20

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**Sara Eldridge** <sara.eldridge@gmail.com>

Sun, Aug 21, 2022 at 8:20 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

I'm writing to express my strong support to proceed with the construction of the emergency shelter and navigation center plans for Perks Court. Please vote to approve this vital community resource.

Most sincerely,

Sara Eldridge, volunteer for nomadic shelter, member of Faith Episcopal church and resident of El Dorado county since 1999.

Sent from my iPhone



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## 8/23/22 BOS mtg items #19&20

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**Ethan Eldridge** <ethan@ethaneldridge.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Aug 21, 2022 at 8:29 PM

I'm writing to express my strong support to proceed with the construction of the emergency shelter and navigation center plans for Perks Court. Please vote to approve this vital community resource.

Most sincerely,

Ethan Eldridge

Volunteer for nomadic shelter, member of Faith Episcopal church and resident of El Dorado county since 1999.



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## Navagation Center at Perks Court

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**Scott Vail** <vail.s@sbcglobal.net>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Aug 21, 2022 at 8:37 PM

I am a 26 year resident of Placerville, a retired RN from Marshall's emergency department, and a volunteer with the Nomadic Shelter for the last 5 years. I ask the BOS to commit to getting the navigation center on Perk's court up and running as soon as possible. Although no plan is perfect, this will start to address the needs of our unsheltered neighbors while decreasing the negative environmental impact of the unregulated homeless camp. Vicky Vail



## City of Placerville

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August 19, 2022

Lori Parlin, Chair  
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Chair Parlin,

The County has been working collaboratively with the City for 3 years to address the homelessness crisis. In September 2019, the City of Placerville, the City of South Lake Tahoe, and the County held a joint meeting to discuss homelessness and the County agreed to come back with a list of sites for a potential navigation center. This was the initial effort to improve the services to the Homeless and the cooperation between the City and the County. In January of 2020, the County requested funding for an agreement with Homebase to provide homeless coordination services in the County. The City agreed and provided \$20,000 over two years. In April of 2020, the City and the County adopted a joint policy statement on Homeless, continuing the cooperative relationship. In May of 2021, the City worked with the County to apply for \$400,000 in CDGB-CV grant funds on behalf of the City, which we provided to the County to purchase a property for use as a Navigation Center. The County spent several months pursuing the acquisition of the Pollock Pines Hotels, but then unexpectedly changed course and abandoned that project.

In July of 2021, the Placerville City Council held a special meeting and reviewed information regarding the current homeless camps in Placerville. Attached are letters addressed to CAO Don Ashton and to former Director of Health and Human Services, Don Semon, outlining our concerns. As a result of these letters and our cooperative relationship, the County directed their staff to begin searching for a site for a homeless Navigation facility. The goal at that time was to have something in place, even if temporary, prior to the October/November Fire Season of 2021. As we all know, that was a very aggressive goal that was not achieved. However, the intent was to take immediate and significant action to address this problem. Efforts were put into motion to reach that goal this year. In March of 2022, the El Dorado County Continuum of Care completed their Strategic Plan, listing a navigation center as a high priority. Since that time, the County and City have gone through several potential options including ones suggested by the City and one recommended by the El Dorado County Sheriff. The City and the County unanimously supported the concept of the Sheriff's Proposal until, after further consideration, it was determined that the Sheriff's Proposal was not feasible for a variety of reasons.

In response to this, the Board of Supervisors directed County Staff to identify and consider the feasibility of both a short-term and long-term site for a Homeless Navigation Center. City staff has worked closely with County staff in the development of these options. On April 26, 2022, the City Council met and directed staff to work with the County on a homeless site, prioritizing Perks Court, with the potential of the Broadway Hotels as short-term sites. The City considered the Pierroz site but did not find this to be suitable for several reasons: this site is smaller, further from medical

services, has no pedestrian access, is across the street from a child care facility and has no potential for outside space for those the facility plans to serve. We have not changed our stance on the Pierroz Site.

The County then attempted to negotiate a lease on the Broadway Hotel sites and ultimately determined they were not a feasible option based on those negotiations. Since that determination, significant public resources in the form of staff time, energy, and money have been spent on the feasibility and study of the Perks Court site.

On July 26, 2022, the Board received the results of the feasibility study and potential program to create a Navigation Center at Perks Court. This study confirmed the feasibility. In addition, the City of Placerville agreed to contribute \$287,500 in ARPA Funds to address a shortfall in funding for the project; this is in addition to the \$400K in CDBG funding that the City had already granted to the County to pursue a Navigation Center. These ARPA funds were previously designated for other projects, however, the Council recognized the importance of this project and redirected the funds.

County Leadership has never been as close as you are right now to taking the significant steps necessary to mitigate and reduce the effects of homelessness in our community. You have an opportunity to show real leadership and a responsibility to address this pressing matter, and we urge you to do so. We have made substantial progress over the past year to address this critical health, safety, and quality of life issue in our community. The Board of Supervisors has taken numerous affirmative votes to advance the Perks Court Project and absent new information showing the site is not feasible, it would be inappropriate to change course at this late date given that the Perks Court feasibility study confirmed feasibility and the project is funded.

As we have pursued solutions to this crisis over these past years, we have learned an important lesson. There are some who want to obstruct this project, no matter where it is located or how comprehensively the facility plans address the concerns that are raised. It is important that we not be distracted by the noise and persuaded to delay or derail this important project. Attached are pictures of the homeless camp in Placerville, which we believe is the largest camp in El Dorado County. Due to the Martin v Boise Court Case, we have been unable to abate this camp without a facility that provides shelter beds.

There is a narrative that the homelessness situation in the City is the City's problem and responsibility, this is false. Residents from the unincorporated areas of El Dorado County make up the biggest population set in our homeless residents. A single homeless resident from Somerset has been arrested 19 times by the Placerville Police Department in the past two months (please see Chief Wren's letter attached). As encampments in the County are cleared, the City sees an increase in homelessness within City Limits, effectively outsourcing County Law Enforcement responsibilities to the Placerville Police Department without cost recovery arrangements. The homeless residing in encampments put enormous pressure on our local Non-Profit Hospital, which serves all of the County and the greater foothill region. El Dorado County has lost one Medic Unit due to staffing issues. Responding to the needs of the homeless puts additional pressure on the remaining Medic Units. A fire that is started in the City will quickly move beyond the political boundary of the City Limit. Furthermore, State and Federal Funds for addressing homelessness are administered by the County, not the City, and services that serve the homeless fall under Health and Human Services, which is a County department. The County has a responsibility to address this crisis. You have made so much progress towards a solution with the Perk's Court Navigation Center. We urge you to keep the momentum going.

At this time, we express our grave concerns and encourage the Board of Supervisors to immediately move forward with the Perk's Court Navigation Center. As stated in the attached letter to Don Semon over a year ago, we strongly urge the County to move forward with the Perks Court Navigation Center to provide *"temporary protection for the homeless from the elements, protection*

*to our public from potential wildfire, and protection to our environment from the release of hazardous waste”.*

The City has demonstrated a commitment to partner with the County in addressing this issue, and we stand ready to assist in this process in whatever way we can. Please do not delay this process again and further endanger the health and safety of our citizens and the citizens of the County. We encourage you, in the strongest sense, to move this urgent project forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kara M. Taylor', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Mayor Kara M. Taylor  
City of Placerville

Attachments

1. July 2021 letter to Don Ashton
2. Pictures of Homeless Camp on Broadway
3. Letter from Chief Wren, PPD
4. Public Comments

CC. Supervisor John Hidahl  
Supervisor George Turnboo  
Supervisor Wendy Thomas  
Supervisor Sue Novasel  
Don Ashton, CAO



## City of Placerville

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July 1, 2021

Don Ashton, CAO  
El Dorado County  
330 Fair Lane  
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Dear Mr. Ashton,

On June 29, 2021, the City Council held a special meeting and reviewed information regarding the current homeless camps in Placerville. Staff had previously met with Don Semon to discuss the issues and potential solutions. In addition, staff and Vice Mayor Taylor had looked at potential solutions. As a result of the meeting with Mr. Semon, staff sent the attached letter to him outlining our concerns and recommending potential solutions. This letter was provided at the direction of the City Council.

In conjunction with the requests that are in the letter, the Council requested that we convene a Two by Two meeting to discuss the letter and our proposals to ease homelessness in the City and the Western Slope of El Dorado County. As we have not met for some time, I realize it may take some time to put a meeting together. However, we do feel there is some urgency to this as outlined in the letter, specifically fire danger and public health hazards.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me to discuss these issues if you would like or feel free to contact my Secretary, Erin Strawn to arrange for the meeting.

Sincerely,

M. Cleve Morris  
City Manager  
City of Placerville

*Attachment: Don Semon Letter*

**City of Placerville**

**Vision for Addressing Homelessness**

**Policy Statement:** It is the goal of the City of Placerville to actively work with El Dorado County and the County Continuum of Care to develop meaningful programs to protect the Homeless from the elements and move them out of homelessness, protect the citizens of Placerville from crime and other potential results of homelessness, and protect the natural environment in Placerville.

**Short-Term (6 months to 1 year) Goals:**

1. Develop multiple designated camps/facilities for the homeless, to better address their needs
2. Institute a Navigation program to actively work individually with homeless individuals to develop a plan to remove them from homelessness.
3. Remove and cleanup all illegal camps in Placerville, relocating all homeless within Placerville to designated camps/facilities.
4. Identify alternatives to the Upper Room to avoid the heavy impact of the homeless in that area. This could include relocation, meal deliveries, or other options to alleviate the need for the homeless to congregate on Upper Broadway.

**Long Term (2-5 years) Goals:**

1. Continue to pursue and develop additional affordable housing in the City of Placerville.
2. Encourage the County to develop affordable housing outside of Placerville to meet the needs in the County.
3. Work with current affordable housing developers to allocate X number of units specifically to house those experiencing homelessness. In exchange, the City and County will work with developers to identify additional funding for the projects.

**On-going (Beyond 5 years):**

1. Eliminate Unnecessary Temporary Housing (ie. Camps/shelters)
2. Continue programs to remove people from homeless including drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, mental health programs, job placement programs, housing assistance programs to prevent homelessness before it happens.



discussions with the County on how we can assist in developing those units to better benefit those most in need.

In addition, the City has explored several sites that could serve as a site for a facility and/ or Managed Camp. Some of these sites are City owned and the City is willing to discuss donation of this property to facilitate the process. We are open to discussing these properties further to explore the feasibility of them for a homeless facility.

Attached is the City's vision of what could become part of the County Strategic Plan to address homelessness. We look forward to working with you to develop a facility to meet this need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Cleve Morris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

M. Cleve Morris  
City Manager  
City of Placerville

*Attachment: Vision for Addressing Homelessness*



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July 1, 2021

Don Semon  
El Dorado County Health and Human Services

Dear Mr. Semon:

The City of Placerville has consistently worked cooperatively with El Dorado County to develop potential solutions to our homeless problem. To date, certain initiatives have proven helpful, but none have provided substantial relief to a growing problem. With the increase in the number of homeless in Placerville, and the substantial increase in fire danger due to draught conditions, we feel it is critical that emergency solutions be considered to not only protect our homeless community, but to protect our entire community. In addition, the current camps do not have bathroom facilities to serve the homeless. This means sewage is likely being deposited in our open spaces. This creates a severe concern due to some of these camps being located near creeks and other waterways that can become contaminated.

For these reasons, the City of Placerville is requesting that El Dorado County allocate significant funding available for homeless initiatives, to establish three or more scattered managed camps, or other emergency facilities to provide temporary protection for the homeless from the elements, protection to our public from potential wildfire, and protection to our environment from the release of hazardous waste.

The City of Placerville does not have nor do we receive the resources, funding or expertise to initiate this action. However, we feel El Dorado County, through State funding provided to the Continuum of Care for the homeless, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds and other funding for homeless initiatives, has the ability to establish a facility to protect our citizens, our homeless, and our environment. It is our hope and understanding that this facility, if developed appropriately, will enable the City to close down all other illegal camps in the City and refer tenants of those camps to the new facility. This will enable us to monitor more closely the homeless and prevent illegal campfires that can potentially turn into wildfires. It will also allow us to better provide services to the homeless and develop a meaningful program to reduce the homeless problem.

The City also recognizes our responsibility to do our part. The City has approved and is in the development stage of approximately 200 units of affordable housing. Lack of housing is consistently targeted as one of the main reasons for homelessness. These units should provide additional housing to benefit the homeless population. The City would like to initiate



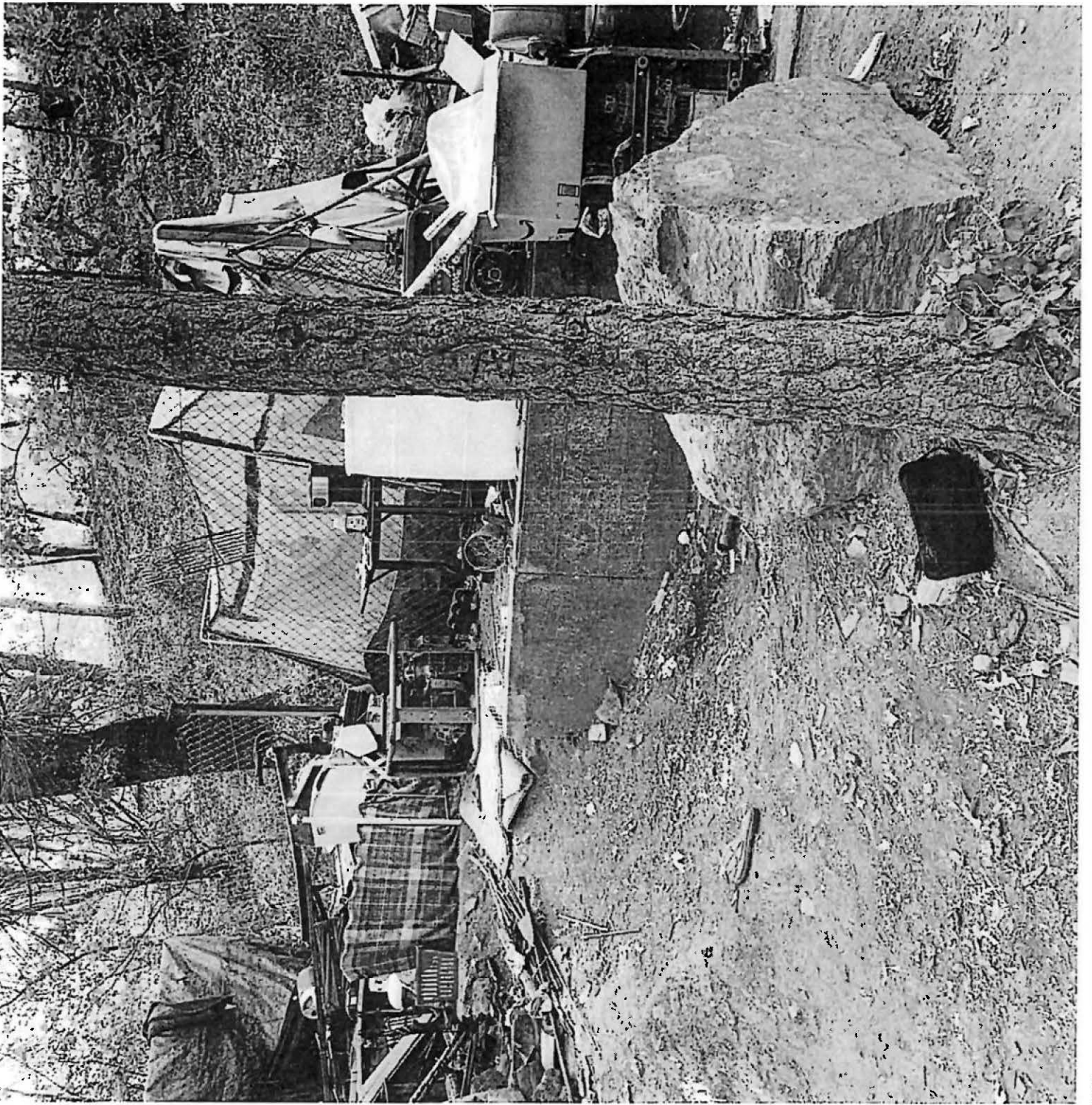






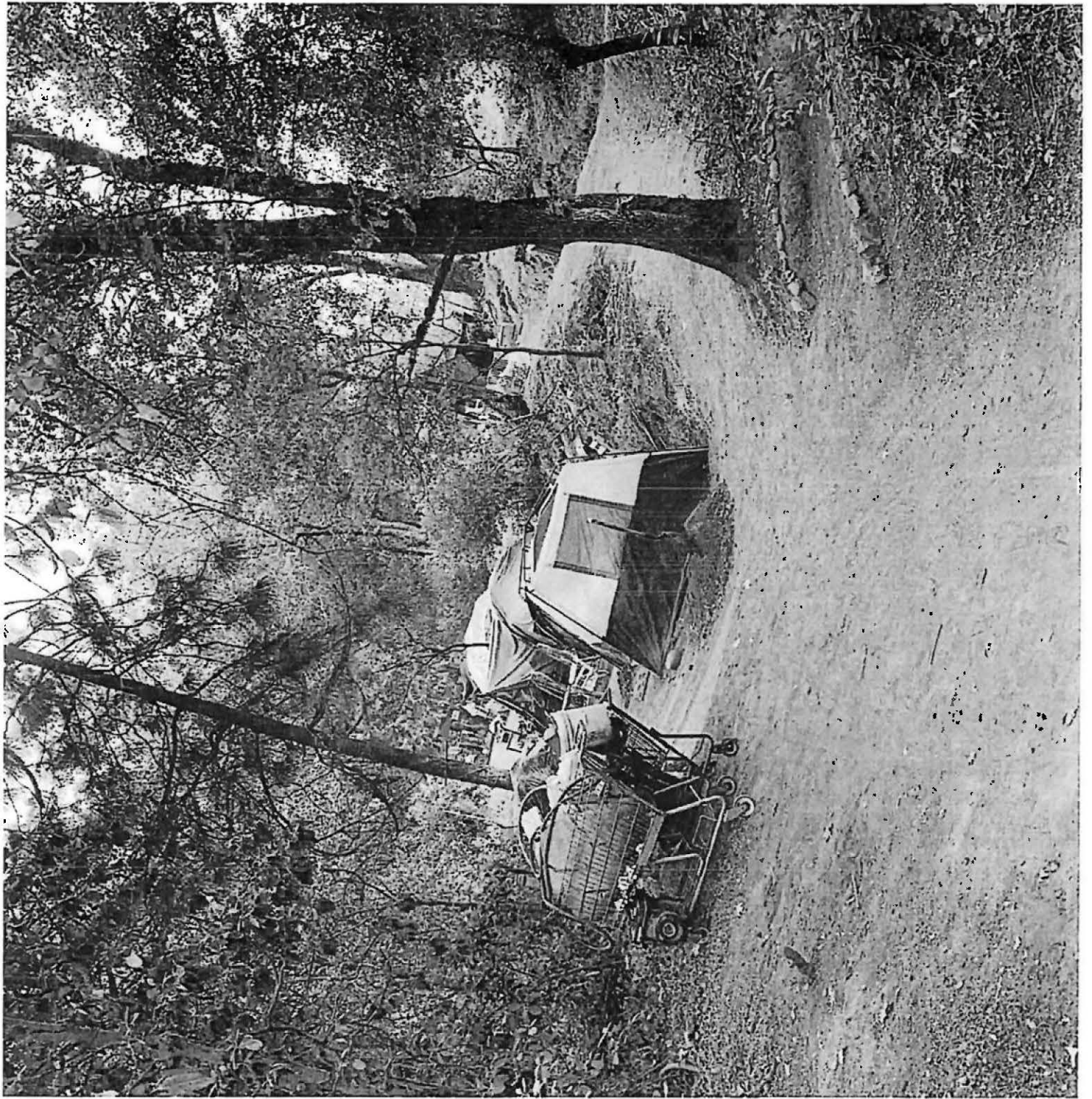






















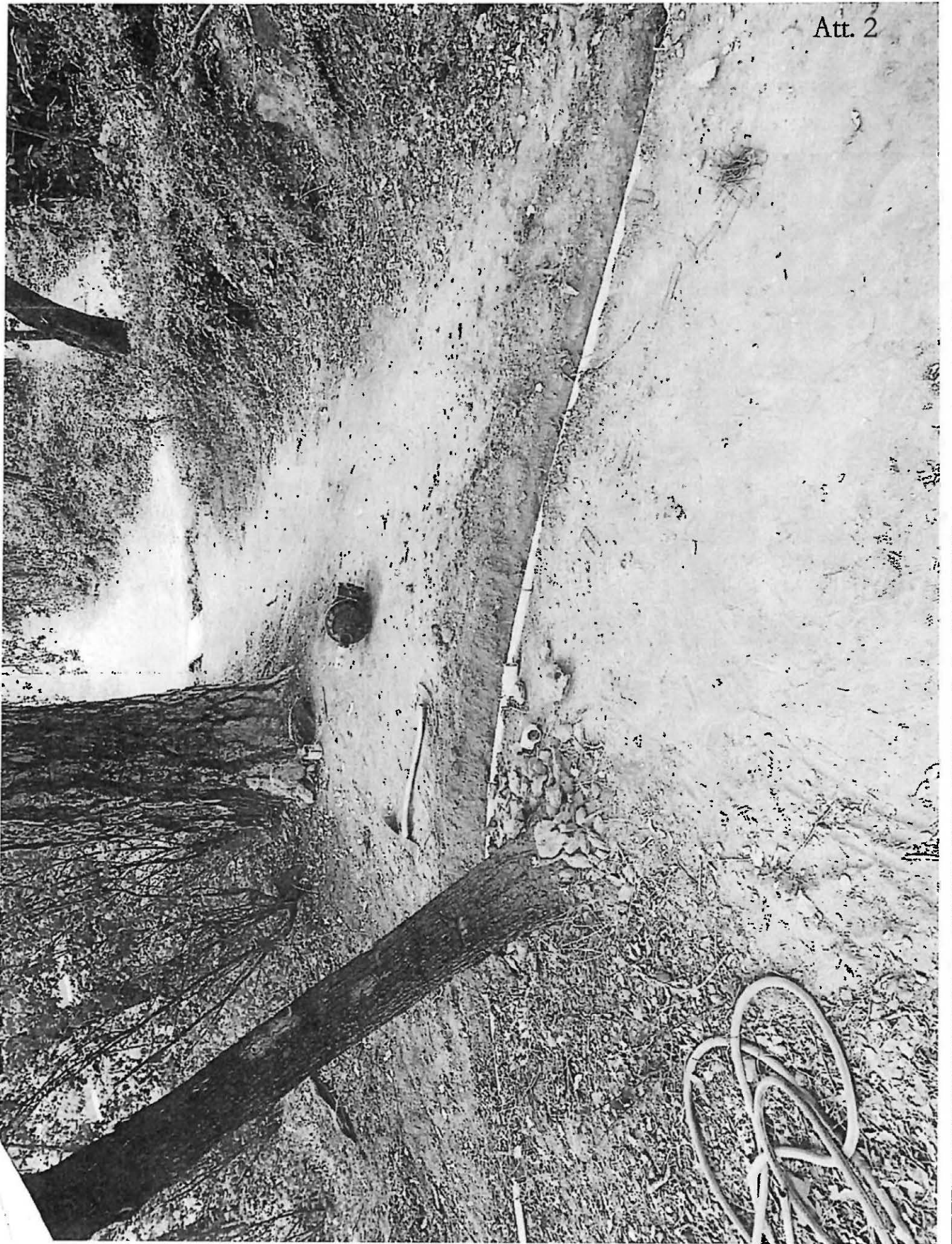




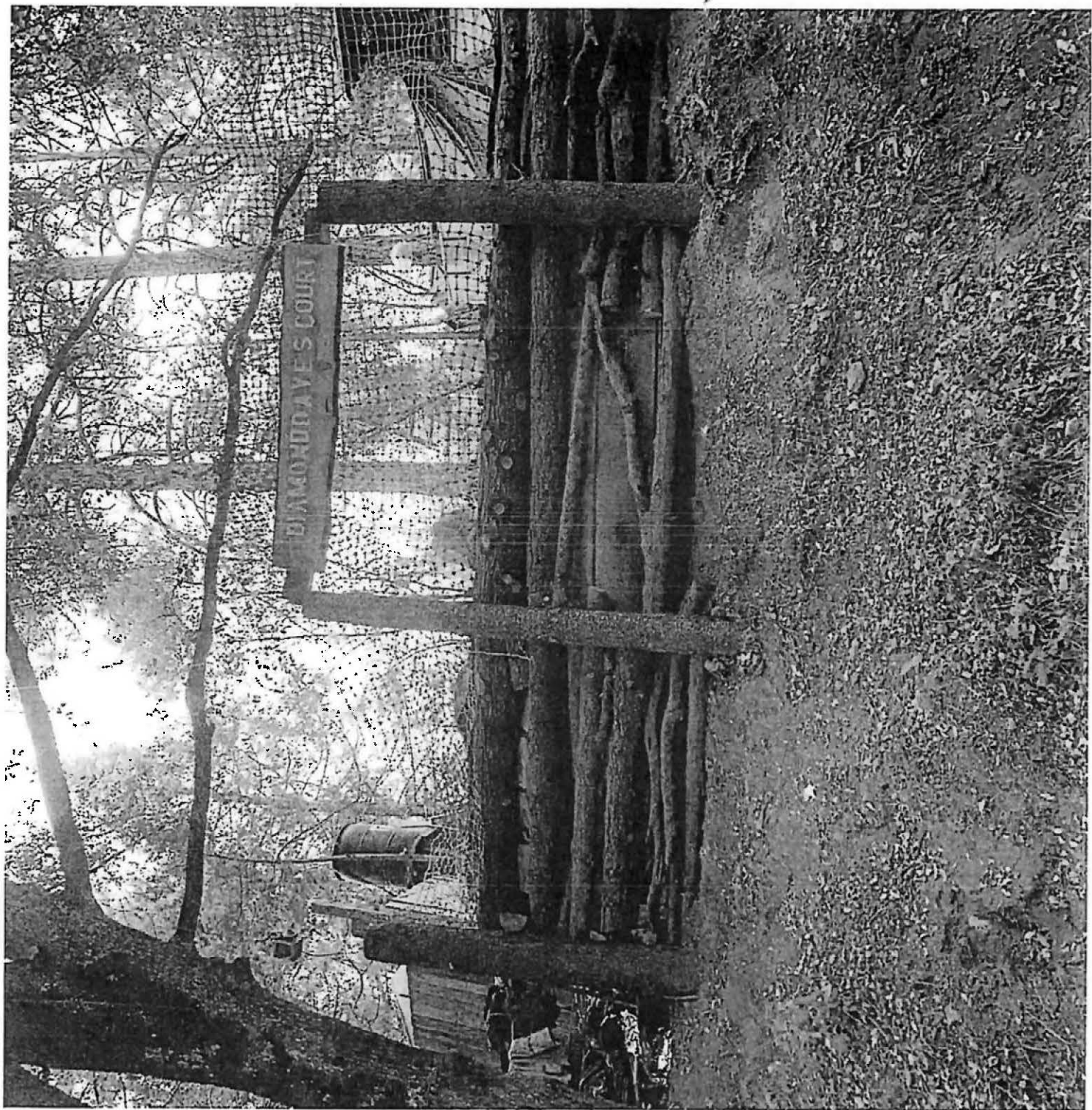




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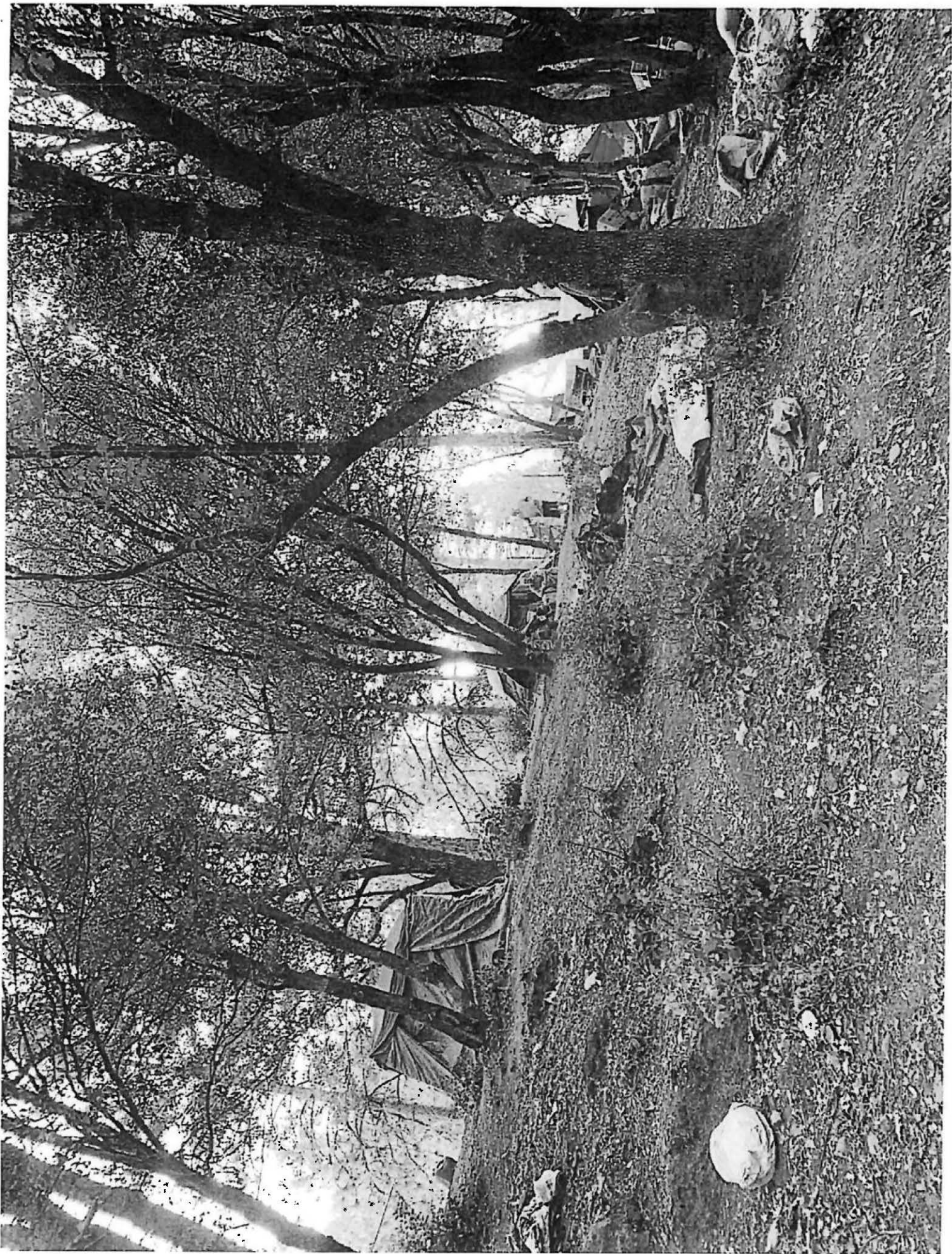






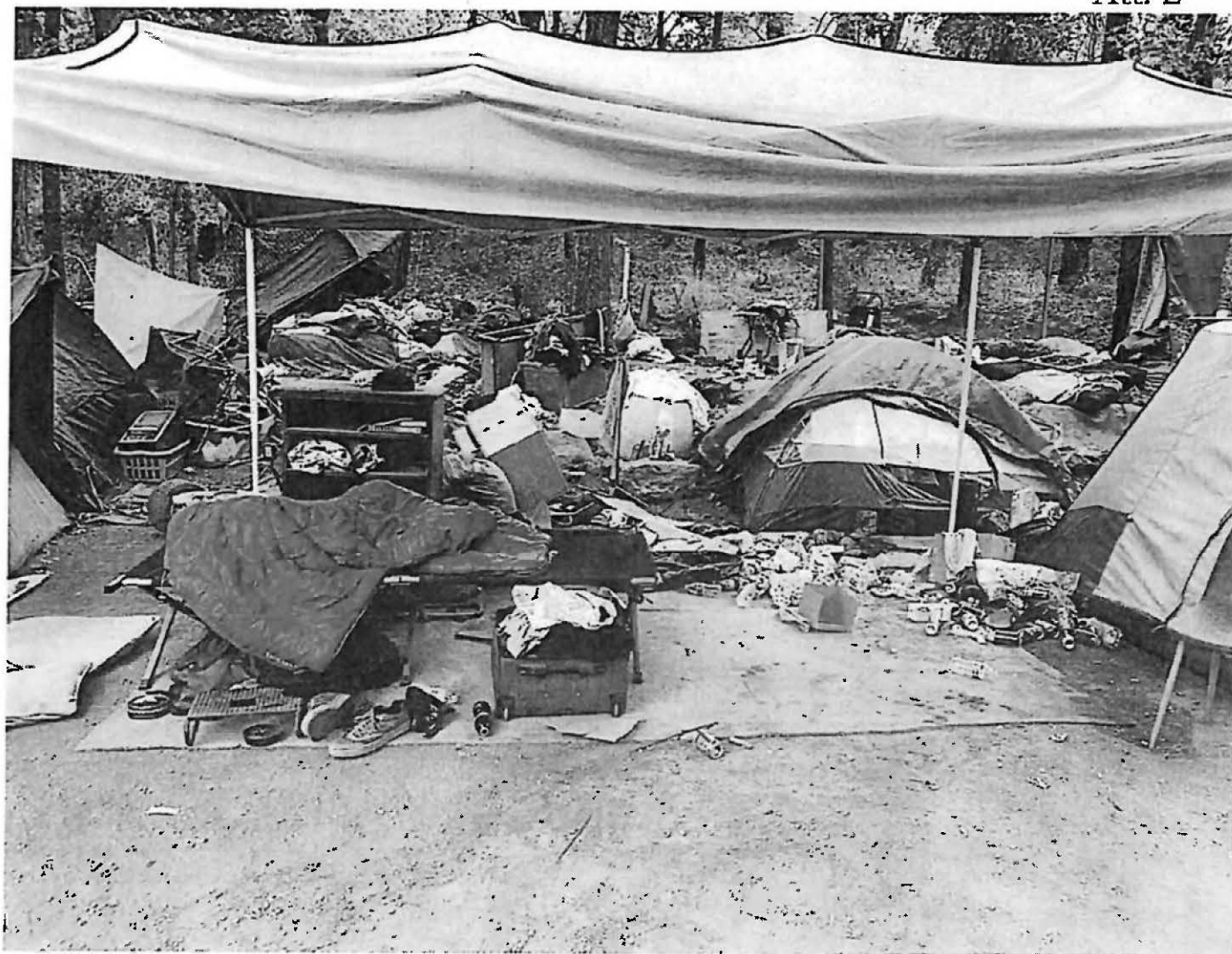




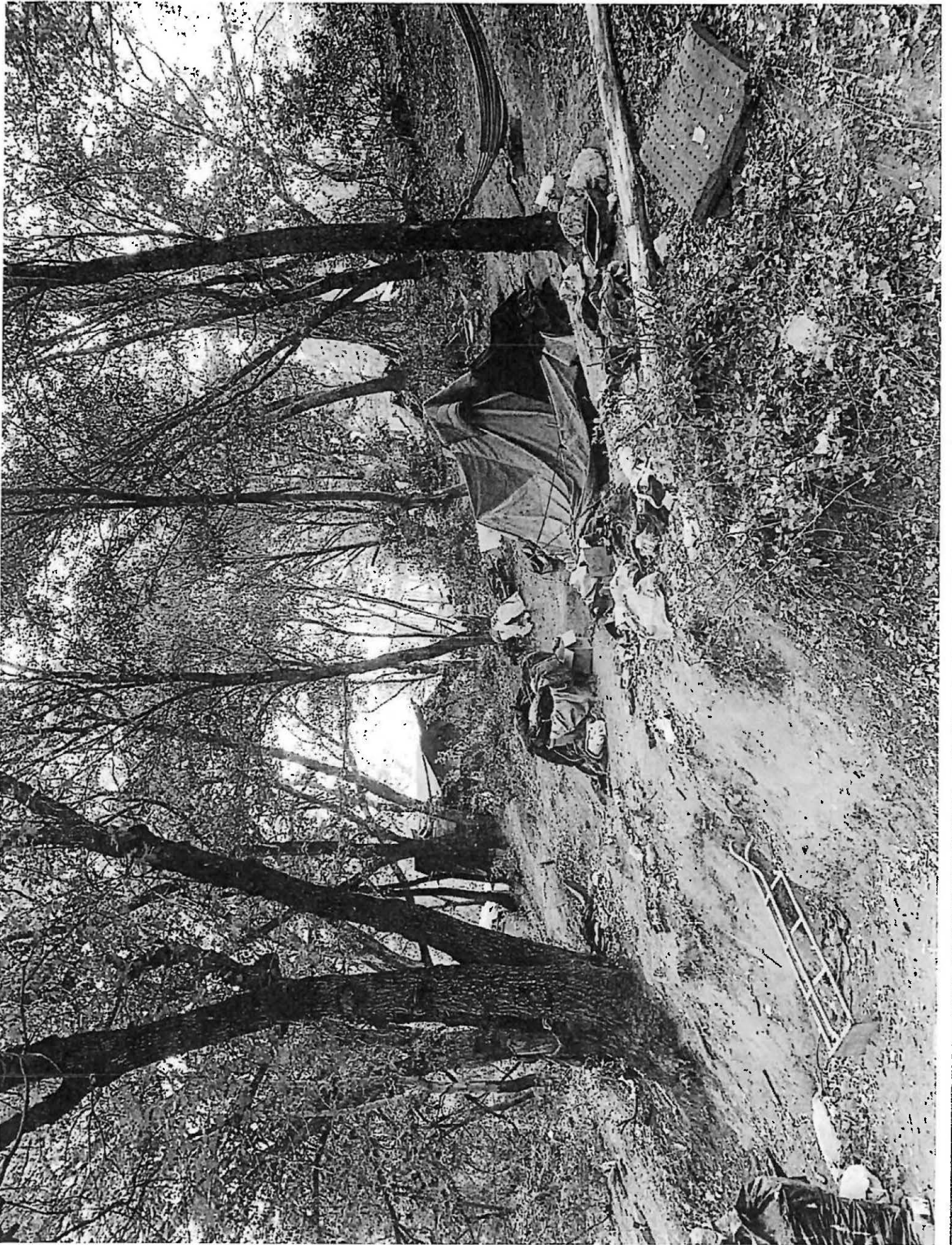






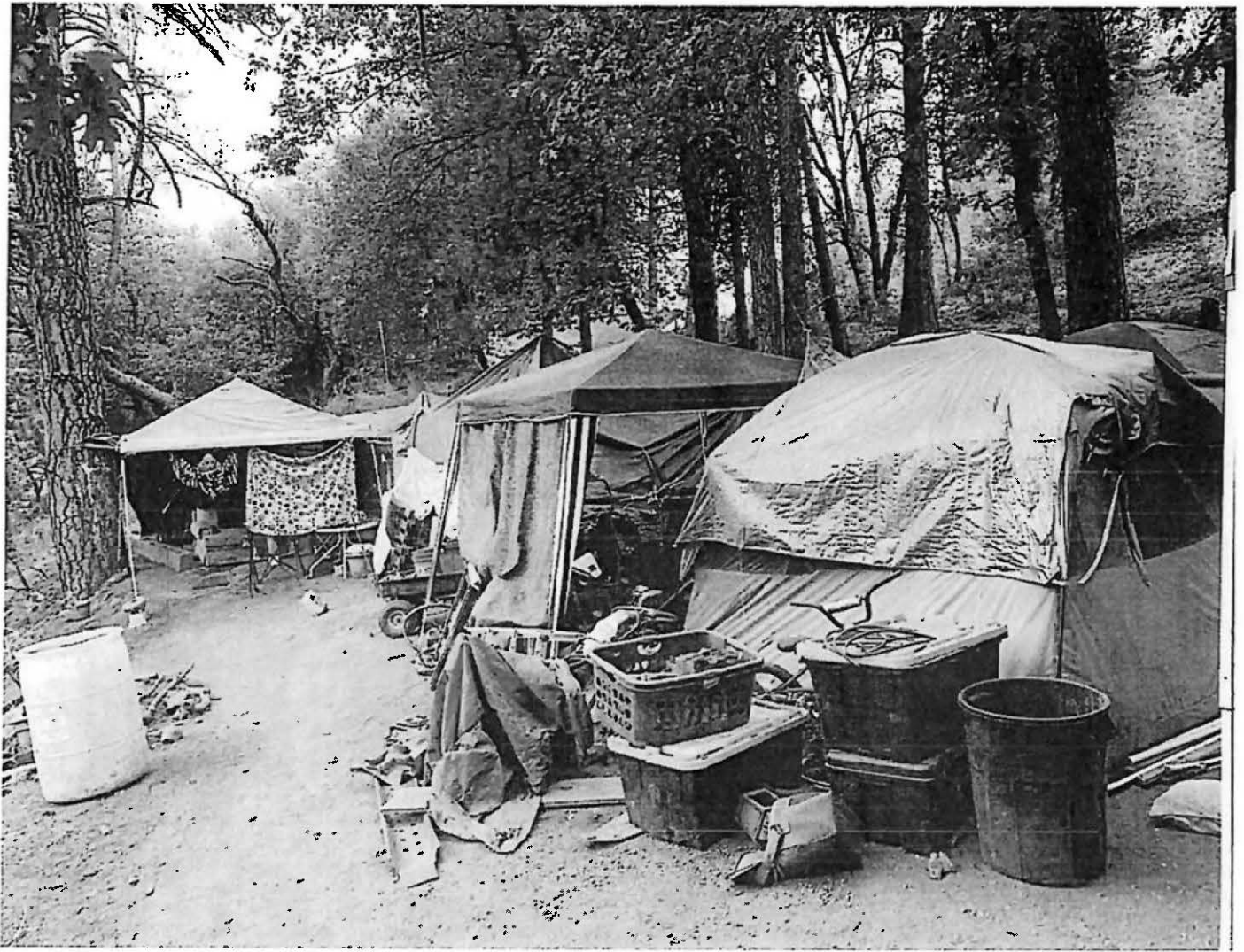


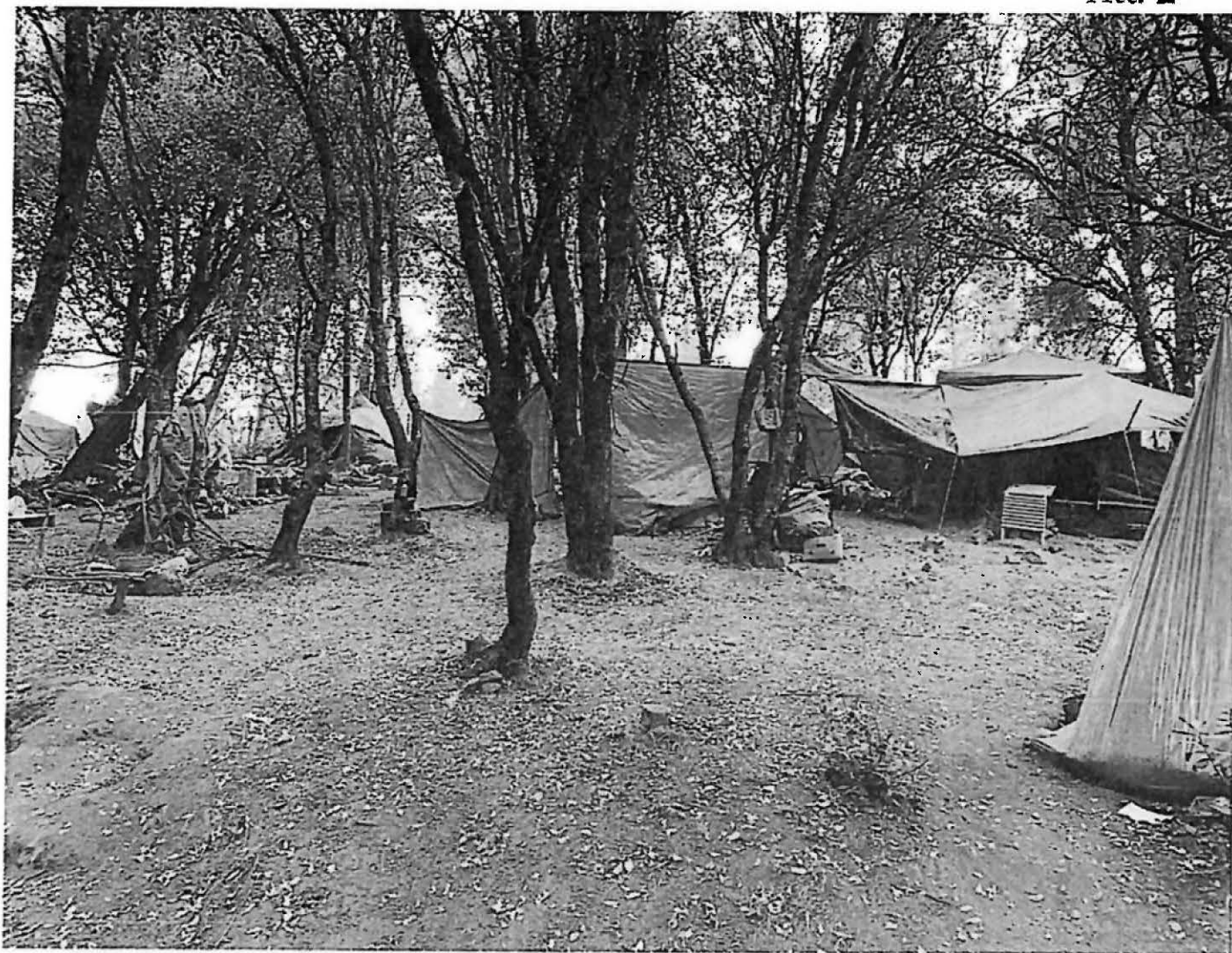


















**Joseph Wren**  
**Chief of Police**  
**jwren@cityofplacerville.org**  
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May 19, 2022

**To: Cleve Morris, City Manager**

**From: Joe Wren, Chief of Police**

**Subject: Homeless in the City of Placerville**

This report is intended to give a snapshot of the homeless challenges within the City of Placerville to date, as well as hopefully dispel some misconceptions. From 1/1/2020 to 4/26/2022, the Placerville PD responded to 489 incidents where the person involved has identified themselves as homeless. There are undoubtedly more persons that were not captured in this data due to them stating they have an address, and that address was listed in the reporting system, or it was unknown that the person being contacted was homeless. Many of the incidents involved the same transient previously contacted and identified in the system as homeless.

The data shows where the homeless person lived prior to becoming homeless and the percentage from each location. The following information was identified:

45.19%	El Dorado County resident
42.54%	City of Placerville resident
5.32%	Sacramento County
0.61%	Placer County
0.61%	San Joaquin County
0.61%	Solano County
0.61%	Yuba County
0.41%	Stanislaus County
0.41%	Yolo County
0.20%	Amador County
0.20%	Alameda County
0.20%	Contra Costa County
0.20%	Imperial County
0.20%	Kern County
0.20%	Mendocino County

0.20%	Mono County
0.20%	Riverside County
0.20%	San Bernardino County
0.20%	San Francisco County
0.20%	San Mateo County
0.20%	Santa Cruz County
0.20%	Siskiyou County
0.20%	Stanislaus County
0.20%	State of Texas
0.20%	State of Washington
0.20%	Not United States

We do not see large numbers of this population from out of the area (El Dorado County). Homeless persons typically stay in areas that are familiar to them. This is done for many reasons; the most common we hear is for safety. We have heard some say that they have always lived in Placerville, only to discover that they have never been a resident of the City. Homeless in the City often say they are from Placerville for safety reasons to be accepted into the local homeless community. We have been told by homeless people that most homeless are very territorial, and do not accept 'outsiders.'

The 45.19% of the homeless population within the county come from the following unincorporated areas in El Dorado County:

Garden Valley  
Georgetown  
Camino  
Pollock Pines  
Shingle Springs  
Diamond Springs  
Cameron Park  
Somerset  
South Lake Tahoe  
Grizzly Flats  
Rescue  
El Dorado  
El Dorado Hills  
Kyburz  
Mount Aukum

Much of the homeless population that comes from the unincorporated area is coming in from Cameron Park.

I would like to put our most recent challenges in perspective and give some recent historical information. In 2017 and 2018, the City of Placerville began to enforce the City ordinance on illegal camping. During that time, the city saw a significant drop in our homeless population due to this enforcement activity. An unintended consequence of these efforts was a significant increase in the homeless population displacing out into the county, specifically in the areas near Wal-Mart and K-

Mart. It was at that time, in 2018, PPD met with the Sheriff's Office to see if we could collaborate and address the back and forth both agencies were experiencing. It was agreed that EDSO Homeless Outreach Team would train and collaborate with PPD to best serve the community. At the onset, the collaboration worked to the benefit of both agencies and our respective jurisdictions. As time passed, it was noted by our staff that while the County experienced a drop in their homeless population, the city started to see an increase in our homeless population. As our partnership with the HOT Team continued, we began to see an unbalanced distribution of time and efforts. Plans to work within the city were scheduled and abruptly changed. The PPD HOT Officer indicated that they were spending a lot of time in the Cameron Park area. I could not justify a City funded position to work most of the time in the county, while having a seemingly negative impact on the City.

In evaluating the challenges, I decided the community would be better served to create our own team to address city specific issues. To be clear, we were never part of the HOT team. Operational control remained with PPD under the Operations Commander, and we understood that once best practices were evaluated, we would stand up our own response to challenges surrounding the homeless population and crime. I have instructed our staff to continue to foster a collaborative working environment related to the homeless population and assist EDSO whenever there is a need. While it is no secret that our homeless population within the city has grown over the last 12 to 18 months as the county's population has decreased, we began to look at what is causing this. The primary cause is 1) the false belief by the homeless, by government and non-profit agencies and homeless advocates that there are services within the city that can help house the homeless and 2) the homeless are being directed into the city by entities in the county.

The widely held belief that there are services within the City of Placerville that are enough to break the cycle of homelessness is false. There is no opportunity to take someone to a facility that will stabilize them, identify the services they need and try to help them. Assumptions are made that this population has the capacity to be responsible enough to care for themselves. While some might be responsible enough to engage in available outpatient services or outreach efforts, the reality is there is a large number that will not be successful if they do not have the direct guidance. We have come across homeless people that desired help and all we could provide was a list of outreach services. Marshall Hospital is also a hub for the homeless population to seek medical services. Once a homeless person is seen, provided for, and discharged, they are now in our community. Unfortunately, we end up responding to calls for service related to this newly added population, which again, often did not originate from the City of Placerville.

Additional factors are that PPD efforts to abate illegal encampments were significantly impacted by the Martin V. Boise decision. The second significant cause was the California Governor's Emergency Orders regarding Covid-19 and the homeless, which essentially put a moratorium on enforcement efforts that might displace the homeless population from where they were currently staying. Essentially, we have been halted from doing any enforcement on the homeless population since 2019.

I have heard some people express a desire to 'round up' the homeless or disregard the statutes that prevent enforcing illegal camping. To do this is immoral, unethical, and illegal. Furthermore, the personal liability it places on the individual officer, outside of the protections of qualified immunity, would subject an officer to both criminal and civil actions.

Over the last eight (8) months, PPD has successfully abated five (5) large homeless encampments. This was conducted out of an abundance of caution over the threat of a catastrophic fire in our community. There are undoubtedly outliers that have a smaller type of encampment set up in the City that is concealed from view and once they are located, they are addressed with existing statutes. Currently, the Broadway encampment is the largest in the City and County, housing between 50 and 70 homeless persons. Our officers are routinely up in that area, and many times they take enforcement actions on narcotics violations, including possession, under the influence and sells cases. We have had several overdoses in the Broadway encampment and surrounding area, two of which resulted in death. We have had no reports of sexual assaults, sex trafficking or assaults causing great bodily harm. Other vice type violations are public intoxication related. There are no persons under the age of 18, and since 2016, I have not come across or heard of any minors in our community living in a homeless encampment.

I am often asked what I think should be done regarding homelessness. Fundamentality, law enforcement should not be leading the conversation concerning how to address the homeless population. We are the subject matter experts in the realm of public safety, and we should express our expertise about what is probable, and at times, what is possible. Law Enforcement professionals should understand that many of the answers sought regarding what success looks like will come from the social services departments and outside experts in the field of sociology. I understand that law enforcement is a vital part of a holistic solution-based approach, but we need to move away from the belief that this is a problem that law enforcement has the answers for, and equally understand that we in law enforcement need to know when to take a back seat.

I understand that there are homeless that prefer to engage in criminal behavior, and we are adept at dealing with that. Our officers, per capita, deal daily with more issues surrounding the homeless population than any other in our county. The challenge is that the criminal segment of the homeless population is commingled in with those homeless persons that need more focused services and would likely be successful in a holistic program. I would support a program that allows for us to place people into a safe productive environment that has data driven successful outcomes so we can focus on addressing the criminal element. As it stands, we do not know with any certainty who is who. We are left with taking people into custody that would be better served going into a mental health or substance abuse treatment facility. Time and again, our officers arrest a law violator that is homeless only to see them back out on the street several hours later.

An example is in the last two (2) months, we have arrested a transient from Somerset a total of 19 times. This homeless person is a chronic drug and alcohol abuser, and this shows those that arresting the homeless does not stop the problem. This is just one example of how an out of city jurisdiction person is impacting our community.

I have recently been hearing that PPD does not have the capacity to deal with the homeless problem. This statement is categorically false. The City of Placerville jurisdiction is 6 square miles and much of that land is developed. There are not a lot of hiding places in the city that our officers are not familiar with, so for even the smallest encampment, we will find them.

We have recently established the Crime Reduction Unit which consists of a Sergeant and 3 Officers. Furthermore, we have 3 uniformed personnel that work per shift within that 6 sq miles of Placerville

and we could call in for directed enforcement another 6 officers. I am confident that 13 officers utilizing direct enforcement, and outreach efforts would impact our homeless population. Due to our prior experience with enforcement, we know that if we were to begin directed enforcement of statutes (not illegal camping) or have our officers check on this population daily, it would not take long to see them displace and end up right back in Cameron Park, Diamond Springs, El Dorado, Garden Valley, Pollock Pines, behind Wal-Mart, Target or any other area that traditionally sees this population congregate. PPD has been waiting to see the outcome of the Navigation Center project before making any decisions on what would be next as we wait, our community is growing impatient and the probability of a fire occurring and environmental degradation increases.

PPD has sought out state and county resources to assist in correcting the homeless encampment issues. We have brought in California Fish and Game Environmental Biologist to assist in evaluating damage done to the flora and fauna by these encampments. We have also sought assistance from El Dorado County Environmental Health, El Dorado Disposal, and Marshall Hospital. While advice and guidance has been offered, no tangible assistance has been provided. In the last several years, City staff and community volunteers have been volunteering their time to abate significant trash left by the homeless population. All potential resources and services to assist the community has and continues to be explored.

I want to make it clear; I do not believe that pushing this population back to where they came from is ethically the right thing. I would like to add however that PPD will not continue to receive criticism from those who seem to know the least about our capabilities and blindly believe that everyone else has a solution but us.

I have a fundamental belief that law enforcement should never be a political tool and I am grateful for the Placerville City Council and their reinforcement of that belief. The City Council does not expect anything other than my advice based on my 27 years of experience, for us to establish programmatic solutions to crime trends or come up with common-sense approaches that would benefit those that live, work, and visit our city.

This is a snapshot of what we are looking at regarding the homeless situation. We are prepared to immediately implement enforcement actions in the last, and currently largest homeless encampment within Placerville. Once we begin, displacement will occur, and the unintended consequence is going to be an increase of homeless in the county. We will also see an increase in jail bookings and trips to Marshall Hospital ER for medical clearances.





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Att. 4

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## Thank you for Chief Wren's informative and clear letter to Cleve Morris

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dpvanderkar@comcast.net <dpvanderkar@comcast.net>

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 1:37 PM

To: "pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org" <pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org>

Dear Council, City Manager, and especially Chief Wren,

Thank you very much for the clear and calm and thorough letter to the City Manager of May 19, 2022, from the Chief regarding homeless data in Placerville and in the County. These are all things I believed, but for which I did not have the data.

The City is blessed to have this level of staffing and service.

I agree, law enforcement should not be a political arm.

We need to support law enforcement appropriately.

I am thankful for having been within the 6 square miles of Placerville for over 42 years.

We will be there tonight to support the Council in its encouragement for the BOS Tuesday.

Also thank you for the more accurate photos of encampments.

Peg Vanderkar  
Placerville resident

- I'd like to live in one of those huge houses overlooking Folsom Lake. I accept that it will not be happening, and that I need to work with what I have. We need to stop saying that homeless have the right to live anywhere they want.
- This will not happen overnight. Some will homeless come right away, and I will volunteer to pick them up and bring the to HOME. We need the community to give homeless the HOME phone number instead of food, money, and supplies.. When HOME becomes the only alternative, they will come.

Please don't say this won't work. Instead, sit down with a common ground attitude and figure out how all homeless could have an emergency place to live in the next few months that does not impose on the rest of the community. There is so much evidence in this country of what works, I am confused why a small county like ours cannot figure it out. HOME makes it so you don't have to worry about a winter shelter, warming stations, cooling stations, forest fires, criminals taking advantage of the homeless where they live, and a host of other issues. When Perks Court is up and running and the homeless are flocking to the facility, HOME will close naturally. If Perks Court runs into delays or issues, HOME will be able to continue.

There are hundreds of things I have not addressed that need to be addressed. Common ground, sharing expertise and resources, and. subordinating egos can answer all of them.

P.S. Please remember how fast emergency shelters were established during the Caldor Fire. Bring in the people that made them happen and ask how they did it.

Respectfully , Liz Drummond

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Thoughts for the day - pick one 😊

- Don't find fault; find a remedy. Henry Ford
- Without forgiveness there is no future. Desmond Tutu
- The ability to see order in chaos is called creativity. - Simon Sinck
- The most common way people give up their power is thinking they don't have any. - Alice Walker
- Imagination will often carry us to worlds that never were. But without it we go nowhere. - Carl Sagan
- To see what is in front of one's nose is a constant struggle. - George Orwell
- Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of overcoming it. - Helen Keller
- Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere - Albert Einstein



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## Homeless Shelter and Guidance Center proposal

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**Arthur Molho** <aimolho@gmail.com>  
To: pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 1:23 PM

Dear City Council members,

We are writing in strong support for the joint County/City proposal to establish a monitored and maintained shelter for qualifying homeless men and women on Perks Court. As residents of the City and County for almost 50 years, we feel it is crucial for our local governments to support efforts to improve the current homeless situation in our community. This proposal has been developed with great effort and thought and deserves to be activated, so that we can both help those who are unfortunately homeless and need resources, and reduce the impacts of homelessness on our citizens, environment, and community. PLEASE vote to in favor of the Perks Court shelter proposal!

Sincerely,

Arthur and Muriel Molho  
Placerville

Living rough in El Dorado County is thought by some to be a choice of people 'who do not wish to get their act together'. I daresay, wishes are not the biggest reason in most cases. The need for lower rent and additional physical and mental health services, in conjunction with falling incomes and needed services including transportation, creates a harsh melange that "wishing" cannot change. Att. 4

Some have suggested the old Juvenile Hall be used. On the surface, this might seem useful, but the cost of rehabbing this facility and the cost and location of running it for a shelter and navigation center have been investigated and are not effective.

Others have been misinformed about buildings going up on Missouri Flat Road. These buildings are not government buildings; they are the non-profit Community Health Center (CHC). These are medical facilities are available to many, including Medi-Cal patients who are the very clients who would need them in the Navigation Center. The CHC already has small offices and clinics scattered around the Missouri Flat corridor. The new facility will unify them and make health care more accessible.

Sadly, misinformation has been spread about this project from otherwise trusted groups, and thus has riled up many folks who otherwise do care about the problems of all our residents including those without housing. We in El Dorado County need **every** effort to address **all** the different problems that lack of housing induces. I pray that we can all work together and meet the variety of needs.

***Perks Court Navigation Center and Shelter is just one program. It will not solve everything. It is an urgently needed start.***

**Please vote in favor, 5-0, on these urgent items #19 and 20.**

Sincerely,

Peg Vanderkar,

Placerville CA





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## Perks Court

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Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 12:01 AM

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Cc: Liz Drummond <us@drummondfamily.org>

Everyone is on the right path; we just need to do it together.

- The residents and businesses of EDC deserve a clean, green, safe environment.
  - The homeless need a safe, sanitary emergency place they can stay while getting the services they need to move forward with the life they want to have.
  - The homeless who do not want to be contributors, or cannot be due to illness and related issues, need to be in a place they are not a harm to others and the environment.

How does this happen?

- Current resources go to the HOME project; it can be up and running in 4 months or less.
- This gives the Perks Court project the time they need to work on the go forward plan. Since it could take two years to open, the HOME project can take the pressure off.
- Who will run this? Sit down and figure it out. You have many NGO's that could do it.
- This means everyone needs to subordinate their egos for the good of all.
- This will be the emergency place for homeless. Everyone in the dirt will have safety, sanitation, and not have to move.
- Some possibilities for funding: current funds being directed to winter shelter, funds and services currently available from the county, and so on. We need to sit down and see where the resources are and share them.
- The faith community can do everything they are doing at HOME, and they won't have to provide overnight shelter.
- The Upper room can deliver meals once a day to HOME. They can continue to serve those on the brink of homelessness and poverty at their current location.
- HOME could allow dogs and the current groups taking care of those dogs could do it at HOME.
- As with other shelters, there would be no alcohol or drugs and HOME residents would need to leave for the time they needed to indulge and could come back to HOME to sleep, eat, get services they want, and have proper sanitation. That's what they do at other shelters even if it is unspoken.
- At HOME, criminals preying on the homeless would be easier to detect.
- The homeless may not like it, but they would have a choice; follow all laws including littering, trespassing, etc., go to HOME, go to jail, or leave. No, we are not running anyone out of the county. We are providing them with dignity, sanitation, a safe place to stay and services to change the trajectory of their life if they chose to participate. Those who don't want to participate will still have a safe place to live.



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1 message

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 11:56 AM

I am writing to express my support of the Mayor's and Chief Wren's communications to the County Board of Supervisors. The City of Placerville has collaborated in good faith with the County, and the Police Dept has taken on the burden of policing the homeless shuttled here from other parts of the county by the Sheriff's department.

I am extremely disturbed by the ugly, distorted, lies presented in the Republicans' flier being distributed throughout the county. It is almost incredible to me that they would resort to such hateful misrepresentations to appeal to their base for a plan that would 1) cost the county rather than use state and federal funds 2) promote recovery and housing success rather than criminalization of homeless folks, and 3) definitely NOT be a beacon to all homeless to come here, as almost all other counties already have homeless emergency shelters and navigation centers, while we do not.

I hope that saner minds prevail, and that attempts to distract and disrupt plans for Perks Court by proposing the Sheriff's plan and backtracking to Pierroz Road can finally be put to rest. There's already been enough delay, and now we will have to plan for winter shelter again. It's time we join the rest of the state in providing relief for homeless people who want to be sheltered.

Best regards,



**Diane Rabinowitz**  
President, NAMI El Dorado County  
w: <http://www.namieldoradocounty.org>  
p: 310-404-5252  
a: PO Box 393, El Dorado, CA 95623



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## Fwd: Support for Aug 23, 2022 BOS Items 19 and 20

1 message

dpvanderkar@comcast.net <dpvanderkar@comcast.net>

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 11:59 AM

To: "pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org" <pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org>

Dear Placerville City Council,  
Just FYI, I am sending this letter to BOS along to you also, so that you know what I am supporting tonight and next Tuesday.

Blessings on your excellent letter for tonight, and especially the more accurate photos of camps.

See you at 4 pm,  
Peg Vanderkar

----- Original Message -----

From: dpvanderkar@comcast.net

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, John Hidahl <bosone@edcgov.us>, Sue Novasel <bosfive@edcgov.us>, "Parlin, Lori" <bosfour@edcgov.us>, "Thomas, Wendy" <bosthree@edcgov.us>, "Turnboo, George" <bosTWO@edcgov.us>

Cc: Don Ashton <don.ashton@edcgov.us>, Daniel Del Monte <daniel.delonte@edcgov.us>

Date: 08/19/2022 11:56 AM

Subject: Support for Aug 23, 2022 BOS Items 19 and 20

Dear Chairperson Parlin,  
and  
Supervisors Hidahl, Turnboo, Thomas, and Novasel,

Before you today are critical votes of urgency to approve moving ahead on the plan for Perks Ct property, County-owned property, to be used for a Navigation Center with Shelter component for homeless residents of the county. ***I urge a positive vote on items 19 and 20 today. Time is of the essence.***

I understand that all of the components that need to be budgeted have been considered and included. The funding will go elsewhere if not used in this county.

I understand this program is not for long-term housing, but it does provide an alternative for people camping out who wish to be under safe shelter and obtain assistance in moving forward. It does provide a law enforcement alternative as well as potential and probable reduction in emergency services for health and fire.

Obviously, this facility will not be used by everyone who is living 'rough', as some call this. But there is a wide variety of circumstances which bring persons to this living condition. There is no alternative to offer anyone at this time.

August 19, 2022

Placerville City Council  
3101 Center Street  
Placerville, CA 95667

RE: Homeless Navigation Center at Perks Court

After years of discussions, failed proposed solutions, temporary solutions and roadblocks, there is finally a proposal, available funding, and commitments of cooperation between our Placerville City government and our El Dorado County government, to create a Homeless Navigation Center at Perks Court.

We applaud the hard work that has brought us to this junction.

We are writing to voice our strong support of this proposal and urge you, our City Council, to take whatever action is needed to move forward with this much needed, most urgent project.

Respectfully,

Carl and Pam Hagen  
Property Owners  
183 Placerville Drive  
Placerville, CA 95667





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## City Council Homeless Letter to BOS

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John Clerici <jlclerici@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 10:29 AM

To: "pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org" <pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org>

Good Morning

I am in full support of the letter as drafted in agenda item 5.1. The City needs to stand strong and support the Perks Court alternative as presented by EDC Health and Human Services. The issue with the Sheriff's proposal, as well as the truly idiotic flyer distributed by the county GOP, is nothing but a distraction being put forth by people who want to stonewall this effort. From what I have learned, the Sheriff's proposal, though interesting, is unimplementable.

The county needs to act on Perks Court quickly so that we in town can begin the process of taking our community back from the homeless.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Clerici

Resident, City of Placerville

Sent from Mail for Windows



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## Navigation Center at Perks Court

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Diane Hernandez <dianehernandez1103@gmail.com>  
To: pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 9:46 AM

The intent of this email is to add my support in the establishment of a facility at Perks Court that will assist those men and women who are in need, basically homeless. This project has been in the works for some time with agreement from the city and the county and I believe in its intent is to mitigate homelessness in our area. It is certainly a start!

I have volunteered for years at the Upper Dining Room on Broadway and have gotten to know those in need. Many of these folks just need a hand up. The Upper Room can provide a meal, occasional nurse visit and an occasional shower, but it does not provide shelter or the necessary guidance that will help lift these folks out of their current situation.

I hope you will stay the course, reject the scare tactics of the opposition and provide these folks the assistance they require.

Sincerely,

Diane Hernandez

Placerville resident



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Regina O'Connell <roconnell@cityofplacerville.org>

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## SPECIAL MEETING TODAY - August 19, 2022 - LETTER

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Carl Hagen <chagen04@gmail.com>  
To: roconnell@cityofplacerville.org

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 9:50 AM

Please see attached letter regarding today's special meeting.

Thank you in advance for submitting it on our behalf.

Carl and Pam Hagen



Homeless Letter to Placerville City Council - 8-2022.docx  
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## Letter of Support for Perks Court Navigation Center

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Jamie Beutler <beutlerjamie@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 8:47 AM

To: pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org

Dear City Council Members,

I am so sorry I cannot attend this meeting in person, so, I am writing to encourage you to PLEASE send a letter of support to the board of Supervisors regarding the proposed Navigation Center at Perks Court.

Everything is in place: the funding, the construction company, for organizations needed, the location, which is perfect for the needs of those using the service.

PLEASE! We are one of only two or three counties in the entire state that has no services for the unhoused. They have been with us for decades and they are not going away. This will help those that want the help to get back on their feet, and self sufficient. It will assist those in need of mental health services to get the help they need. It will help our community and save the county money by not having to use emergency services. The tax payers of EDC will not have to pay one cent.

This is a no-brainer! We need this so badly, and now we have a chance to do it. Volunteers have worked for literally years to get this in place. Please not disrespect the important work they have done to improve the quality of life for EVERYONE in this county, including businesses that find homeless folks sleeping on their doorways because they have no place to go.

This is a good thing. You know it. I know it. Please do not be pressured out of making the right decision.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jamie Beutler  
Taxpayer, El Dorado County





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Regina O'Connell <roconnell@cityofplacerville.org>

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## Perks Court Shelter Proposal

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Marian Washburn <mewash@hotmail.com>

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 9:34 AM

To: "ktaylor@cityofplacerville.org" <ktaylor@cityofplacerville.org>, "michaelpca@gmail.com" <michaelpca@gmail.com>, Patty Borelli <borellicouncil@sbcglobal.net>, Jackie Neau <jackieneau1854@gmail.com>, Dennis Thomas <dthomas@cityofplacerville.org>

Cc: Cleve Morris <cmorris@cityofplacerville.org>, Regina O'Connell <roconnell@cityofplacerville.org>, "ppd@cityofplacerville.org" <ppd@cityofplacerville.org>

I am writing in support of the Mayor Taylor's letter to the EDC Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed Shelter and Navigation Facility on Perks Court.

We all are aware of the severity of our homeless problem in the area. I have observed the long standing and tireless efforts of citizen volunteers, HOT team participants and local government staff dealing with this seemingly intractable situation. It appears to me, the current proposal is a solid and substantial step in realistically dealing with the complicated issues involved. Additionally, the available funding will not overly burden our local government general funds.

I am grateful our City Council is willing to take this step to support the humane and realistic step toward a healthier community. Please approve Mayor Taylor's letter to the El Dorado Board of Supervisors.

Marian Washburn  
Placerville



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## URGENT: The Perks Court Homeless Shelter Project

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Barbara Bills <barbarabills51@gmail.com>  
To: pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 7:22 AM

Good Morning, Council Members:

We hereby attest that this latest, albeit belated, city/county proposal for the Perks Court homeless citizens shelter project plan meets with our whole-hearted support and agreement.

Onward and forward, please!

Respectfully,

Barbara J. Bills and Ernest A. Wolf  
1124 Elm Avenue  
530-622-7677



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## Perks Court Navigation Center

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kathleenmintert@gmail.com <kathleenmintert@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 7:47 AM

To: "pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org" <pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org>

Dear City Council Members,

I write in support of the Perks Court Navigation Center. I urge you to immediately move forward with this necessary resource for our community.

Respectfully,

Kathleen Mintert

Placerville



Virus-free.[www.avg.com](http://www.avg.com)



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## Aug 19 Special Meeting -Item 5.1 Public Comment

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Nicole Gotberg <ngotberg@yahoo.com>

Thu, Aug 18, 2022 at 11:06 PM

To: pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org

Cc: Kara Taylor <ktaylor@cityofplacerville.org>, "M. Cleve Morris" <cmorris@cityofplacerville.org>, msaragosa@cityofplacerville.org, Regina O'Connell <roconnell@cityofplacerville.org>, pborelli@cityofplacerville.org, Jneau@cityofplacerville.org, dthomas@cityofplacerville.org

Please vote yes on this item and send a letter to the county in support of proceeding with construction of a navigation center on Perk's Court. I really appreciated Chief Wren's report (Attachment C) and would like that to be included in the letter that is sent to the county. We need to be able to help our houseless residents that want the help. We also need to be able to enforce against residents that are creating environmental and public health and safety hazards for the entire community (wildfire risk, erosion of hill slopes and landslide risks, pollution of the soil, surface water and groundwater).

I believe in showing compassion to everyone. As a teenager/young adult I spent several months living out of a backpack. While I never found myself in a situation where I had to sleep on the street, I was homeless and slept in cars, friends couches/floors, youth shelters and official campgrounds. I have a great deal of empathy for people who find themselves in a situation where they have lost their home, whatever the reason for that loss may be.

I also believe no individuals personal freedoms should outweigh the health and safety risks to the entire community. We cannot continue to allow people to camp in places that are creating hazardous conditions. Having a navigation center will allow us to require people to move out of areas that are creating hazardous conditions. I have no issue with someone deciding to sleep on a public sidewalk or a park bench at night. What I see as a serious environmental and public safety hazard is the makeshift shelters on dirt hill slopes surrounded by vegetation/trees with stormwater runoff of human feces and trash going into our waterways. One of the tools needed to address those hazards is having a navigation center.

Thank You  
Nicole Gotberg  
Placerville Resident





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City Council Public Comment <pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org>

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## Homelessness

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Cassandra Draxler <cassdraxler@yahoo.com>  
To: pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 6:41 AM

Dear City Council & County Supervisors,

I have had a business on Broadway for over 20 years. I've been boots on the ground helping to feed and cloth the homeless. I've seen the increase of mental illness and homelessness, and the neglect by government agencies to address the inhumanity of this disaster in our community.

Fifty Four of our fifty eight counties in California have shelters. Surely, ideas and best practices can be gleaned from any of these county's.

This topic of Perks Court is over 20 years old. It sadly has become a POLITICAL issue rather than a humanitarian one.

Vote your conscious not your party. Build a shelter.

Cassandra Gudín Draxler

Sent from my iPhone  
Scent Detection Canine Handler



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

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## 8/23/22 BOS mtg items #19&20

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**Ethan Eldridge** <ethan@ethaneldridge.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Aug 21, 2022 at 8:29 PM

I'm writing to express my strong support to proceed with the construction of the emergency shelter and navigation center plans for Perks Court. Please vote to approve this vital community resource.

Most sincerely,

Ethan Eldridge

Volunteer for nomadic shelter, member of Faith Episcopal church and resident of El Dorado county since 1999.



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

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## Navagation Center at Perks Court

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**Scott Vail** <vail.s@sbcglobal.net>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Aug 21, 2022 at 8:37 PM

I am a 26 year resident of Placerville, a retired RN from Marshall's emergency department, and a volunteer with the Nomadic Shelter for the last 5 years. I ask the BOS to commit to getting the navigation center on Perk's court up and running as soon as possible. Although no plan is perfect, this will start to address the needs of our unsheltered neighbors while decreasing the negative environmental impact of the unregulated homeless camp. Vicky Vail



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

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## Placerville/ EDC Proposal for Perks Court Homeless Shelter Project

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**Barbara Bills** <barbarabills51@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 6:22 AM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Good Morning, EDC Board of Supervisors:

We hereby attest that this latest, albeit belated, city/county proposal for the Perks Court homeless citizens shelter project meets with our whole-hearted support and agreement.

Onward and forward, please!

Respectfully,

Barbara J. Bills and Ernest A. Wolf  
1124 Elm Avenue, Placerville 95667  
530-622-7677





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

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## Agenda Items 19 and 20 for August 23, 2022 BOS meeting

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Cyndy Salmon <casunflower79@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 7:15 AM

Greetings,

Please approve the plan to build a Navigation Center with a Shelter here on the Western Slope of El Dorado County, Agenda items 19 and 20, at your meeting on August 23, 2022.

A broad community effort has brought the Perks Court plan so far down the road and you just need to do it. You have the funds, the plan, and the timeline. All delay tactics, negativity and other ideas for plans being thrown at this plan are either false, misleading, or not consistent with requirements for the funding sources or with your Board of Supervisors direction.

Back in May, you declared a homeless shelter crisis because of the urgent need to take action to house your homeless constituents in an emergency shelter and reduce the extreme fire danger created by homeless encampments. Nothing has changed this serious need in our community. Please follow through and vote yes on Agenda items 19 and 20 on August 23, 2022.

Thank you,

Cyndy Salmon

3441 Big Barn Road  
Placerville



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

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## Proposed Perks Court Navigation Center

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**Pat Woolston** <patwoolston@icloud.com>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 7:21 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Please vote to support the creation of a navigation center on Perk's Court.

The proposal to provide assistance, security, and temporary housing to vetted homeless is a good one. Our homeless population will continue to grow as long as rents continue to rise and the supply of affordable homes continues to fall. A number of locations for the center have been studied and Perk's Court is the only one to meet all the criteria. Let's not let this opportunity to help solve a major problem pass.

We realize building a navigation center will not solve all of the County's housing problems overnight, but it is a good first step. Don't let El Dorado County be known as the only suburban California county without one. El Dorado County is too great to procrastinate.

Thank you.

Kym and Pat Woolston  
5828 Havenstar Ln, El Dorado, CA 95623



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

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## Support for Perks Court Navigation Center and Shelter

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**Kathleen Mintert** <kathleenmintert@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 7:26 AM

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

Dear EDC Board of Supervisors,

I urge your support for the Perks Court Navigation Center and Emergency Shelter. It is far past time for El Dorado county to address the needs of the unhoused. Thank you.

-Kathleen Mintert  
Placerville



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Fwd: New El Dorado County Feedback**

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**Emma Owens** <emma.owens@edcgov.us>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 8:15 AM

To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

Hello,

The response below came through the general feedback form regarding Legistar item 22-1279.

**Best Regards,****Emma Owens**

Principal Management Analyst

Chief Administrative Office

El Dorado County

330 Fair Lane, Building A

Placerville, CA 95667

Phone: 530.621.5122

Pronouns: she/her

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

From: **El Dorado County** <edcquestions@edcgov.us>

Date: Sun, Aug 21, 2022 at 9:47 PM

Subject: New El Dorado County Feedback

To: &lt;emma.owens@edcgov.us&gt;

The general El Dorado County Questions and Comments form has been submitted from a visitor to the El Dorado County website.

**Form Responses**

The information that was submitted is below:

**Question or Comment**



It is so incredibly important that you pass the initiative for the Perks Court Navigation / shelter proposal. Simple human consideration demands this shelter. I heard from trustworthy authorities 2 years ago that each homeless person costs the county \$30,000 per year... Wouldn't that easily pay for the shelter? As increasingly elderly and disabled people are being pushed out the door, this shelter is a basic human right. Please vote to approve the shelter. it won't hurt you, it won't hurt business, it will just help a few of the most beaten-down people in the county. Imagine that it's your grandparent, or even your child. There but for fortune go you or I...!!

**Full Name**

Mel Chapman

**Email Address**

chapmanfrancais@yahoo.com

**Phone Number**

530-621-0409

**Attachments**

(no attachments added)

Form URL: [https://www.edcgov.us/County Forms/Pages/service\\_comment.aspx](https://www.edcgov.us/County Forms/Pages/service_comment.aspx), ID: 3733



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Items 19 & 20 on Tuesday Aug 23 BOS meeting**

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**Pamela Roberts** <pk\_r\_yogapeace@yahoo.com>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 9:20 AM

Dear Board:

I am writing to urge you to move forward with the proposed Perks Court Navigation Center and Emergency Shelter, which you have previously approved. The center and shelter are desperately needed by the homeless of our community.

The facility has been vetted and approved as appropriate. The "concerns" raised by the EDC Republican party have been fully addressed; there is no merit to any of them.

- 1) This is not a "locked" facility; residents will come and go for appointments.
- 2) The property has not been contaminated per 2001 environmental study.
- 3) The pedestrian safety issues at Perks Court are far safer than the Pierroz location. There will not be people walking into the facility as all must come through the HMIS system.
- 4) This is a Volunteers of America shelter - no drugs or alcohol.
- 5) The majority of homeless to be served at Perks Court are lifelong residents of this County, there is no data to suggest that homeless will migrate to EDC for services.
- 6) Housing First is a positive approach to addressing the issues that are behind being homeless; it allows for the homeless to address their basic needs (food, water, air, shelter) which gives them a chance to their other needs.

Please do not get distracted and diverted by the proposal for Pierroz Road. It is not a safe location for many reasons, not the least of which is traffic and is not pedestrian safe.

Vote NOW for Perks Court Navigation and Emergency Shelter.

Pam Roberts,  
40 year resident of El Dorado County



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

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## BOS 8/23/22 mtg items; 22-1279 and 22-1402

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tita bladen <tita-b@sbcglobal.net>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 9:39 AM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Cc: Keith Bladen <keithbladen@gmail.com>, The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>

Dear Members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

We are residents and homeowners in El Dorado Hills since 1990.

We are in support of HHSA recommendations for the Navigation Center project (Item 22-1279 and 22-1402).

We need to access both state and federal funding to create this center. County staff has researched the issue and has submitted a comprehensive proposal for the Navigation Center. Please vote YES so we can move forward in resolving homeless issues in our county.

Thank you,

Dorotea Bladen & William Bladen  
El Dorado Hills, BOS District 1



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

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## Perks Court Navigation Center

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**Susan Covington** <ssn.covington@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 9:57 AM

Dear Members of El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:

We support creating a Homeless Navigation Center and shelter at the Perks Court location. We are concerned about the growing homeless problem that affects every district in our beloved county. We know that the unhoused population desperately needs help, and now funding is available to begin to address the situation.

We have read the letter submitted to you by the Placerville City Council, and we agree wholeheartedly that the county should move forward with the Navigation Center project. Please vote to make a positive move toward resolving our homeless crisis.

Respectfully,  
Woody and Susan Covington  
1120 Kathy Lane  
Placerville  
(District 4)



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Shelter & Navigation Center on Perks Court**

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Isabel Ryder &lt;ijarts2@gmail.com&gt;

Sat, Aug 20, 2022 at 5:39 PM

To: Edc.cob@edcgov.us

Cc: Isabel Ryder &lt;ijarts2@gmail.com&gt;, Derek Ryder &lt;derekryder.101@gmail.com&gt;

Dear Supervisor Wendy Thomas,

When I saw in the newspaper and online that we were finally going forward with addressing the needs of our unhoused residents of El Dorado County, I was delighted. To ignore or find political reasons to ignore the issues is no longer acceptable.

Our county and country is severely polarized by politics, economic and public health challenges. It is almost too much to grasp for most Americans.

I have volunteered at the Upper Room on Broadway for several years. I have seen first hand the struggles of our unhoused residents. As a retired teacher of EDC I have witnessed families living in their cars as they drop off their children for school. This is totally unacceptable!

Please continue to support moving forward with the development of the Navigation Center and Shelter on Perks Court. The supportive services are a vital part of the Housing First model. Formal supports like doctor/nursing care, therapists, social workers, and informal supports such as reconnecting with family, friends and faith groups all assist in bringing the unhoused residents back into the community.

Federal and State grant monies require using the Housing first guidelines in their homeless programming. To turn down this money is illogical and a loss for our community and county.

Without a comprehensive program to address unhoused residents' needs is inhuman and without merit. Of course, we have all seen the solutions of some politicians to create internment camps on the outskirts of our towns consisting of tents. **WE AMERICANS NEED TO DEMAND MORE!**

**BE THE LEADERS WE ALL NEED NOW! SHOW OUR COUNTY AND STATE THAT EL DORADO COUNTY IS TOO GREAT FOR HATE.**

Sincerely,

Dr. I.J. Ryder

Retired educator and long time resident of El Dorado County





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

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## August 23, 2022 Agenda Items 19 and 20

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Wanda Demarest <wanda42536@sbcglobal.net>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 10:50 AM

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

Dear Supervisors,

Please do not delay the on-going progress of the Perks Court Shelter/Navigation Center in order to look into the feasibility of a site located at a very busy intersection with no pedestrian crossings or sidewalks, no decent outside recreation area, is across the street from a preschool, and for which the City of Placerville, our partner, is not in favor.

Further, may I ask why you have seemingly condoned El Dorado County personnel to coordinate and lend their name(s) to the Republican opposition to the Perks Court Shelter/Navigation Center in a very public way? As a former EDC employee, I know public servants are trained and counseled not to do so.

One more thing, from my point of view, if not for some mysterious delay tactics, this item would not be appearing on the agenda today. It would have been a done deal last July. It should have been a done deal last July.

For the sake of our community please do not allow these tactics to steer you off course. It's just too important to the health and well-being of our entire community and its future.

Most Sincerely,

Wanda Demarest  
43 year Resident of District 3



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

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## Perks Court Navigation Center - BOS Items 19&20

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**Roger W Klemm** <synthesisdesigngroup@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 11:10 AM

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

To the Board:

Oh! The Fear!

This is what it comes down to...

Do the County leaders have the courage to give a helping hand to the less fortunate,  
or does the Board cave to the right wingnuts?

Reading the Housing El Dorado letter which logically refutes, with facts, the specious charges that  
the Navigation Center will create a crime hotspot, encourage drug use, etc., ad nauseam -  
it appears that that the alternative site is not a viable alternative.

So, if the road of life is littered with flat squirrels that cannot make a decision...what is the Board to do?

I urge you to vote for the well-planned, well-funded Perks Court Project.

Sincerely,

Roger Klemm

Somerset, 95684



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

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## Perks Court Navigation Center: items 19 and 20

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Mary Elliott-Klemm <ml.elliott@sbcglobal.net>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 11:15 AM

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

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I urge you, in the interest of the well being of the community, to approve the proposed Perks Court Navigation Center.

You have the opportunity to provide non partisan leadership for a well- funded, well- planned center, desperately needed by our county, which I may remind you, is one of only four counties in the state without a center.

It is a first step towards providing a more comprehensive solution for our homeless population.

Why wouldn't you pursue this?

Perhaps you have read the disturbing and misleading flyers and letter from the local El Dorado County Republican Party which appears to be bent on obstructing whatever proposal for the homeless that is presented.

All the complaints voiced in that flyer have been answered by Housing El Dorado with facts.

Perhaps you are afraid of the voices in the Republican Party that are fear mongering, calling the project brainless, and publishing lies?

Let's have some common sense prevail here. Let's put fear and lies and misinformation to the side. Let's move El Dorado County forward.

Then, let's take the next step and the next and the next towards solving our homeless issues.

You recently voted 4 to 1 to approve this project. Do not bend.

Sincerely,  
Mary Elliott-Klemm  
Somerset, CA 95684



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

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## Agenda Items 19 and 20

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Maureen <dionperry@att.net>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 11:42 AM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, Wendy Thomas <bosthree@edcgov.us>, Sue Novasel <sue.novasel@edcgov.us>, John Hidahl <john.hidahl@edcgov.us>, Lori Parlin <lori.parlin@edcgov.us>, George Turnboo <george.turnboo@edcgov.us>

**Dear Chair and Supervisors - I am writing you to whole-heartedly support moving forward now to approve the Perks Court Shelter/Nav Center as the top priority.**

We have grant dollars, a timeline, along with contractors and the VOA as our professional service providers. Further delay may compromise their involvement.

We have waited years and years to have a place for our homeless folks to get shelter and help. In addition, our community continues to suffer with excess costs for health care, law enforcement, public works and fire risk.

And now another delay tactic to pause the Perks Ct Project to explore the Pierroz Rd Project.

**I am deeply suspicious and frustrated by the continued efforts to pause Perks Ct and circulate mis-information about it in our community.**

County staff reported that they neglected to transfer appropriations properly days before the vote was to be taken on July 26th, after there were many months notice.

I am asking you if this transfer was really needed prior to the vote? Meeting postponed.

Then the bogus FPCC complaint against Wendy Thomas that she would benefit from the closing of the Broadway encampment. Her property is fully occupied and utilized and it is quite far away from the Upper Broadway encampment. She recused herself to look into this and another delay.

**This allowed time to circulate serious mis-information about the Perks Ct Project, to create unnecessary drama in our community.**

**And now a recent memo recommending the pause in Perks Ct to pursue Pierroz Rd.** Pierroz Rd is not a good site with so many things we do not know about the building plus it is across the street from a day care center and mobile home park, along with no outdoor space. It is not fiscally responsible to Pause Perks Ct and investigate Pierroz Rd. It is fiscally irresponsible to not move ahead with Perks Ct now.

**There is no excuse for these actions.**

**To again pause the Perks Ct Project is inconsistent with Board direction. I am very suspicious and disheartened.**

**The time is now for you to show your leadership and approve the Perks Ct Project without any further delay.**

**Perks Ct is the right decision.**

This is the beginning - not the end and there will be future projects needed to continue this work.

**Thank you for listening and doing the right thing to approve the Perks Ct Project now.**

Maureen Dion-Perry  
President Housing El Dorado  
El Dorado County resident for 24 years.





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

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## Perks Court Issue

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**Modie** <modie@srsinnovations.com>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 11:46 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Please do not let a few ruin it for the many.

We have come a long way to get this done and MOST of our fellow citizens and neighbor have agreed.

Let's get Perks Court project APPROVAL and move forward.

Thank you,

Concerned citizen living in El Dorado

Modie Katz

916-799-7364

Sent from my iPhone



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

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## BOS RE: Perks Court Shelter

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**Melissa Garske** <fashiongirlmelissa@yahoo.com>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 1:04 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please see my attached letter in support to Perks Court Shelter.

Thank you,

**Melissa Garske Harris**

Cell (530) 409-2345



**Letter to BOD 8\_22\_22 Perks CT.pdf**  
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County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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## Agenda items 19 & 20, Perks Court Navigation Center and Shelter

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vandamcmolode@gmail.com <vandamcmolode@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 1:40 PM

To the Board of Supervisors.

Please approve the Navigation Center and Shelter at Perks Court to help our unhoused citizens with services and shelter, without further delay! It will save and improve lives, help people re-enter the workforce, and reduce the homeless encampments that no one likes and which present a fire danger.

As the Board no doubt knows, the Board cannot legally preclude homeless camping in the absence of available shelter beds. Approval of the Perks Court project is the first step to reduce unsupervised homeless encampments. Don't delay!

No location is perfect, and there will always be objections. Perks Court is a very good location, likely the best that can be found, and it will not have negative impacts. There will be oversight and supervision at the location, which is something currently absent at homeless encampments along our streets and parks.

Frankly, I am embarrassed that El Dorado County, my County, is only one of 4 counties in California that has failed to provide shelter for the unhoused and connect them with services. Further delay on this project will cost lives. Please do not pass up this opportunity.

Sincerely,  
Claire van Dam



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Concerned Citizen in Shingle Springs about the proposed HOMELESS CAMPS**

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Carol MacGregor &lt;carol@thepaddedseat.com&gt;

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 2:03 PM

Reply-To: carol@thepaddedseat.com

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Hello Board of Directors,

I will make this short and to the point. I was very upset to hear that 4 of our 5 Board Members voted YES on the proposal to go forward with obtaining some kind of grant money to buy or lease 4 land sites to erect "HOMELESS TENTS"!!! What an eye sore and a horrible idea for this county. We do not need to invite more homeless to move into the area so they can obtain drugs and alcohol at the tax payers expense. It is soooo obvious that this proposal of tent housing will enable more drug use and mental health problems. It does not address the underlying problem of the homeless. These people are not and will not be motivated to make any changes in their lives as long as they are given what they want—drugs and alcohol. This truly is adult abuse!!! What an eyesore these tents will be also. Businesses are greatly struggling now and where ever these tents are placed will have a negative impact on the surrounding area and businesses.

The Sheriff's plan is the best with not allowing any drugs or alcohol, and therefore accountability which can lead to good changes in one's life. These people need help in a structured program, and the Sheriff's plan offers that. Let's do the right thing for the existing homeless in our county (not invite hundred more so they can participate in deviant behavior) and for the people living in our pretty county, and also for the businesses that help make our county great.

Thank you,

Carol MacGregor in Shingle Springs, Ca.

Please note that my e-mail has changed to carol@thepaddedseat.com. Thanks!



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

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**To BOS, Items 19,20,**

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**laralg@aol.com** <laralg@aol.com>

Reply-To: laralg@aol.com

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 2:40 PM

I am Lara Gularte, resident of El Dorado County. I created and supervised life management programs in residential treatment programs for Rehabilitation Mental Health Services Inc, Santa Clara County. I have worked as a Mental Health Liaison at the Santa Clara County Jail and at Elmwood Rehabilitation Center. I worked as a Deputy Public Guardian Santa Clara County for ten years, and as a Probate Court Investigator for Superior Court for thirteen years.

I heartily endorse the mission of "Housing El Dorado," and the proposed Perks Court Navigation Center and Emergency Shelter.

Thank you for your service,

Lara Gularte  
Diamond Springs





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

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## The C&G Contract

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**Steve Ferry** <steve@steveferry.com>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 2:55 PM

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

Please distribute to the 5 Supervisors and the Chief Administrative Officer.

I won't reiterate all the discussion prior to today for doing this differently. There is a better way and for me that would be to use the HOME property by the jail. The homeless folks who testified at the Human Rights Commission said they are much more concerned about their safety than hunger or cold and would be better served by being next to the county jail. Obviously the seriously bad people would be uncomfortable being next to the jail.

You are being asked to spend almost \$4,000,000 to bring Perk's Court up to speed. You have assurances that nothing will go wrong from everyone except the sheriff and fire. I hate to think about the merchants, school executives, and residents who will be keeping an eye on this and driving you crazy at Open Forum with the "I told you so's". Also, you may want to find out the CO2 levels at that location.

Please reconsider using the Sheriff's HOME program.

Steve Ferry  
steve@steveferry.com  
916-468-3300

Melissa L. Harris

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El Dorado Hills, CA 95762  
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August 22, 2022

RE: Perks Court Navigation Center and Emergency Shelter.

To Whom It May Concern and the Board of Supervisors,

Today, I am writing to express my support for the Center and Shelter planned at Perks Court in Placerville. I have been a resident of El Dorado County since 1984. In addition, I lived in Placerville, off Missouri Flat Road, for over six years, from 2005 to 2011. Therefore, I am very familiar with the area.

With that said, this is an excellent area for a shelter. Placerville, in fact, the whole of El Dorado County, desperately needs more services for those experiencing homelessness. A homeless shelter should have happened 20 years ago. It's shameful that so many people are now attempting to stand in the way of this Shelter.

I understand that people are uncomfortable with change and things they do not understand. However, homelessness is so much more than not having a home; without a safe place, you can't sleep, and you can't let your guard down. Mental health issues become worse, and without resources, people don't have a chance to change their lives for the better.

Please DO NOT listen to the fear-mongering, false propaganda circulating in our county. We, the people, are better than the hate expressed. I believe that you, our elected Board of Supervisors, will see through the misleading information. Please find it in your hearts to make El Dorado County a better place, especially for those experiencing homelessness or emergency needs for Shelter. Thank you



Melissa Harris



**City of Placerville**  
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August 19, 2022

Lori Parlin, Chair  
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Chair Parlin,

The County has been working collaboratively with the City for 3 years to address the homelessness crisis. In September 2019, the City of Placerville, the City of South Lake Tahoe, and the County held a joint meeting to discuss homelessness and the County agreed to come back with a list of sites for a potential navigation center. This was the initial effort to improve the services to the Homeless and the cooperation between the City and the County. In January of 2020, the County requested funding for an agreement with Homebase to provide homeless coordination services in the County. The City agreed and provided \$20,000 over two years. In April of 2020, the City and the County adopted a joint policy statement on Homeless, continuing the cooperative relationship. In May of 2021, the City worked with the County to apply for \$400,000 in CDGB-CV grant funds on behalf of the City, which we provided to the County to purchase a property for use as a Navigation Center. The County spent several months pursuing the acquisition of the Pollock Pines Hotels, but then unexpectedly changed course and abandoned that project.

In July of 2021, the Placerville City Council held a special meeting and reviewed information regarding the current homeless camps in Placerville. Attached are letters addressed to CAO Don Ashton and to former Director of Health and Human Services, Don Semon, outlining our concerns. As a result of these letters and our cooperative relationship, the County directed their staff to begin searching for a site for a homeless Navigation facility. The goal at that time was to have something in place, even if temporary, prior to the October/November Fire Season of 2021. As we all know, that was a very aggressive goal that was not achieved. However, the intent was to take immediate and significant action to address this problem. Efforts were put into motion to reach that goal this year. In March of 2022, the El Dorado County Continuum of Care completed their Strategic Plan, listing a navigation center as a high priority. Since that time, the County and City have gone through several potential options including ones suggested by the City and one recommended by the El Dorado County Sheriff. The City and the County unanimously supported the concept of the Sheriff's Proposal until, after further consideration, it was determined that the Sheriff's Proposal was not feasible for a variety of reasons.

In response to this, the Board of Supervisors directed County Staff to identify and consider the feasibility of both a short-term and long-term site for a Homeless Navigation Center. City staff has worked closely with County staff in the development of these options. On April 26, 2022, the City Council met and directed staff to work with the County on a homeless site, prioritizing Perks Court, with the potential of the Broadway Hotels as short-term sites. The City considered the Pierroz site but did not find this to be suitable for several reasons: this site is smaller, further from medical

services, has no pedestrian access, is across the street from a child care facility and has no potential for outside space for those the facility plans to serve. We have not changed our stance on the Pierroz Site.

The County then attempted to negotiate a lease on the Broadway Hotel sites and ultimately determined they were not a feasible option based on those negotiations. Since that determination, significant public resources in the form of staff time, energy, and money have been spent on the feasibility and study of the Perks Court site.

On July 26, 2022, the Board received the results of the feasibility study and potential program to create a Navigation Center at Perks Court. This study confirmed the feasibility. In addition, the City of Placerville agreed to contribute \$287,500 in ARPA Funds to address a shortfall in funding for the project; this is in addition to the \$400K in CDBG funding that the City had already granted to the County to pursue a Navigation Center. These ARPA funds were previously designated for other projects, however, the Council recognized the importance of this project and redirected the funds.

County Leadership has never been as close as you are right now to taking the significant steps necessary to mitigate and reduce the effects of homelessness in our community. You have an opportunity to show real leadership and a responsibility to address this pressing matter, and we urge you to do so. We have made substantial progress over the past year to address this critical health, safety, and quality of life issue in our community. The Board of Supervisors has taken numerous affirmative votes to advance the Perks Court Project and absent new information showing the site is not feasible, it would be inappropriate to change course at this late date given that the Perks Court feasibility study confirmed feasibility and the project is funded.

As we have pursued solutions to this crisis over these past years, we have learned an important lesson. There are some who want to obstruct this project, no matter where it is located or how comprehensively the facility plans address the concerns that are raised. It is important that we not be distracted by the noise and persuaded to delay or derail this important project. Attached are pictures of the homeless camp in Placerville, which we believe is the largest camp in El Dorado County. Due to the Martin v Boise Court Case, we have been unable to abate this camp without a facility that provides shelter beds.

There is a narrative that the homelessness situation in the City is the City's problem and responsibility, this is false. Residents from the unincorporated areas of El Dorado County make up the biggest population set in our homeless residents. A single homeless resident from Somerset has been arrested 19 times by the Placerville Police Department in the past two months (please see Chief Wren's letter attached). As encampments in the County are cleared, the City sees an increase in homelessness within City Limits, effectively outsourcing County Law Enforcement responsibilities to the Placerville Police Department without cost recovery arrangements. The homeless residing in encampments put enormous pressure on our local Non-Profit Hospital, which serves all of the County and the greater foothill region. El Dorado County has lost one Medic Unit due to staffing issues. Responding to the needs of the homeless puts additional pressure on the remaining Medic Units. A fire that is started in the City will quickly move beyond the political boundary of the City Limit. Furthermore, State and Federal Funds for addressing homelessness are administered by the County, not the City, and services that serve the homeless fall under Health and Human Services, which is a County department. The County has a responsibility to address this crisis. You have made so much progress towards a solution with the Perk's Court Navigation Center. We urge you to keep the momentum going.

At this time, we express our grave concerns and encourage the Board of Supervisors to immediately move forward with the Perk's Court Navigation Center. As stated in the attached letter to Don Semon over a year ago, we strongly urge the County to move forward with the Perks Court Navigation Center to provide *"temporary protection for the homeless from the elements, protection*

*to our public from potential wildfire, and protection to our environment from the release of hazardous waste”.*

The City has demonstrated a commitment to partner with the County in addressing this issue, and we stand ready to assist in this process in whatever way we can. Please do not delay this process again and further endanger the health and safety of our citizens and the citizens of the County. We encourage you, in the strongest sense, to move this urgent project forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kara M. Taylor', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Mayor Kara M. Taylor  
City of Placerville

Attachments

1. July 2021 letter to Don Ashton
2. Pictures of Homeless Camp on Broadway
3. Letter from Chief Wren, PPD
4. Public Comments

CC. Supervisor John Hidahl  
Supervisor George Turnboo  
Supervisor Wendy Thomas  
Supervisor Sue Novasel  
Don Ashton, CAO





## City of Placerville

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Placerville, California 95667  
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July 1, 2021

Don Ashton, CAO  
El Dorado County  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Mr. Ashton,

On June 29, 2021, the City Council held a special meeting and reviewed information regarding the current homeless camps in Placerville. Staff had previously met with Don Semon to discuss the issues and potential solutions. In addition, staff and Vice Mayor Taylor had looked at potential solutions. As a result of the meeting with Mr. Semon, staff sent the attached letter to him outlining our concerns and recommending potential solutions. This letter was provided at the direction of the City Council.

In conjunction with the requests that are in the letter, the Council requested that we convene a Two by Two meeting to discuss the letter and our proposals to ease homelessness in the City and the Western Slope of El Dorado County. As we have not met for some time, I realize it may take some time to put a meeting together. However, we do feel there is some urgency to this as outlined in the letter, specifically fire danger and public health hazards.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me to discuss these issues if you would like or feel free to contact my Secretary, Erin Strawn to arrange for the meeting.

Sincerely,

M. Cleve Morris  
City Manager  
City of Placerville

*Attachment: Don Semon Letter*

**City of Placerville**

**Vision for Addressing Homelessness**

**Policy Statement:** It is the goal of the City of Placerville to actively work with El Dorado County and the County Continuum of Care to develop meaningful programs to protect the Homeless from the elements and move them out of homelessness, protect the citizens of Placerville from crime and other potential results of homelessness, and protect the natural environment in Placerville.

**Short-Term (6 months to 1 year) Goals:**

1. Develop multiple designated camps/facilities for the homeless, to better address their needs
2. Institute a Navigation program to actively work individually with homeless individuals to develop a plan to remove them from homelessness.
3. Remove and cleanup all illegal camps in Placerville, relocating all homeless within Placerville to designated camps/facilities.
4. Identify alternatives to the Upper Room to avoid the heavy impact of the homeless in that area. This could include relocation, meal deliveries, or other options to alleviate the need for the homeless to congregate on Upper Broadway.

**Long Term (2-5 years) Goals:**

1. Continue to pursue and develop additional affordable housing in the City of Placerville.
2. Encourage the County to develop affordable housing outside of Placerville to meet the needs in the County.
3. Work with current affordable housing developers to allocate X number of units specifically to house those experiencing homelessness. In exchange, the City and County will work with developers to identify additional funding for the projects.

**On-going (Beyond 5 years):**

1. Eliminate Unnecessary Temporary Housing (ie. Camps/shelters)
2. Continue programs to remove people from homeless including drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, mental health programs, job placement programs, housing assistance programs to prevent homelessness before it happens.

discussions with the County on how we can assist in developing those units to better benefit those most in need.

In addition, the City has explored several sites that could serve as a site for a facility and/ or Managed Camp. Some of these sites are City owned and the City is willing to discuss donation of this property to facilitate the process. We are open to discussing these properties further to explore the feasibility of them for a homeless facility.

Attached is the City's vision of what could become part of the County Strategic Plan to address homelessness. We look forward to working with you to develop a facility to meet this need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Cleve Morris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "M." and last name "Morris" clearly distinguishable.

M. Cleve Morris  
City Manager  
City of Placerville

*Attachment: Vision for Addressing Homelessness*



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July 1, 2021

Don Semon  
El Dorado County Health and Human Services

Dear Mr. Semon:

The City of Placerville has consistently worked cooperatively with El Dorado County to develop potential solutions to our homeless problem. To date, certain initiatives have proven helpful, but none have provided substantial relief to a growing problem. With the increase in the number of homeless in Placerville, and the substantial increase in fire danger due to draught conditions, we feel it is critical that emergency solutions be considered to not only protect our homeless community, but to protect our entire community. In addition, the current camps do not have bathroom facilities to serve the homeless. This means sewage is likely being deposited in our open spaces. This creates a severe concern due to some of these camps being located near creeks and other waterways that can become contaminated.

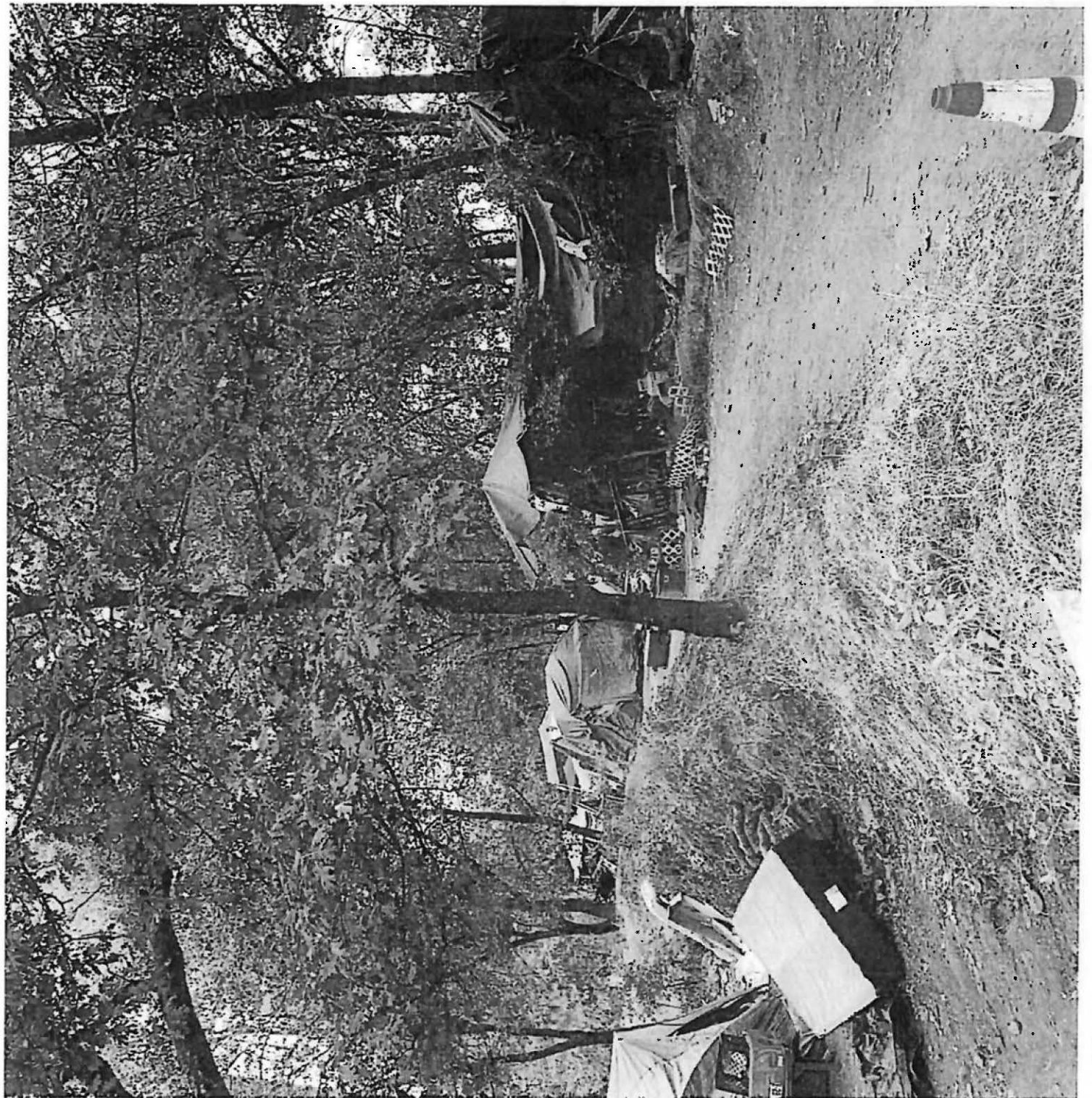
For these reasons, the City of Placerville is requesting that El Dorado County allocate significant funding available for homeless initiatives, to establish three or more scattered managed camps, or other emergency facilities to provide temporary protection for the homeless from the elements, protection to our public from potential wildfire, and protection to our environment from the release of hazardous waste.

The City of Placerville does not have nor do we receive the resources, funding or expertise to initiate this action. However, we feel El Dorado County, through State funding provided to the Continuum of Care for the homeless, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds and other funding for homeless initiatives, has the ability to establish a facility to protect our citizens, our homeless, and our environment. It is our hope and understanding that this facility, if developed appropriately, will enable the City to close down all other illegal camps in the City and refer tenants of those camps to the new facility. This will enable us to monitor more closely the homeless and prevent illegal campfires that can potentially turn into wildfires. It will also allow us to better provide services to the homeless and develop a meaningful program to reduce the homeless problem.

The City also recognizes our responsibility to do our part. The City has approved and is in the development stage of approximately 200 units of affordable housing. Lack of housing is consistently targeted as one of the main reasons for homelessness. These units should provide additional housing to benefit the homeless population. The City would like to initiate



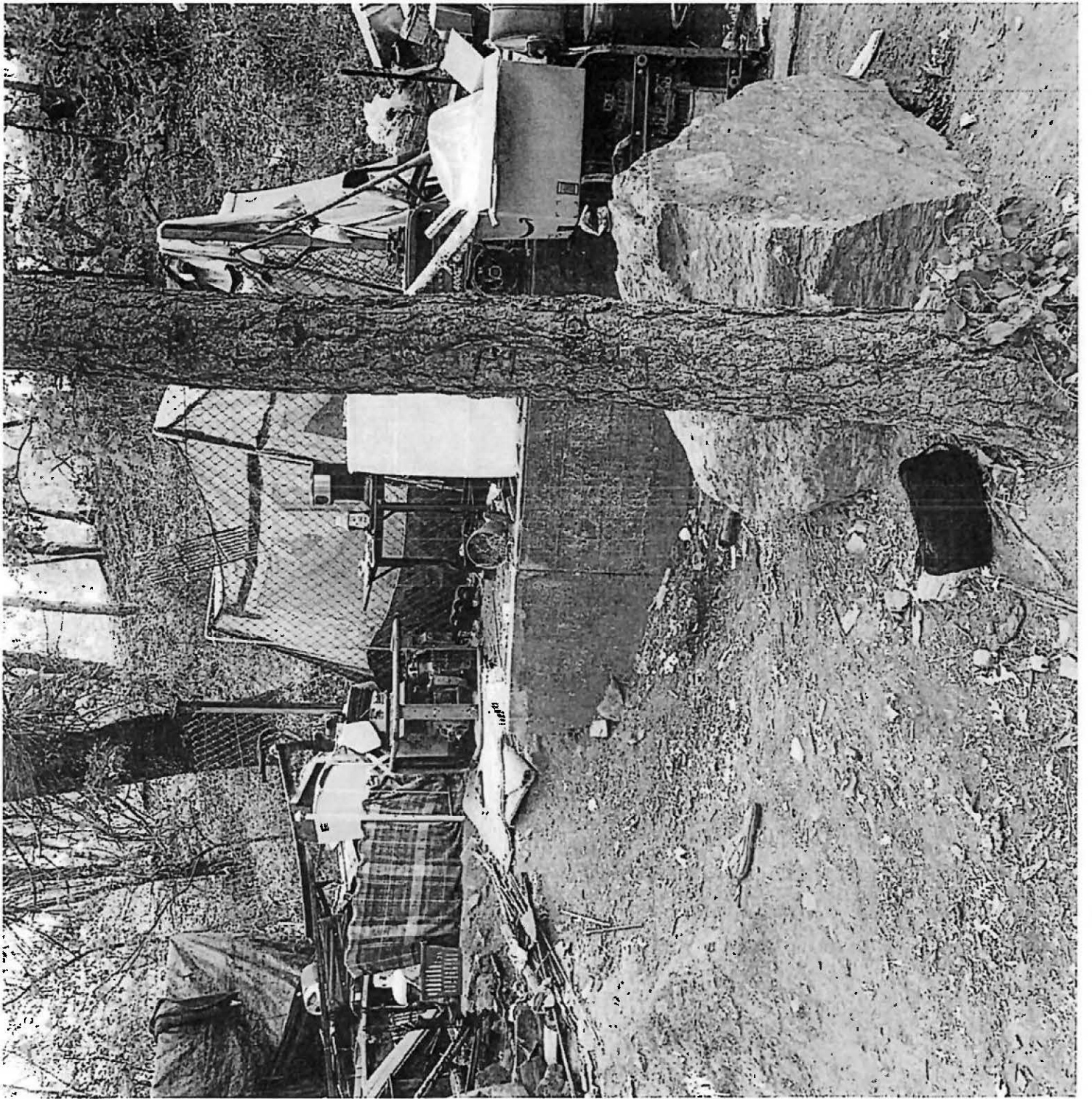








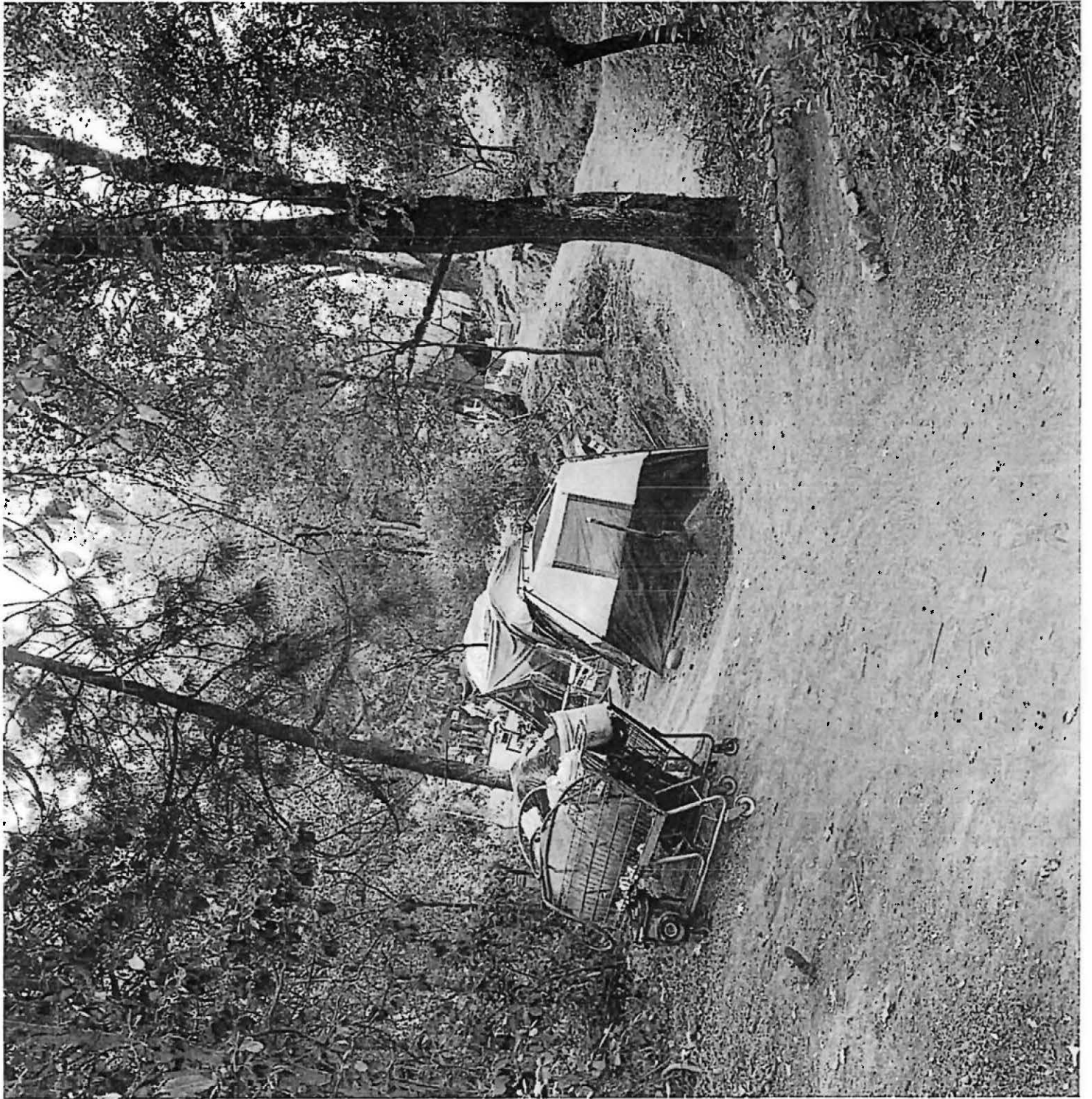
















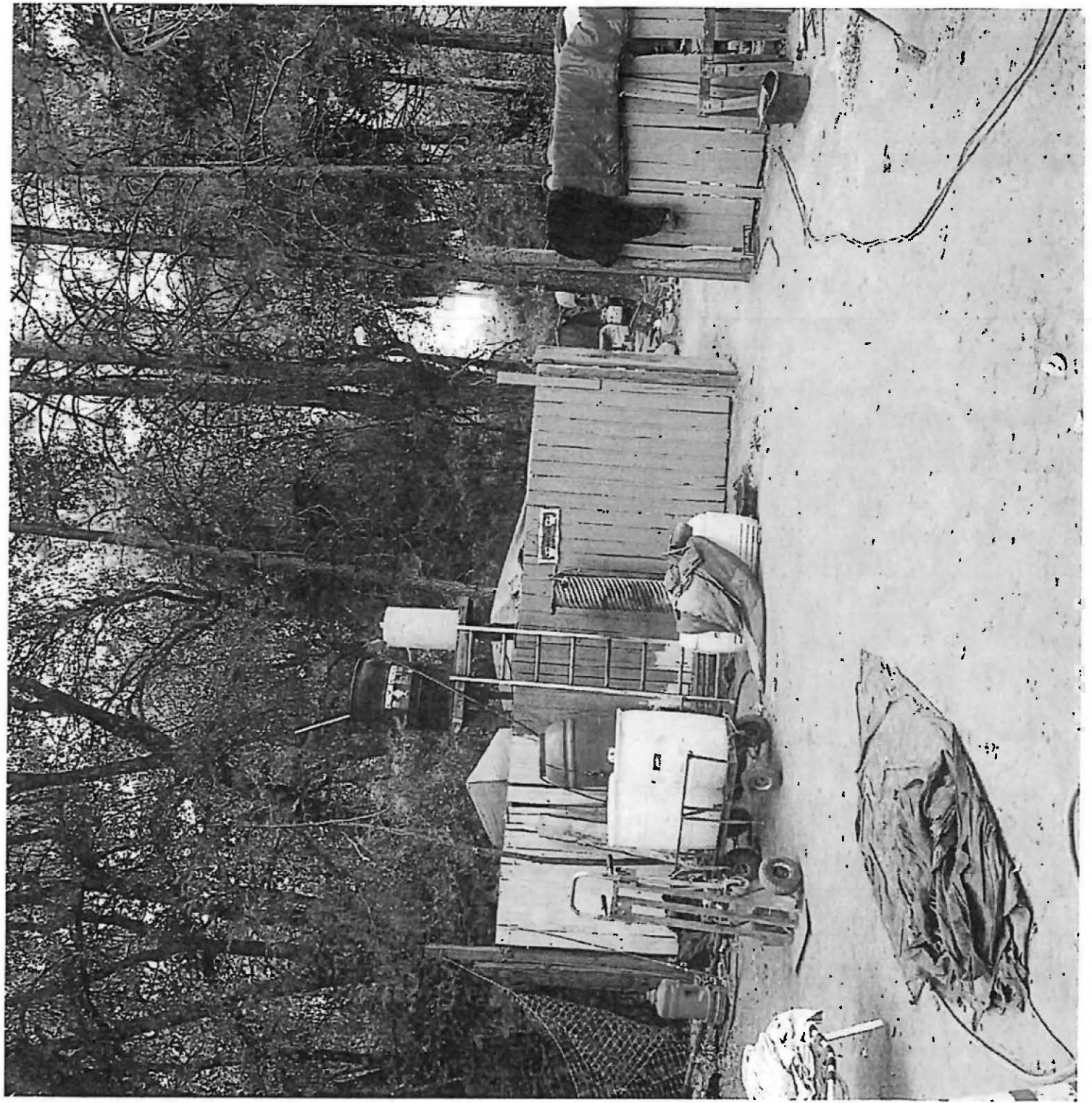
















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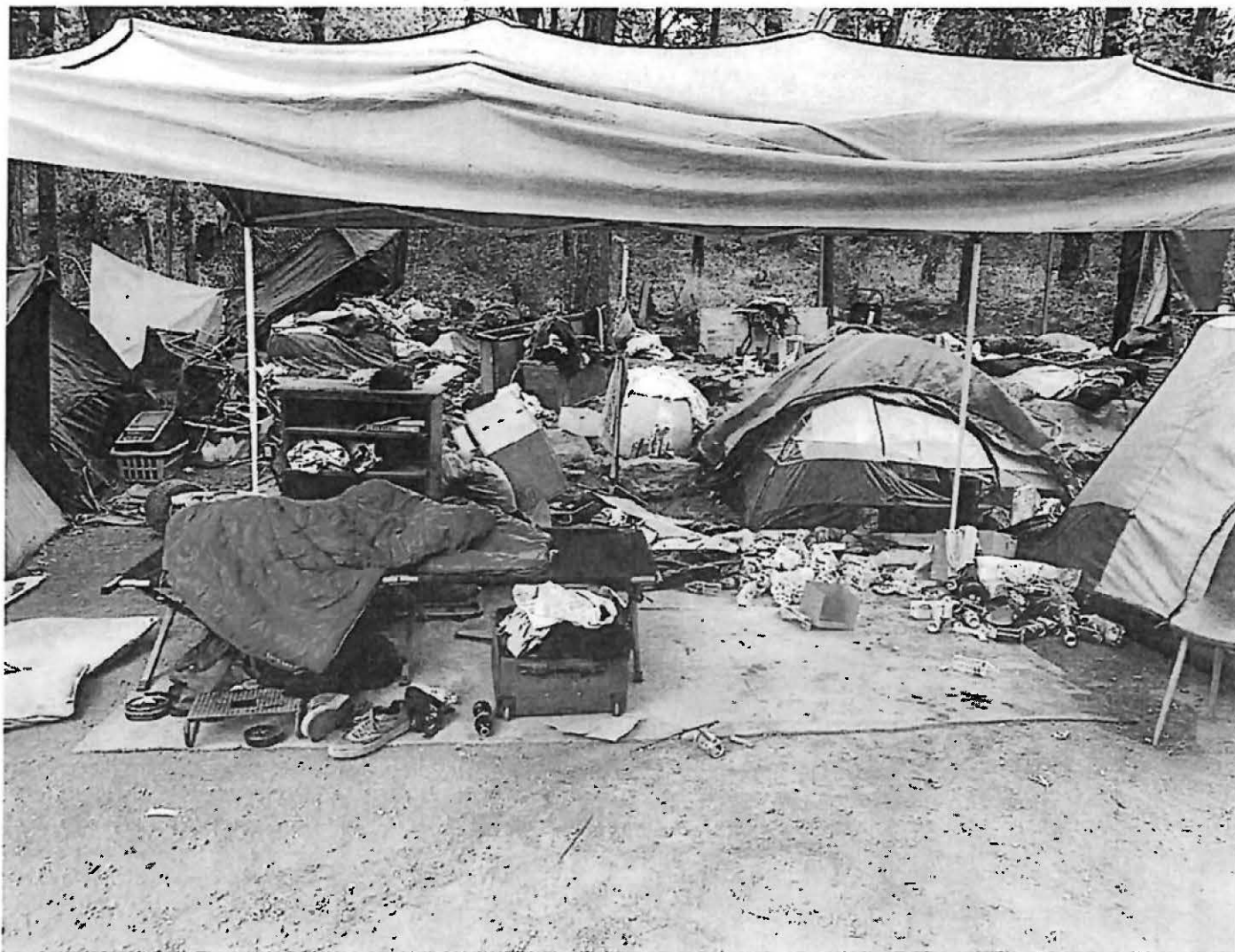








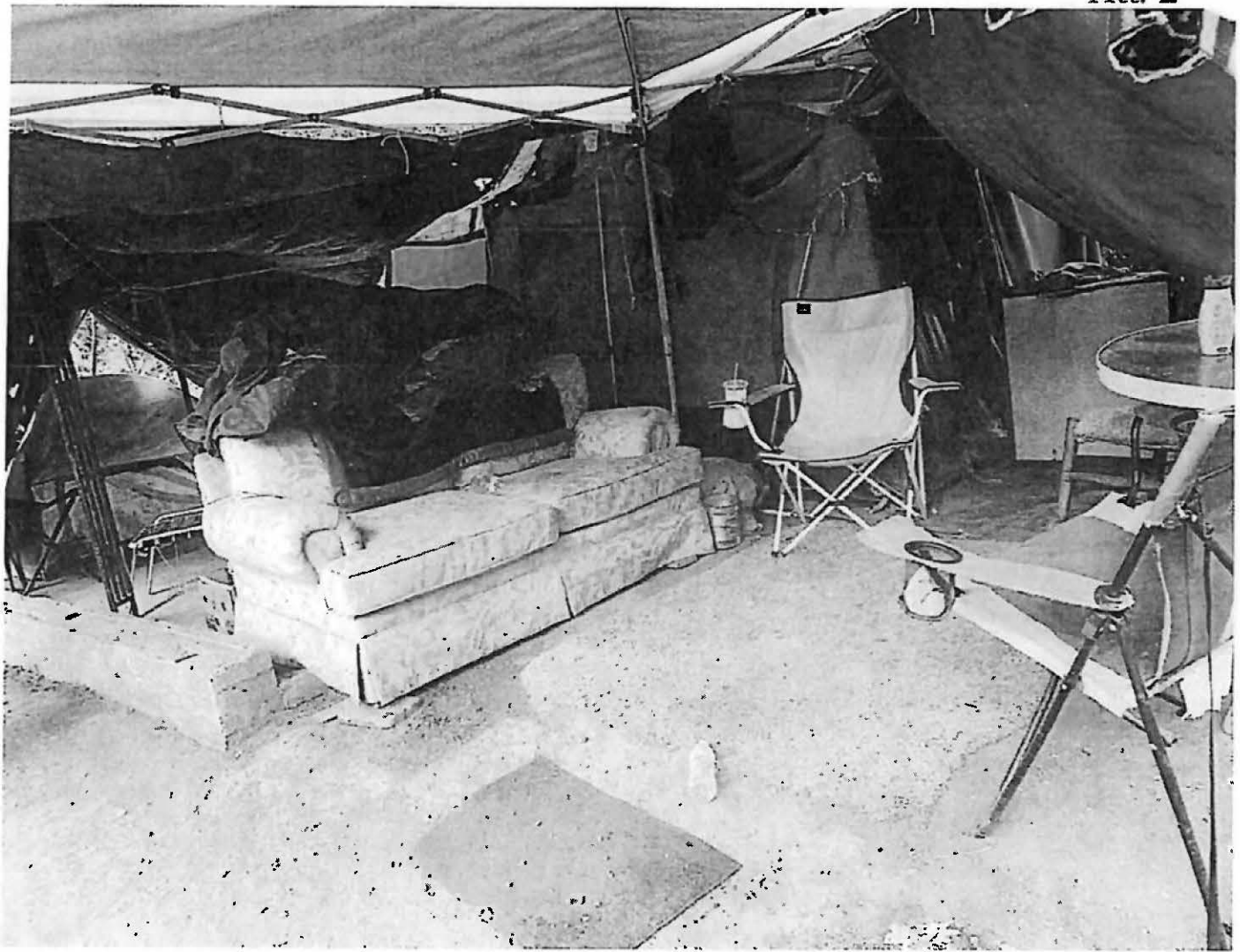


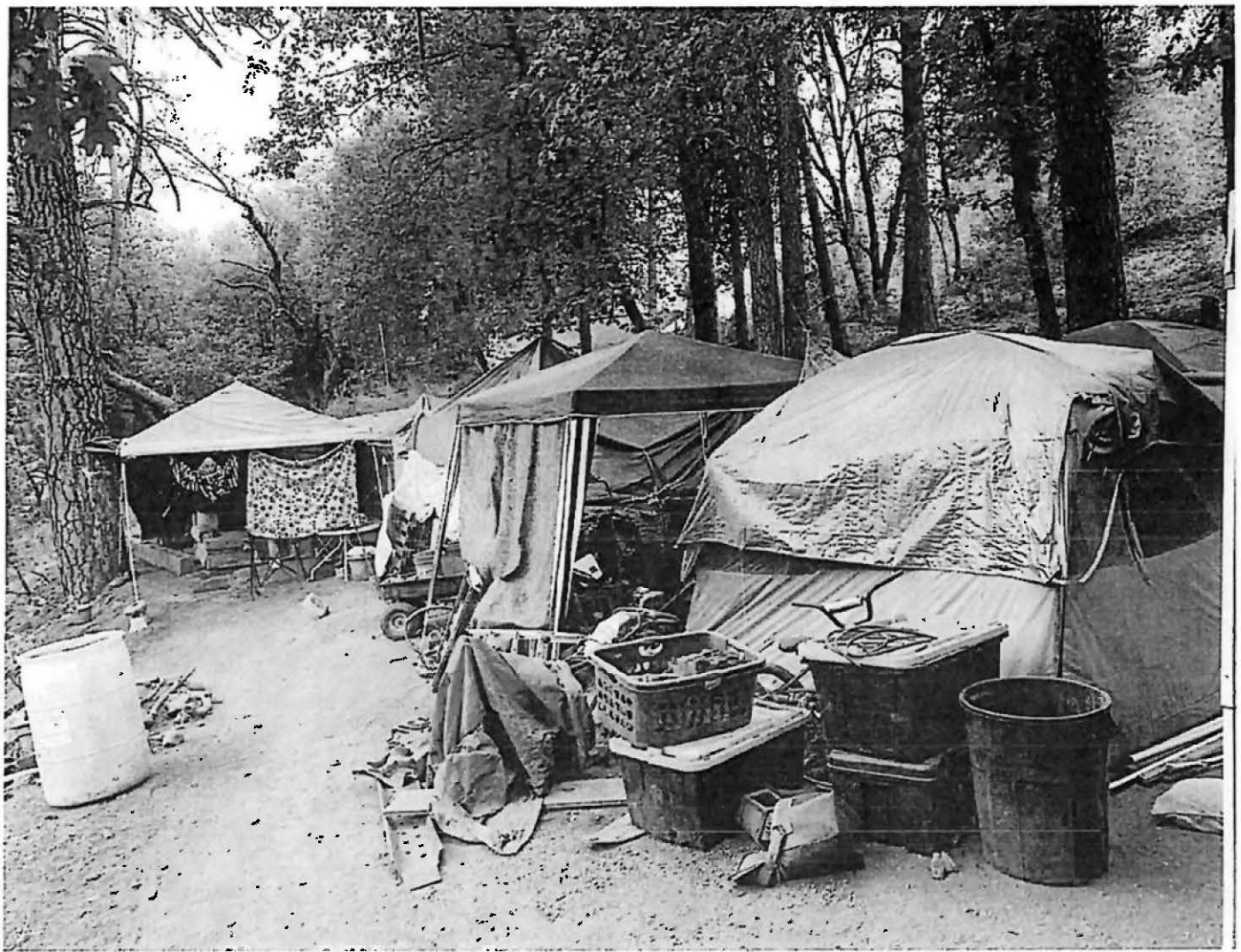


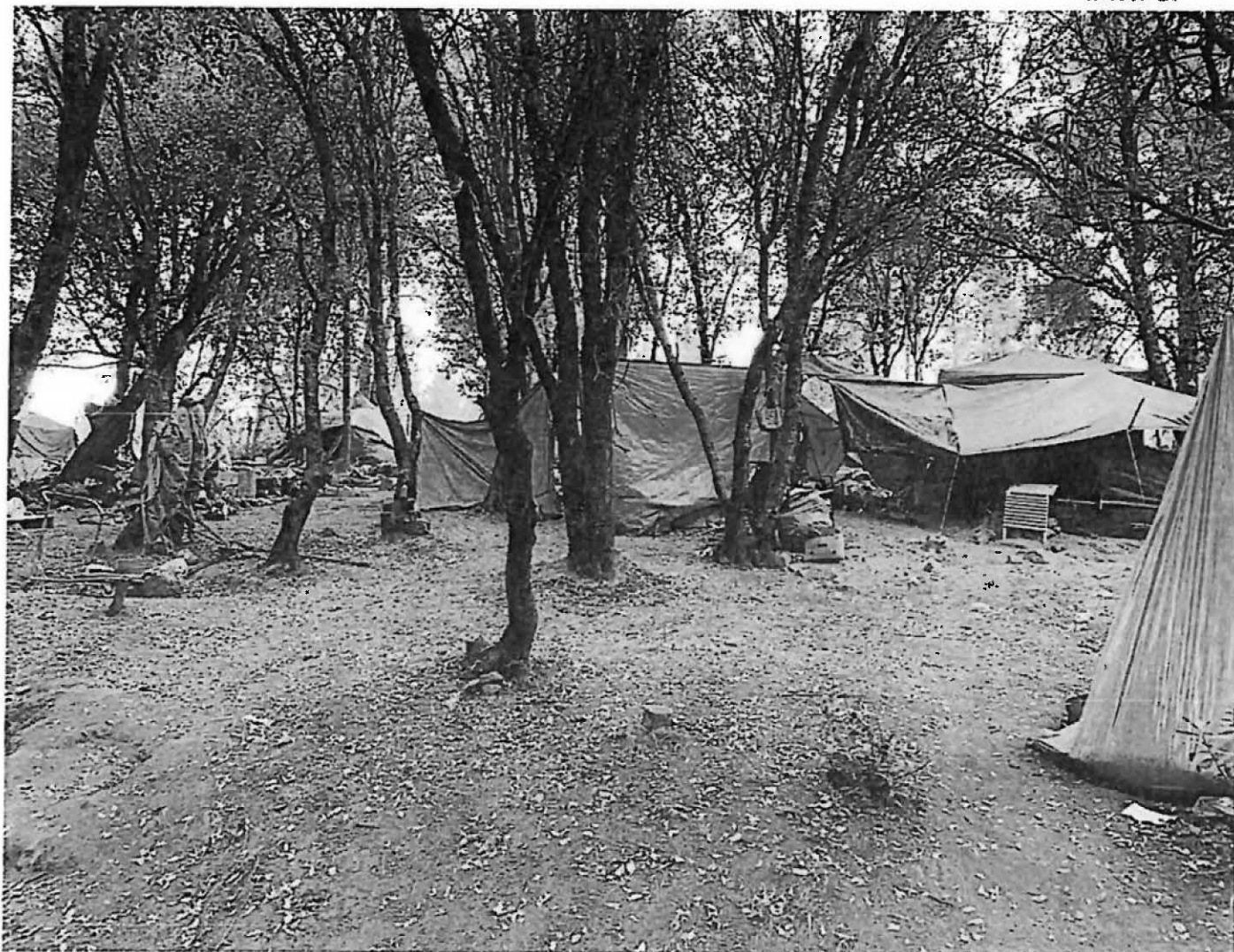




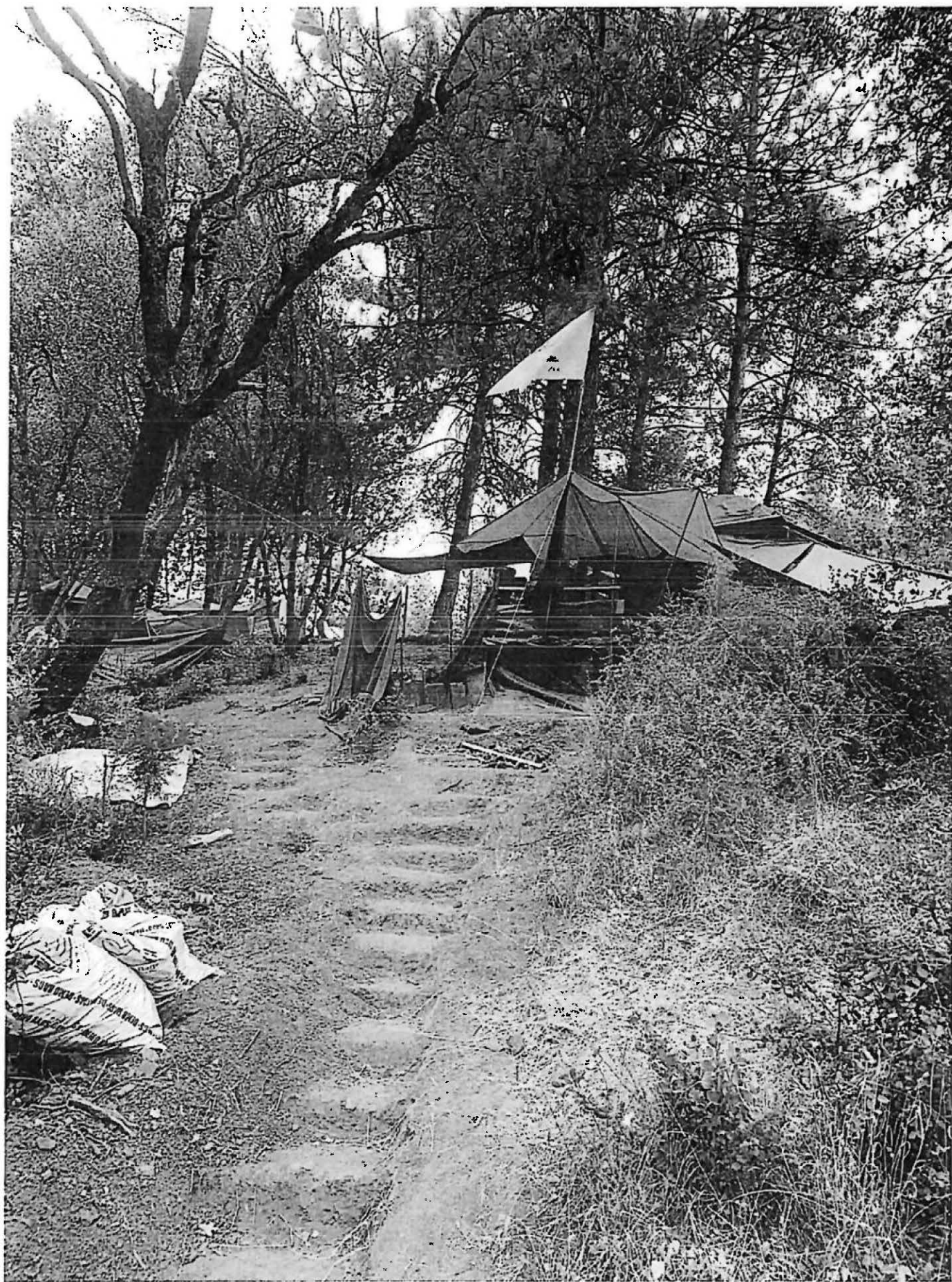
















**Joseph Wren**  
**Chief of Police**  
**jwren@cityofplacerville.org**  
**530-642-5218**



May 19, 2022

**To: Cleve Morris, City Manager**

**From: Joe Wren, Chief of Police**

**Subject: Homeless in the City of Placerville**

This report is intended to give a snapshot of the homeless challenges within the City of Placerville to date, as well as hopefully dispel some misconceptions. From 1/1/2020 to 4/26/2022, the Placerville PD responded to 489 incidents where the person involved has identified themselves as homeless. There are undoubtedly more persons that were not captured in this data due to them stating they have an address, and that address was listed in the reporting system, or it was unknown that the person being contacted was homeless. Many of the incidents involved the same transient previously contacted and identified in the system as homeless.

The data shows where the homeless person lived prior to becoming homeless and the percentage from each location. The following information was identified:

45.19%	El Dorado County resident
42.54%	City of Placerville resident
5.32%	Sacramento County
0.61%	Placer County
0.61%	San Joaquin County
0.61%	Solano County
0.61%	Yuba County
0.41%	Stanislaus County
0.41%	Yolo County
0.20%	Amador County
0.20%	Alameda County
0.20%	Contra Costa County
0.20%	Imperial County
0.20%	Kern County
0.20%	Mendocino County

0.20%	Mono County
0.20%	Riverside County
0.20%	San Bernardino County
0.20%	San Francisco County
0.20%	San Mateo County
0.20%	Santa Cruz County
0.20%	Siskiyou County
0.20%	Stanislaus County
0.20%	State of Texas
0.20%	State of Washington
0.20%	Not United States

We do not see large numbers of this population from out of the area (El Dorado County). Homeless persons typically stay in areas that are familiar to them. This is done for many reasons; the most common we hear is for safety. We have heard some say that they have always lived in Placerville, only to discover that they have never been a resident of the City. Homeless in the City often say they are from Placerville for safety reasons to be accepted into the local homeless community. We have been told by homeless people that most homeless are very territorial, and do not accept 'outsiders.'

The 45.19% of the homeless population within the county come from the following unincorporated areas in El Dorado County:

Garden Valley  
Georgetown  
Camino  
Pollock Pines  
Shingle Springs  
Diamond Springs  
Cameron Park  
Somerset  
South Lake Tahoe  
Grizzly Flats  
Rescue  
El Dorado  
El Dorado Hills  
Kyburz  
Mount Aukum

Much of the homeless population that comes from the unincorporated area is coming in from Cameron Park.

I would like to put our most recent challenges in perspective and give some recent historical information. In 2017 and 2018, the City of Placerville began to enforce the City ordinance on illegal camping. During that time, the city saw a significant drop in our homeless population due to this enforcement activity. An unintended consequence of these efforts was a significant increase in the homeless population displacing out into the county, specifically in the areas near Wal-Mart and K-

Mart. It was at that time, in 2018, PPD met with the Sheriff's Office to see if we could collaborate and address the back and forth both agencies were experiencing. It was agreed that EDSO Homeless Outreach Team would train and collaborate with PPD to best serve the community. At the onset, the collaboration worked to the benefit of both agencies and our respective jurisdictions. As time passed, it was noted by our staff that while the County experienced a drop in their homeless population, the city started to see an increase in our homeless population. As our partnership with the HOT Team continued, we began to see an unbalanced distribution of time and efforts. Plans to work within the city were scheduled and abruptly changed. The PPD HOT Officer indicated that they were spending a lot of time in the Cameron Park area. I could not justify a City funded position to work most of the time in the county, while having a seemingly negative impact on the City.

In evaluating the challenges, I decided the community would be better served to create our own team to address city specific issues. To be clear, we were never part of the HOT team. Operational control remained with PPD under the Operations Commander, and we understood that once best practices were evaluated, we would stand up our own response to challenges surrounding the homeless population and crime. I have instructed our staff to continue to foster a collaborative working environment related to the homeless population and assist EDSO whenever there is a need. While it is no secret that our homeless population within the city has grown over the last 12 to 18 months as the county's population has decreased, we began to look at what is causing this. The primary cause is 1) the false belief by the homeless, by government and non-profit agencies and homeless advocates that there are services within the city that can help house the homeless and 2) the homeless are being directed into the city by entities in the county.

The widely held belief that there are services within the City of Placerville that are enough to break the cycle of homelessness is false. There is no opportunity to take someone to a facility that will stabilize them, identify the services they need and try to help them. Assumptions are made that this population has the capacity to be responsible enough to care for themselves. While some might be responsible enough to engage in available outpatient services or outreach efforts, the reality is there is a large number that will not be successful if they do not have the direct guidance. We have come across homeless people that desired help and all we could provide was a list of outreach services. Marshall Hospital is also a hub for the homeless population to seek medical services. Once a homeless person is seen, provided for, and discharged, they are now in our community. Unfortunately, we end up responding to calls for service related to this newly added population, which again, often did not originate from the City of Placerville.

Additional factors are that PPD efforts to abate illegal encampments were significantly impacted by the Martin V. Boise decision. The second significant cause was the California Governor's Emergency Orders regarding Covid-19 and the homeless, which essentially put a moratorium on enforcement efforts that might displace the homeless population from where they were currently staying. Essentially, we have been halted from doing any enforcement on the homeless population since 2019.

I have heard some people express a desire to 'round up' the homeless or disregard the statutes that prevent enforcing illegal camping. To do this is immoral, unethical, and illegal. Furthermore, the personal liability it places on the individual officer, outside of the protections of qualified immunity, would subject an officer to both criminal and civil actions.

Over the last eight (8) months, PPD has successfully abated five (5) large homeless encampments. This was conducted out of an abundance of caution over the threat of a catastrophic fire in our community. There are undoubtedly outliers that have a smaller type of encampment set up in the City that is concealed from view and once they are located, they are addressed with existing statutes. Currently, the Broadway encampment is the largest in the City and County, housing between 50 and 70 homeless persons. Our officers are routinely up in that area, and many times they take enforcement actions on narcotics violations, including possession, under the influence and sells cases. We have had several overdoses in the Broadway encampment and surrounding area, two of which resulted in death. We have had no reports of sexual assaults, sex trafficking or assaults causing great bodily harm. Other vice type violations are public intoxication related. There are no persons under the age of 18, and since 2016, I have not come across or heard of any minors in our community living in a homeless encampment.

I am often asked what I think should be done regarding homelessness. Fundamentality, law enforcement should not be leading the conversation concerning how to address the homeless population. We are the subject matter experts in the realm of public safety, and we should express our expertise about what is probable, and at times, what is possible. Law Enforcement professionals should understand that many of the answers sought regarding what success looks like will come from the social services departments and outside experts in the field of sociology. I understand that law enforcement is a vital part of a holistic solution-based approach, but we need to move away from the belief that this is a problem that law enforcement has the answers for, and equally understand that we in law enforcement need to know when to take a back seat.

I understand that there are homeless that prefer to engage in criminal behavior, and we are adept at dealing with that. Our officers, per capita, deal daily with more issues surrounding the homeless population than any other in our county. The challenge is that the criminal segment of the homeless population is commingled in with those homeless persons that need more focused services and would likely be successful in a holistic program. I would support a program that allows for us to place people into a safe productive environment that has data driven successful outcomes so we can focus on addressing the criminal element. As it stands, we do not know with any certainty who is who. We are left with taking people into custody that would be better served going into a mental health or substance abuse treatment facility. Time and again, our officers arrest a law violator that is homeless only to see them back out on the street several hours later.

An example is in the last two (2) months, we have arrested a transient from Somerset a total of 19 times. This homeless person is a chronic drug and alcohol abuser, and this shows those that arresting the homeless does not stop the problem. This is just one example of how an out of city jurisdiction person is impacting our community.

I have recently been hearing that PPD does not have the capacity to deal with the homeless problem. This statement is categorically false. The City of Placerville jurisdiction is 6 square miles and much of that land is developed. There are not a lot of hiding places in the city that our officers are not familiar with, so for even the smallest encampment, we will find them.

We have recently established the Crime Reduction Unit which consists of a Sergeant and 3 Officers. Furthermore, we have 3 uniformed personnel that work per shift within that 6 sq miles of Placerville



and we could call in for directed enforcement another 6 officers. I am confident that 13 officers utilizing direct enforcement, and outreach efforts would impact our homeless population. Due to our prior experience with enforcement, we know that if we were to begin directed enforcement of statutes (not illegal camping) or have our officers check on this population daily, it would not take long to see them displace and end up right back in Cameron Park, Diamond Springs, El Dorado, Garden Valley, Pollock Pines, behind Wal-Mart, Target or any other area that traditionally sees this population congregate. PPD has been waiting to see the outcome of the Navigation Center project before making any decisions on what would be next as we wait, our community is growing impatient and the probability of a fire occurring and environmental degradation increases.

PPD has sought out state and county resources to assist in correcting the homeless encampment issues. We have brought in California Fish and Game Environmental Biologist to assist in evaluating damage done to the flora and fauna by these encampments. We have also sought assistance from El Dorado County Environmental Health, El Dorado Disposal, and Marshall Hospital. While advice and guidance has been offered, no tangible assistance has been provided. In the last several years, City staff and community volunteers have been volunteering their time to abate significant trash left by the homeless population. All potential resources and services to assist the community has and continues to be explored.

I want to make it clear; I do not believe that pushing this population back to where they came from is ethically the right thing. I would like to add however that PPD will not continue to receive criticism from those who seem to know the least about our capabilities and blindly believe that everyone else has a solution but us.

I have a fundamental belief that law enforcement should never be a political tool and I am grateful for the Placerville City Council and their reinforcement of that belief. The City Council does not expect anything other than my advice based on my 27 years of experience, for us to establish programmatic solutions to crime trends or come up with common-sense approaches that would benefit those that live, work, and visit our city.

This is a snapshot of what we are looking at regarding the homeless situation. We are prepared to immediately implement enforcement actions in the last, and currently largest homeless encampment within Placerville. Once we begin, displacement will occur, and the unintended consequence is going to be an increase of homeless in the county. We will also see an increase in jail bookings and trips to Marshall Hospital ER for medical clearances.



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## Thank you for Chief Wren's informative and clear letter to Cleve Morris

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dpvanderkar@comcast.net <dpvanderkar@comcast.net>

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 1:37 PM

To: "pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org" <pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org>

Dear Council, City Manager, and especially Chief Wren,

Thank you very much for the clear and calm and thorough letter to the City Manager of May 19, 2022, from the Chief regarding homeless data in Placerville and in the County. These are all things I believed, but for which I did not have the data.

The City is blessed to have this level of staffing and service.

I agree, law enforcement should not be a political arm.

We need to support law enforcement appropriately.

I am thankful for having been within the 6 square miles of Placerville for over 42 years.

We will be there tonight to support the Council in its encouragement for the BOS Tuesday.

Also thank you for the more accurate photos of encampments.

Peg Vanderkar  
Placerville resident

- I'd like to live in one of those huge houses overlooking Folsom Lake. I accept that it will not be happening, and that I need to work with what I have. We need to stop saying that homeless have the right to live anywhere they want.
- This will not happen overnight. Some homeless come right away, and I will volunteer to pick them up and bring them to HOME. We need the community to give homeless the HOME phone number instead of food, money, and supplies.. When HOME becomes the only alternative, they will come.

Please don't say this won't work. Instead, sit down with a common ground attitude and figure out how all homeless could have an emergency place to live in the next few months that does not impose on the rest of the community. There is so much evidence in this country of what works, I am confused why a small county like ours cannot figure it out. HOME makes it so you don't have to worry about a winter shelter, warming stations, cooling stations, forest fires, criminals taking advantage of the homeless where they live, and a host of other issues. When Perks Court is up and running and the homeless are flocking to the facility, HOME will close naturally. If Perks Court runs into delays or issues, HOME will be able to continue.

There are hundreds of things I have not addressed that need to be addressed. Common ground, sharing expertise and resources, and subordinating egos can answer all of them.

P.S. Please remember how fast emergency shelters were established during the Caldor Fire. Bring in the people that made them happen and ask how they did it.

Respectfully , Liz Drummond

Mobile Text: 916-804-9799 Email: [us@drummondfamily.org](mailto:us@drummondfamily.org)

Thoughts for the day - pick one 😊

- Don't find fault; find a remedy. Henry Ford
- Without forgiveness there is no future. Desmond Tutu
- The ability to see order in chaos is called creativity. - Simon Sinck
- The most common way people give up their power is thinking they don't have any. - Alice Walker
- Imagination will often carry us to worlds that never were. But without it we go nowhere. - Carl Sagan
- To see what is in front of one's nose is a constant struggle. - George Orwell
- Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of overcoming it. - Helen Keller
- Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere - Albert Einstein



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## Homeless Shelter and Guidance Center proposal

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Arthur Molho <aimolho@gmail.com>  
To: pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 1:23 PM

Dear City Council members,

We are writing in strong support for the joint County/City proposal to establish a monitored and maintained shelter for qualifying homeless men and women on Perks Court.

As residents of the City and County for almost 50 years, we feel it is crucial for our local governments to support efforts to improve the current homeless situation in our community.

This proposal has been developed with great effort and thought and deserves to be activated, so that we can both help those who are unfortunately homeless and need resources, and reduce the impacts of homelessness on our citizens, environment, and community.

PLEASE vote to in favor of the Perks Court shelter proposal!

Sincerely,

Arthur and Muriel Molho  
Placerville



Living rough in El Dorado County is thought by some to be a choice of people 'who do not wish to get their act together'. I daresay, wishes are not the biggest reason in most cases. The need for lower rent and additional physical and mental health services, in conjunction with falling incomes and needed services including transportation, creates a harsh melange that "wishing" cannot change. Att 4

Some have suggested the old Juvenile Hall be used. On the surface, this might seem useful, but the cost of rehabbing this facility and the cost and location of running it for a shelter and navigation center have been investigated and are not effective.

Others have been misinformed about buildings going up on Missouri Flat Road. These buildings are not government buildings; they are the non-profit Community Health Center (CHC). These are medical facilities are available to many, including Medi-Cal patients who are the very clients who would need them in the Navigation Center. The CHC already has small offices and clinics scattered around the Missouri Flat corridor. The new facility will unify them and make health care more accessible.

Sadly, misinformation has been spread about this project from otherwise trusted groups, and thus has riled up many folks who otherwise do care about the problems of all our residents including those without housing. We in El Dorado County need **every** effort to address **all** the different problems that lack of housing induces. I pray that we can all work together and meet the variety of needs.

***Perks Court Navigation Center and Shelter is just one program. It will not solve everything. It is an urgently needed start.***

**Please vote in favor, 5-0, on these urgent items #19 and 20.**

Sincerely,

Peg Vanderkar,

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## Perks Court

us@drummondfamily.org <us@drummondfamily.org>

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 12:01 AM

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Cc: Liz Drummond <us@drummondfamily.org>

Everyone is on the right path; we just need to do it together.

- The residents and businesses of EDC deserve a clean, green, safe environment.
  - The homeless need a safe, sanitary emergency place they can stay while getting the services they need to move forward with the life they want to have.
  - The homeless who do not want to be contributors, or cannot be due to illness and related issues, need to be in a place they are not a harm to others and the environment.

How does this happen?

- Current resources go to the HOME project; it can be up and running in 4 months or less.
- This gives the Perks Court project the time they need to work on the go forward plan. Since it could take two years to open, the HOME project can take the pressure off.
- Who will run this? Sit down and figure it out. You have many NGO's that could do it.
- This means everyone needs to subordinate their egos for the good of all.
- This will be the emergency place for homeless. Everyone in the dirt will have safety, sanitation, and not have to move.
- Some possibilities for funding: current funds being directed to winter shelter, funds and services currently available from the county, and so on. We need to sit down and see where the resources are and share them.
- The faith community can do everything they are doing at HOME, and they won't have to provide overnight shelter.
- The Upper room can deliver meals once a day to HOME. They can continue to serve those on the brink of homelessness and poverty at their current location.
- HOME could allow dogs and the current groups taking care of those dogs could do it at HOME.
- As with other shelters, there would be no alcohol or drugs and HOME residents would need to leave for the time they needed to indulge and could come back to HOME to sleep, eat, get services they want, and have proper sanitation. That's what they do at other shelters even if it is unspoken.
- At HOME, criminals preying on the homeless would be easier to detect.
- The homeless may not like it, but they would have a choice; follow all laws including littering, trespassing, etc., go to HOME, go to jail, or leave. No, we are not running anyone out of the county. We are providing them with dignity, sanitation, a safe place to stay and services to change the trajectory of their life if they chose to participate. Those who don't want to participate will still have a safe place to live.



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**Diane Rabinowitz** <DianeR@namielдорadocounty.org>

To: [pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org](mailto:pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org)

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 11:56 AM

**Dear Mayor and City Council Members,**

I am writing to express my support of the Mayor's and Chief Wren's communications to the County Board of Supervisors. The City of Placerville has collaborated in good faith with the County, and the Police Dept has taken on the burden of policing the homeless shuttled here from other parts of the county by the Sheriff's department.

I am extremely disturbed by the ugly, distorted, lies presented in the Republicans' flier being distributed throughout the county. It is almost incredible to me that they would resort to such hateful misrepresentations to appeal to their base for a plan that would 1) cost the county rather than use state and federal funds 2) promote recovery and housing success rather than criminalization of homeless folks, and 3) definitely NOT be a beacon to all homeless to come here, as almost all other counties already have homeless emergency shelters and navigation centers, while we do not.

I hope that saner minds prevail, and that attempts to distract and disrupt plans for Perks Court by proposing the Sheriff's plan and backtracking to Pierroz Road can finally be put to rest. There's already been enough delay, and now we will have to plan for winter shelter again. It's time we join the rest of the state in providing relief for homeless people who want to be sheltered.

Best regards,



**Diane Rabinowitz**

President, NAMI El Dorado County  
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## Fwd: Support for Aug 23, 2022 BOS Items 19 and 20

1 message

dpvanderkar@comcast.net <dpvanderkar@comcast.net>

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 11:59 AM

To: "pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org" <pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org>

Dear Placerville City Council,

Just FYI, I am sending this letter to BOS along to you also, so that you know what I am supporting tonight and next Tuesday.

Blessings on your excellent letter for tonight, and especially the more accurate photos of camps.

See you at 4 pm,  
Peg Vanderkar

----- Original Message -----

From: dpvanderkar@comcast.net

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, John Hidahl <bosone@edcgov.us>, Sue Novasel <bosfive@edcgov.us>, "Parlin, Lori" <bosfour@edcgov.us>, "Thomas, Wendy" <bosthree@edcgov.us>, "Turnboo, George" <bosTWO@edcgov.us>

Cc: Don Ashton <don.ashton@edcgov.us>, Daniel Del Monte <daniel.delonte@edcgov.us>

Date: 08/19/2022 11:56 AM

Subject: Support for Aug 23, 2022 BOS Items 19 and 20

Dear Chairperson Parlin,  
and

Supervisors Hidahl, Turnboo, Thomas, and Novasel,

Before you today are critical votes of urgency to approve moving ahead on the plan for Perks Ct property, County-owned property, to be used for a Navigation Center with Shelter component for homeless residents of the county. ***I urge a positive vote on items 19 and 20 today. Time is of the essence.***

I understand that all of the components that need to be budgeted have been considered and included. The funding will go elsewhere if not used in this county.

I understand this program is not for long-term housing, but it does provide an alternative for people camping out who wish to be under safe shelter and obtain assistance in moving forward. It does provide a law enforcement alternative as well as potential and probable reduction in emergency services for health and fire.

Obviously, this facility will not be used by everyone who is living 'rough', as some call this. But there is a wide variety of circumstances which bring persons to this living condition. There is no alternative to offer anyone at this time.



August 19, 2022

Placerville City Council  
3101 Center Street  
Placerville, CA 95667

RE: Homeless Navigation Center at Perks Court

After years of discussions, failed proposed solutions, temporary solutions and roadblocks, there is finally a proposal, available funding, and commitments of cooperation between our Placerville City government and our El Dorado County government, to create a Homeless Navigation Center at Perks Court.

We applaud the hard work that has brought us to this junction.

We are writing to voice our strong support of this proposal and urge you, our City Council, to take whatever action is needed to move forward with this much needed, most urgent project.

Respectfully,

Carl and Pam Hagen  
Property Owners  
183 Placerville Drive  
Placerville, CA 95667



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## City Council Homeless Letter to BOS

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John Clerici <jlfclerici@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 10:29 AM

To: "pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org" <pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org>

Good Morning

I am in full support of the letter as drafted in agenda item 5.1. The City needs to stand strong and support the Perks Court alternative as presented by EDC Health and Human Services. The issue with the Sheriff's proposal, as well as the truly idiotic flyer distributed by the county GOP, is nothing but a distraction being put forth by people who want to stonewall this effort. From what I have learned, the Sheriff's proposal, though interesting, is unimplementable.

The county needs to act on Perks Court quickly so that we in town can begin the process of taking our community back from the homeless.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Clerici

Resident, City of Placerville

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## Navigation Center at Perks Court

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Diane Hernandez <dianeherandez1103@gmail.com>  
To: pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 9:46 AM

The intent of this email is to add my support in the establishment of a facility at Perks Court that will assist those men and women who are in need, basically homeless. This project has been in the works for some time with agreement from the city and the county and I believe in its intent is to mitigate homelessness in our area. It is certainly a start!

I have volunteered for years at the Upper Dining Room on Broadway and have gotten to know those in need. Many of these folks just need a hand up. The Upper Room can provide a meal, occasional nurse visit and an occasional shower, but it does not provide shelter or the necessary guidance that will help lift these folks out of their current situation.

I hope you will stay the course, reject the scare tactics of the opposition and provide these folks the assistance they require.

Sincerely,

Diane Hernandez

Placerville resident



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Regina O'Connell <roconnell@cityofplacerville.org>

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## SPECIAL MEETING TODAY - August 19, 2022 - LETTER

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Carl Hagen <chagen04@gmail.com>  
To: roconnell@cityofplacerville.org

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 9:50 AM

Please see attached letter regarding today's special meeting.

Thank you in advance for submitting it on our behalf.

Carl and Pam Hagen



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## Letter of Support for Perks Court Navigation Center

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Jamie Beutler <beutlerjamie@gmail.com>  
To: pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 8:47 AM

Dear City Council Members,

I am so sorry I cannot attend this meeting in person, so, I am writing to encourage you to PLEASE send a letter of support to the board of Supervisors regarding the proposed Navigation Center at Perks Court.

Everything is in place: the funding, the construction company, for organizations needed, the location, which is perfect for the needs of those using the service.

PLEASE! We are one of only two or three counties in the entire state that has no services for the unhoused. They have been with us for decades and they are not going away. This will help those that want the help to get back on their feet, and self sufficient. It will assist those in need of mental health services to get the help they need. It will help our community and save the county money by not having to use emergency services. The tax payers of EDC will not have to pay one cent.

This is a no-brainer! We need this so badly, and now we have a chance to do it. Volunteers have worked for literally years to get this in place. Please not disrespect the important work they have done to improve the quality of life for EVERYONE in this county, including businesses that find homeless folks sleeping on their doorways because they have no place to go.

This is a good thing. You know it. I know it. Please do not be pressured out of making the right decision.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jamie Beutler  
Taxpayer, El Dorado County



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Regina O'Connell <roconnell@cityofplacerville.org>

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## Perks Court Shelter Proposal

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Marian Washburn <mewash@hotmail.com>

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 9:34 AM

To: "ktaylor@cityofplacerville.org" <ktaylor@cityofplacerville.org>, "michaelpca@gmail.com" <michaelpca@gmail.com>, Patty Borelli <borellicouncil@sbcglobal.net>, Jackie Neau <jackieneau1854@gmail.com>, Dennis Thomas <dthomas@cityofplacerville.org>

Cc: Cleve Morris <cmorris@cityofplacerville.org>, Regina O'Connell <roconnell@cityofplacerville.org>, "ppd@cityofplacerville.org" <ppd@cityofplacerville.org>

I am writing in support of the Mayor Taylor's letter to the EDC Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed Shelter and Navigation Facility on Perks Court.

We all are aware of the severity of our homeless problem in the area. I have observed the long standing and tireless efforts of citizen volunteers, HOT team participants and local government staff dealing with this seemly intractable situation. It appears to me, the current proposal is a solid and substantial step in realistically dealing with the complicated issues involved. Additionally, the available funding will not overly burden our local government general funds.

I am grateful our City Council is willing to take this step to support the humane and realistic step toward a healthier community. Please approve Mayor Taylor's letter to the El Dorado Board of Supervisors.

Marian Washburn  
Placerville



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## URGENT: The Perks Court Homeless Shelter Project

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Barbara Bills <barbarabills51@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 7:22 AM

To: pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org

Good Morning, Council Members:

We hereby attest that this latest, albeit belated, city/county proposal for the Perks Court homeless citizens shelter project plan meets with our whole-hearted support and agreement.

Onward and forward, please!

Respectfully,

Barbara J. Bills and Ernest A. Wolf  
1124 Elm Avenue  
530-622-7677



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## Perks Court Navigation Center

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kathleenmintert@gmail.com <kathleenmintert@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 7:47 AM

To: "pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org" <pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org>

Dear City Council Members,

I write in support of the Perks Court Navigation Center. I urge you to immediately move forward with this necessary resource for our community.

Respectfully,

Kathleen Mintert

Placerville



Virus-free. [www.avg.com](http://www.avg.com)





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## Aug 19 Special Meeting -Item 5.1 Public Comment

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Nicole Gotberg <ngotberg@yahoo.com>

Thu, Aug 18, 2022 at 11:06 PM

To: pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org

Cc: Kara Taylor <ktaylor@cityofplacerville.org>, "M. Cleve Morris" <cmorris@cityofplacerville.org>, msaragosa@cityofplacerville.org, Regina O'Connell <roconnell@cityofplacerville.org>, pborelli@cityofplacerville.org, Jneau@cityofplacerville.org, dthomas@cityofplacerville.org

Please vote yes on this item and send a letter to the county in support of proceeding with construction of a navigation center on Perk's Court. I really appreciated Chief Wren's report (Attachment C) and would like that to be included in the letter that is sent to the county. We need to be able to help our houseless residents that want the help. We also need to be able to enforce against residents that are creating environmental and public health and safety hazards for the entire community (wildfire risk, erosion of hill slopes and landslide risks, pollution of the soil, surface water and groundwater).

I believe in showing compassion to everyone. As a teenager/young adult I spent several months living out of a backpack. While I never found myself in a situation where I had to sleep on the street, I was homeless and slept in cars, friends couches/floors, youth shelters and official campgrounds. I have a great deal of empathy for people who find themselves in a situation where they have lost their home, whatever the reason for that loss may be.

I also believe no individuals personal freedoms should outweigh the health and safety risks to the entire community. We cannot continue to allow people to camp in places that are creating hazardous conditions. Having a navigation center will allow us to require people to move out of areas that are creating hazardous conditions. I have no issue with someone deciding to sleep on a public sidewalk or a park bench at night. What I see as a serious environmental and public safety hazard is the makeshift shelters on dirt hill slopes surrounded by vegetation/trees with stormwater runoff of human feces and trash going into our waterways. One of the tools needed to address those hazards is having a navigation center.

Thank You  
Nicole Gotberg  
Placerville Resident



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## Homelessness

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Cassandra Draxler <cassdraxler@yahoo.com>  
To: pv.citycouncil@cityofplacerville.org

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 6:41 AM

Dear City Council & County Supervisors,

I have had a business on Broadway for over 20 years. I've been boots on the ground helping to feed and cloth the homeless . I've seen the increase of mental illness and homelessness, and the neglect by government agencies to address the inhumanity of this disaster in our community.

Fifty Four of our fifty eight counties in California have shelters. Surely, ideas and best practices can be gleaned from any of these county's.

This topic of Perks Court is over 20 years old. It sadly has become a POLITICAL issue rather than a humanitarian one.

Vote your conscious not your party. Build a shelter.

Cassandra Gudin Draxler

Sent from my iPhone  
Scent Detection Canine Handler



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## 8/23/22 BOS mtg items #19&20

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**Ethan Eldridge** <ethan@ethaneldridge.com>

Sun, Aug 21, 2022 at 8:29 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

I'm writing to express my strong support to proceed with the construction of the emergency shelter and navigation center plans for Perks Court. Please vote to approve this vital community resource.

Most sincerely,

Ethan Eldridge

Volunteer for nomadic shelter, member of Faith Episcopal church and resident of El Dorado county since 1999.



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## Navagation Center at Perks Court

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**Scott Vail** <vail.s@sbcglobal.net>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Aug 21, 2022 at 8:37 PM

I am a 26 year resident of Placerville, a retired RN from Marshall's emergency department, and a volunteer with the Nomadic Shelter for the last 5 years. I ask the BOS to commit to getting the navigation center on Perk's court up and running as soon as possible. Although no plan is perfect, this will start to address the needs of our unsheltered neighbors while decreasing the negative environmental impact of the unregulated homeless camp. Vicky Vail





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## Placerville/ EDC Proposal for Perks Court Homeless Shelter Project

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**Barbara Bills** <barbarabills51@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 6:22 AM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Good Morning, EDC Board of Supervisors:

We hereby attest that this latest, albeit belated, city/county proposal for the Perks Court homeless citizens shelter project meets with our whole-hearted support and agreement.

Onward and forward, please!

Respectfully,

Barbara J. Bills and Ernest A. Wolf  
1124 Elm Avenue, Placerville 95667  
530-622-7677



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## Agenda Items 19 and 20 for August 23, 2022 BOS meeting

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**Cyndy Salmon** <casunflower79@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 7:15 AM

Greetings,

Please approve the plan to build a Navigation Center with a Shelter here on the Western Slope of El Dorado County, Agenda items 19 and 20, at your meeting on August 23, 2022.

A broad community effort has brought the Perks Court plan so far down the road and you just need to do it. You have the funds, the plan, and the timeline. All delay tactics, negativity and other ideas for plans being thrown at this plan are either false, misleading, or not consistent with requirements for the funding sources or with your Board of Supervisors direction.

Back in May, you declared a homeless shelter crisis because of the urgent need to take action to house your homeless constituents in an emergency shelter and reduce the extreme fire danger created by homeless encampments. Nothing has changed this serious need in our community. Please follow through and vote yes on Agenda items 19 and 20 on August 23, 2022.

Thank you,

Cyndy Salmon

3441 Big Barn Road  
Placerville



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## Proposed Perks Court Navigation Center

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**Pat Woolston** <patwoolston@icloud.com>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 7:21 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Please vote to support the creation of a navigation center on Perk's Court.

The proposal to provide assistance, security, and temporary housing to vetted homeless is a good one. Our homeless population will continue to grow as long as rents continue to rise and the supply of affordable homes continues to fall. A number of locations for the center have been studied and Perk's Court is the only one to meet all the criteria. Let's not let this opportunity to help solve a major problem pass.

We realize building a navigation center will not solve all of the County's housing problems overnight, but it is a good first step. Don't let El Dorado County be known as the only suburban California county without one. El Dorado County is too great to procrastinate.

Thank you.

Kym and Pat Woolston  
5828 Havenstar Ln, El Dorado, CA 95623



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## Support for Perks Court Navigation Center and Shelter

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**Kathleen Mintert** <kathleenmintert@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 7:26 AM

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

Dear EDC Board of Supervisors,

I urge your support for the Perks Court Navigation Center and Emergency Shelter. It is far past time for El Dorado county to address the needs of the unhoused. Thank you.

-Kathleen Mintert  
Placerville





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## Fwd: New El Dorado County Feedback

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Emma Owens <emma.owens@edcgov.us>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 8:15 AM

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

Hello,

The response below came through the general feedback form regarding Legistar item 22-1279.

Best Regards,

Emma Owens

Principal Management Analyst

Chief Administrative Office

El Dorado County

330 Fair Lane, Building A

Placerville, CA 95667

Phone: 530.621.5122

Pronouns: she/her

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From: **El Dorado County** <edcquestions@edcgov.us>

Date: Sun, Aug 21, 2022 at 9:47 PM

Subject: New El Dorado County Feedback

To: <emma.owens@edcgov.us>

The general El Dorado County Questions and Comments form has been submitted from a visitor to the El Dorado County website.

### Form Responses

The information that was submitted is below:

#### Question or Comment

It is so incredibly important that you pass the initiative for the Perks Court Navigation / shelter proposal. Simple human consideration demands this shelter. I heard from trustworthy authorities 2 years ago that each homeless person costs the county \$30,000 per year... Wouldn't that easily pay for the shelter? As increasingly elderly and disabled people are being pushed out the door, this shelter is a basic human right. Please vote to approve the shelter. it won't hurt you, it won't hurt business, it will just help a few of the most beaten-down people in the county. Imagine that it's your grandparent, or even your child. There but for fortune go you or I...!!

**Full Name**

Mel Chapman

**Email Address**

chapmanfrancais@yahoo.com

**Phone Number**

530-621-0409

**Attachments**

(no attachments added)

Form URL: [https://www.edcgov.us/County Forms/Pages/service\\_comment.aspx](https://www.edcgov.us/County Forms/Pages/service_comment.aspx), ID: 3733



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## Items 19 & 20 on Tuesday Aug 23 BOS meeting

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Pamela Roberts <pk\_r\_yogapeace@yahoo.com>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 9:20 AM

Dear Board:

I am writing to urge you to move forward with the proposed Perks Court Navigation Center and Emergency Shelter, which you have previously approved. The center and shelter are desperately needed by the homeless of our community.

The facility has been vetted and approved as appropriate. The "concerns" raised by the EDC Republican party have been fully addressed; there is no merit to any of them.

- 1) This is not a "locked" facility; residents will come and go for appointments.
- 2) The property has not been contaminated per 2001 environmental study.
- 3) The pedestrian safety issues at Perks Court are far safer than the Pierroz location. There will not be people walking into the facility as all must come through the HMIS system.
- 4) This is a Volunteers of America shelter - no drugs or alcohol.
- 5) The majority of homeless to be served at Perks Court are lifelong residents of this County, there is no data to suggest that homeless will migrate to EDC for services.
- 6) Housing First is a positive approach to addressing the issues that are behind being homeless; it allows for the homeless to address their basic needs (food, water, air, shelter) which gives them a chance to their other needs.

Please do not get distracted and diverted by the proposal for Pierroz Road. It is not a safe location for many reasons, not the least of which is traffic and is not pedestrian safe.

Vote NOW for Perks Court Navigation and Emergency Shelter.

Pam Roberts,  
40 year resident of El Dorado County



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## BOS 8/23/22 mtg items; 22-1279 and 22-1402

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**tita bladen** <tita-b@sbcglobal.net>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 9:39 AM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Cc: Keith Bladen <keithbladen@gmail.com>, The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>

Dear Members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

We are residents and homeowners in El Dorado Hills since 1990.

We are in support of HHSA recommendations for the Navigation Center project (Item 22-1279 and 22-1402).

We need to access both state and federal funding to create this center. County staff has researched the issue and has submitted a comprehensive proposal for the Navigation Center. Please vote YES so we can move forward in resolving homeless issues in our county.

Thank you,

Dorotea Bladen & William Bladen

El Dorado Hills, BOS District 1



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## Perks Court Navigation Center

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**Susan Covington** <ssn.covington@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 9:57 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Members of El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:

We support creating a Homeless Navigation Center and shelter at the Perks Court location. We are concerned about the growing homeless problem that affects every district in our beloved county. We know that the unhoused population desperately needs help, and now funding is available to begin to address the situation.

We have read the letter submitted to you by the Placerville City Council, and we agree wholeheartedly that the county should move forward with the Navigation Center project. Please vote to make a positive move toward resolving our homeless crisis.

Respectfully,  
Woody and Susan Covington  
1120 Kathy Lane  
Placerville  
(District 4)





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## Shelter & Navigation Center on Perks Court

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Isabel Ryder &lt;ijarts2@gmail.com&gt;

Sat, Aug 20, 2022 at 5:39 PM

To: Edc.cob@edcgov.us

Cc: Isabel Ryder &lt;ijarts2@gmail.com&gt;, Derek Ryder &lt;derekryder.101@gmail.com&gt;

Dear Supervisor Wendy Thomas,

When I saw in the newspaper and online that we were finally going forward with addressing the needs of our unhoused residents of El Dorado County, I was delighted. To ignore or find political reasons to ignore the issues is no longer acceptable.

Our county and country is severely polarized by politics, economic and public health challenges. It is almost too much to grasp for most Americans.

I have volunteered at the Upper Room on Broadway for several years. I have seen first hand the struggles of our unhoused residents. As a retired teacher of EDC I have witnessed families living in their cars as they drop off their children for school. This is totally unacceptable!

Please continue to support moving forward with the development of the Navigation Center and Shelter on Perks Court. The supportive services are a vital part of the Housing First model. Formal supports like doctor/nursing care, therapists, social workers, and informal supports such as reconnecting with family, friends and faith groups all assist in bringing the unhoused residents back into the community.

Federal and State grant monies require using the Housing first guidelines in their homeless programming. To turn down this money is illogical and a loss for our community and county.

Without a comprehensive program to address unhoused residents' needs is inhuman and without merit. Of course, we have all seen the solutions of some politicians to create internment camps on the outskirts of our towns consisting of tents. **WE AMERICANS NEED TO DEMAND MORE!**

**BE THE LEADERS WE ALL NEED NOW! SHOW OUR COUNTY AND STATE THAT EL DORADO COUNTY IS TOO GREAT FOR HATE.**

Sincerely,

Dr. I.J. Ryder

Retired educator and long time resident of El Dorado County



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## August 23, 2022 Agenda Items 19 and 20

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**Wanda Demarest** <wanda42536@sbcglobal.net>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 10:50 AM

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

Dear Supervisors,

Please do not delay the on-going progress of the Perks Court Shelter/Navigation Center in order to look into the feasibility of a site located at a very busy intersection with no pedestrian crossings or sidewalks, no decent outside recreation area, is across the street from a preschool, and for which the City of Placerville, our partner, is not in favor.

Further, may I ask why you have seemingly condoned El Dorado County personnel to coordinate and lend their name(s) to the Republican opposition to the Perks Court Shelter/Navigation Center in a very public way? As a former EDC employee, I know public servants are trained and counseled not to do so.

One more thing, from my point of view, if not for some mysterious delay tactics, this item would not be appearing on the agenda today. It would have been a done deal last July. It should have been a done deal last July.

For the sake of our community please do not allow these tactics to steer you off course. It's just too important to the health and well-being of our entire community and its future.

Most Sincerely,

Wanda Demarest  
43 year Resident of District 3



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## Perks Court Navigation Center - BOS Items 19&20

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**Roger W Klemm** <synthesisdesigngroup@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 11:10 AM

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

To the Board:

Oh! The Fear!

This is what it comes down to...

Do the County leaders have the courage to give a helping hand to the less fortunate,

or does the Board cave to the right wingnuts?

Reading the Housing El Dorado letter which logically refutes, with facts, the specious charges that the Navigation Center will create a crime hotspot, encourage drug use, etc., ad nauseam - it appears that that the alternative site is not a viable alternative.

So, if the road of life is littered with flat squirrels that cannot make a decision...what is the Board to do?

I urge you to vote for the well-planned, well-funded Perks Court Project.

Sincerely,

Roger Klemm

Somerset, 95684



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Perks Court Navigation Center: items 19 and 20**

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**Mary Elliott-Klemm** <ml.elliott@sbcglobal.net>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 11:15 AM

To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I urge you, in the interest of the well being of the community, to approve the proposed Perks Court Navigation Center.

You have the opportunity to provide non partisan leadership for a well- funded, well- planned center, desperately needed by our county, which I may remind you, is one of only four counties in the state without a center.

It is a first step towards providing a more comprehensive solution for our homeless population.

Why wouldn't you pursue this?

Perhaps you have read the disturbing and misleading flyers and letter from the local El Dorado County Republican Party which appears to be bent on obstructing whatever proposal for the homeless that is presented.

All the complaints voiced in that flyer have been answered by Housing El Dorado with facts.

Perhaps you are afraid of the voices in the Republican Party that are fear mongering, calling the project brainless, and publishing lies?

Let's have some common sense prevail here. Let's put fear and lies and misinformation to the side. Let's move El Dorado County forward.

Then, let's take the next step and the next and the next towards solving our homeless issues.

You recently voted 4 to 1 to approve this project. Do not bend.

Sincerely,  
Mary Elliott-Klemm  
Somerset, CA 95684



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## Agenda Items 19 and 20

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Maureen <dionperry@att.net>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 11:42 AM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, Wendy Thomas <bosthree@edcgov.us>, Sue Novasel <sue.novasel@edcgov.us>, John Hidahl <john.hidahl@edcgov.us>, Lori Parlin <lori.parlin@edcgov.us>, George Turnboo <george.turnboo@edcgov.us>

**Dear Chair and Supervisors - I am writing you to whole-heartedly support moving forward now to approve the Perks Court Shelter/Nav Center as the top priority.**

We have grant dollars, a timeline, along with contractors and the VOA as our professional service providers. Further delay may compromise their involvement.

We have waited years and years to have a place for our homeless folks to get shelter and help. In addition, our community continues to suffer with excess costs for health care, law enforcement, public works and fire risk.

And now another delay tactic to pause the Perks Ct Project to explore the Pierroz Rd Project.

**I am deeply suspicious and frustrated by the continued efforts to pause Perks Ct and circulate mis-information about it in our community.**

County staff reported that they neglected to transfer appropriations properly days before the vote was to be taken on July 26th, after there were many months notice.

I am asking you if this transfer was really needed prior to the vote? Meeting postponed.

Then the bogus FPCC complaint against Wendy Thomas that she would benefit from the closing of the Broadway encampment. Her property is fully occupied and utilized and it is quite far away from the Upper Broadway encampment. She recused herself to look into this and another delay.

**This allowed time to circulate serious mis-information about the Perks Ct Project, to create unnecessary drama in our community.**

**And now a recent memo recommending the pause in Perks Ct to pursue Pierroz Rd.** Pierroz Rd is not a good site with so many things we do not know about the building plus it is across the street from a day care center and mobile home park, along with no outdoor space. It is not fiscally responsible to Pause Perks Ct and investigate Pierroz Rd. It is fiscally irresponsible to not move ahead with Perks Ct now.

**There is no excuse for these actions.**

**To again pause the Perks Ct Project is inconsistent with Board direction. I am very suspicious and disheartened.**

**The time is now for you to show your leadership and approve the Perks Ct Project without any further delay.**

**Perks Ct is the right decision.**

This is the beginning - not the end and there will be future projects needed to continue this work.

**Thank you for listening and doing the right thing to approve the Perks Ct Project now.**



**Maureen Dion-Perry**  
President Housing El Dorado  
El Dorado County resident for 24 years.



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

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## Perks Court Issue

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**Modie** <modie@srsinnovations.com>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 11:46 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Please do not let a few ruin it for the many.

We have come a long way to get this done and MOST of our fellow citizens and neighbor have agreed.

Let's get Perks Court project APPROVAL and move forward.

Thank you,

Concerned citizen living in El Dorado

Modie Katz

916-799-7364

Sent from my iPhone



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

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## BOS RE: Perks Court Shelter

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**Melissa Garske** <fashiongirlmelissa@yahoo.com>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 1:04 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please see my attached letter in support to Perks Court Shelter.

Thank you,

**Melissa Garske Harris**

Cell (530) 409-2345



**Letter to BOD 8\_22\_22 Perks CT.pdf**

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

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## Agenda items 19 & 20, Perks Court Navigation Center and Shelter

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vandamcmolode@gmail.com <vandamcmolode@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 1:40 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

To the Board of Supervisors.

Please approve the Navigation Center and Shelter at Perks Court to help our unhoused citizens with services and shelter, without further delay! It will save and improve lives, help people re-enter the workforce, and reduce the homeless encampments that no one likes and which present a fire danger.

As the Board no doubt knows, the Board cannot legally preclude homeless camping in the absence of available shelter beds. Approval of the Perks Court project is the first step to reduce unsupervised homeless encampments. Don't delay!

No location is perfect, and there will always be objections. Perks Court is a very good location, likely the best that can be found, and it will not have negative impacts. There will be oversight and supervision at the location, which is something currently absent at homeless encampments along our streets and parks.

Frankly, I am embarrassed that El Dorado County, my County, is only one of 4 counties in California that has failed to provide shelter for the unhoused and connect them with services. Further delay on this project will cost lives. Please do not pass up this opportunity.

Sincerely,  
Claire van Dam



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Concerned Citizen in Shingle Springs about the proposed HOMELESS CAMPS**

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Carol MacGregor &lt;carol@thepaddedseat.com&gt;

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 2:03 PM

Reply-To: carol@thepaddedseat.com

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Hello Board of Directors,

I will make this short and to the point. I was very upset to hear that 4 of our 5 Board Members voted YES on the proposal to go forward with obtaining some kind of grant money to buy or lease 4 land sites to erect "HOMELESS TENTS"!!! What an eye sore and a horrible idea for this county. We do not need to invite more homeless to move into the area so they can obtain drugs and alcohol at the tax payers expense. It is soooo obvious that this proposal of tent housing will enable more drug use and mental health problems. It does not address the underlying problem of the homeless. These people are not and will not be motivated to make any changes in their lives as long as they are given what they want—drugs and alcohol. This truly is adult abuse!!! What an eyesore these tents will be also. Businesses are greatly struggling now and where ever these tents are placed will have a negative impact on the surrounding area and businesses.

The Sheriff's plan is the best with not allowing any drugs or alcohol, and therefore accountability which can lead to good changes in one's life. These people need help in a structured program, and the Sheriff's plan offers that. Let's do the right thing for the existing homeless in our county (not invite hundred more so they can participate in deviant behavior) and for the people living in our pretty county, and also for the businesses that help make our county great.

Thank you,

Carol MacGregor in Shingle Springs, Ca.

Please note that my e-mail has changed to carol@thepaddedseat.com. Thanks!





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

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**To BOS, Items 19,20,**

**laralg@aol.com** <laralg@aol.com>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 2:40 PM

Reply-To: laralg@aol.com

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

I am Lara Gularte, resident of El Dorado County. I created and supervised life management programs in residential treatment programs for Rehabilitation Mental Health Services Inc, Santa Clara County. I have worked as a Mental Health Liaison at the Santa Clara County Jail and at Elmwood Rehabilitation Center. I worked as a Deputy Public Guardian Santa Clara County for ten years, and as a Probate Court Investigator for Superior Court for thirteen years.

I heartily endorse the mission of "Housing El Dorado," and the proposed Perks Court Navigation Center and Emergency Shelter.

Thank you for your service,

Lara Gularte  
Diamond Springs



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## The C&G Contract

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**Steve Ferry** <steve@steveferry.com>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 2:55 PM

To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

Please distribute to the 5 Supervisors and the Chief Administrative Officer.

I won't reiterate all the discussion prior to today for doing this differently. There is a better way and for me that would be to use the HOME property by the jail. The homeless folks who testified at the Human Rights Commission said they are much more concerned about their safety than hunger or cold and would be better served by being next to the county jail. Obviously the seriously bad people would be uncomfortable being next to the jail.

You are being asked to spend almost \$4,000,000 to bring Perk's Court up to speed. You have assurances that nothing will go wrong from everyone except the sheriff and fire. I hate to think about the merchants, school executives, and residents who will be keeping an eye on this and driving you crazy at Open Forum with the "I told you so's". Also, you may want to find out the CO2 levels at that location.

Please reconsider using the Sheriff's HOME program.

Steve Ferry  
steve@steveferry.com  
916-468-3300

Melissa L. Harris

3891 Scenic Court  
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762  
Phone: (530) 409-2345  
E-Mail: fashiongirlmelissa@yahoo.com

August 22, 2022

RE: Perks Court Navigation Center and Emergency Shelter.

To Whom It May Concern and the Board of Supervisors,

Today, I am writing to express my support for the Center and Shelter planned at Perks Court in Placerville. I have been a resident of El Dorado County since 1984. In addition, I lived in Placerville, off Missouri Flat Road, for over six years, from 2005 to 2011. Therefore, I am very familiar with the area.

With that said, this is an excellent area for a shelter. Placerville, in fact, the whole of El Dorado County, desperately needs more services for those experiencing homelessness. A homeless shelter should have happened 20 years ago. It's shameful that so many people are now attempting to stand in the way of this Shelter.

I understand that people are uncomfortable with change and things they do not understand. However, homelessness is so much more than not having a home; without a safe place, you can't sleep, and you can't let your guard down. Mental health issues become worse, and without resources, people don't have a chance to change their lives for the better.

Please DO NOT listen to the fear-mongering, false propaganda circulating in our county. We, the people, are better than the hate expressed. I believe that you, our elected Board of Supervisors, will see through the misleading information. Please find it in your hearts to make El Dorado County a better place, especially for those experiencing homelessness or emergency needs for Shelter. Thank you



Melissa Harris



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

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## Homeless Shelter and Guidance Center proposal

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**Arthur Molho** <aimolho@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 3:43 PM

To: EDC Board of Supervisors,

We are writing in strong support for the joint County/City proposal to establish a monitored and maintained shelter for qualifying homeless men and women on Perks Court.

As residents of the City and County for almost 50 years, we feel it is crucial for our local governments to support efforts to improve the current homeless situation in our community.

This proposal has been developed with great effort and thought and deserves to be activated, so that we can both help those who are unfortunately homeless and need resources, and reduce the impacts of homelessness on our citizens, environment, and community.

PLEASE vote to in favor of the Perks Court shelter proposal!

Sincerely,

Arthur and Muriel Molho  
Placerville



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**8/23/22 BOS items 19 and 20**

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**Ruth Michelson** <ruthmichelson@sbcglobal.net>  
To: BOS Clerk EDC <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 3:54 PM

Dear Board members, CAO Ashton, and Board Assistant Todd White-

I am genuinely puzzled; what is the upheaval and dissent is about?

What are all the delays about? Why has this become a partisan issue?

Please distribute. Thank you.

Why are some people so stuck on the Sheriff's HOSTESS plan? Are they showing loyalty and allegiance?

No one is denying that many homeless have mental health issues and/or addiction issues. Perk's Court will most definitely address that. How can some folks in **good conscious** fear-monger and say the opposite?

Perks Court will CLEAN UP many of the homeless encampments by giving LE a place to take people. How can some folks in **good conscious** fear monger and say the opposite?

I guess some people **want what they want**, and apparently will say anything to get it. It's a shame.

Don Ashton's letter of August 18 to the BOS brings up Pierroz Road Facility again. Haven't we been through this? Why the re-tread? It's across from a daycare. The main land there is parking lot. This site was determined not appropriate. "*The Board gave direction April 25th*"; this is **4 MONTHS** later! The window of opportunity has passed. "On AUGUST 17th the staff sent a letter of intent to the property's negotiator to **BEGIN negotiations**"; what kind of stall tactic is this? This is unconscionable. Our homeless and our community deserve better than this.

Last comment. The Board of Supervisors is a non-partisan body, with non-partisan members, and non-partisan staff. It was questionable from the beginning that the Supervisor Turnboo selected Todd White as his administrative assistant, seeing as how he is also Chair of the Republican Party. This has a poor optic to begin with, and only the most careful person could separate those two roles with effectiveness. The fact that Todd White apparently distributed fliers at Chamber of Commerce Events and at Republican Party events that are against the Perk's Ct facility, and have perpetuated falsehoods is deeply concerning. There isn't even an appearance of separation any longer between Todd White, County Employee/Administrative Assistant, and Todd White, Chair of the Republican Party. I think it would be wise that Todd White resign as Administrative Assistant due to serious conflict of interests.

Ruth Michelson  
District 4