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Public Comment #25

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## 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25; Joint Policy Statement on Homelessness

2 messages

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**Frank Porter** <fspsm520@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 2:46 PM

Good afternoon,

Please convey the attached letter of support for the Joint Policy Statement on Homelessness (4-14-20 agenda item 12.2) Chairman Veerkamp & Board members and include with the public record.

Thank you,  
Frank

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Frank Porter  
*Vice-Chair, Campaign Services & Candidate Development*  
*Acting Chair (during Josh Elder's military deployment)*  
*El Dorado County Democratic Party*  
Mobile: 916-380-9352 [www.edcdems.org](http://www.edcdems.org)


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**Frank Porter** <fspsm520@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 2:48 PM

Oops... forgot to attach the letter. Here it is.  
Frank  
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## EL DORADO COUNTY DEMOCRATS

April 13, 2020

EDC Board of Supervisors & Clerk of the Board

Sent via email to: [edc.cob@edcgov.us](mailto:edc.cob@edcgov.us)

Re: 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25; Joint Policy Statement on Homelessness

Dear Chairman Veerkamp & County Supervisors:

We urge your support for the Joint Policy Statement on Homelessness.

In these difficult times, it's commendable that leaders in both the City of Placerville and the EDC Board of Supervisors have continued to work towards finding solutions to the complex issue of homelessness. On behalf of the EDC Democratic Party, we thank you for your thoughtful leadership.

This joint policy statement clearly recognizes the severity of homelessness on the Western Slope and the need to take further action to address this urgent problem. It provides important policy direction and sets in place action steps to address this urgent problem.

The EDC Democratic Party has been working collaboratively with community members, non-profit organizations, churches, local government agencies, affordable housing agencies and the Western Slope Coalition on Affordable Housing and Homelessness to take action to address the homelessness issue. We stand ready to continue working together with the EDC Board of Supervisors, Placerville City Council, community members, business and civic leaders to identify and implement effective solutions to homelessness in our county.

We urge you to approve this Joint Statement on Homelessness and move forward with this important work.

Respectfully,

Frank Porter, Acting Chair

EDC Democratic Party

P.O. Box 1126, Diamond Springs, Ca 95619

[info@edcdems.org](mailto:info@edcdems.org)

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## Armory not a good homeless shelter option

1 message

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**Tiffany Carter** <tiffanyc@carterkelly.com>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 2:47 PM

To El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

It has come to my attention that the City of Placerville and El Dorado County are considering installing transitional housing at the old Armory location, next to the Fairgrounds to benefit the transient community. With endorsement from the Fair Board and Staff, I send this letter of opposition to using the Fairgrounds as housing or shelter for the homeless population. The Fairgrounds is a community hub where our residents use the beautiful grounds daily to walk, exercise their horses, walk their dogs, practice fire crew drills, picnic, etc.

The Fair staff already struggles with vandalism and theft done by the homeless community, and they frequently find drug paraphernalia (including used needles) in restrooms and bushes. The staff has been verbally harassed, threatened with physical harm and in one instance physically attacked. Bringing more of the homeless/transient community, which inherently suffers from mental disease/drug & alcohol addiction, would bring more of this to our fairgrounds.

The Armory is also directly across the street from New Morning's Children's Shelter, and only 350 ft from Joe's Skate Park, a local youth hang out. The Fairgrounds is also the venue for the many large youth activities, including the All County Cross Country Meet's annual race which is attended by almost 1,000 3rd Grade Kids and Farm Day, with 800 4th Graders. Transient housing being located at the Armory endangers our youth.

The homeless/transient community does not blend well with the events that utilize these facilities. Events such as; Kids Expo, the Annual Fair, Fire Camps, fundraisers for local nonprofits, flu clinics, just to name a few. Many events will likely move to venues outside of the county or cancel. This would be a significant loss of revenue to our local economy.

Please join us in opposition of the Armory being transformed into transitional housing for the homeless and stand with us to protect our community.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Carter

El Dorado County Fair Assn Board of Directors



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## Comments on the Joint Policy Statement on Homelessness

1 message

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**Julie Baumgartner** <jbaumgartner@voa-ncnn.org>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 2:33 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, roconnell@cityofplacerville.org

I would suggest option 1 (copied below) since the facility is available and be able to evaluate the feasibility of using the Placerville Armory and other facilities as a Navigation Center to provide Supportive Services and Transitional Housing to individuals experiencing homelessness. I specifically work with veterans and we have case management, employment placement services, transitional housing, permanent housing placement, and other services including partnership with veteran resources. This can also be done with civilian services. The organization I work with already provide all these services for all homelessness including running shelters, transitional shelters, alcohol and drug rehab, permanent housing w/ a housing specialist in Sacramento and surrounding areas. Once a facility is located and agreed upon, these services will all fall into place right away.

Action 1: Authorize staff of both jurisdictions to immediately evaluate the feasibility of the property at 100 Placerville Drive, known as the Placerville Armory as a Transitional Housing Navigation Center in order temporarily house and provide resources to the homeless. In addition to an evaluation of the actual property and structure, the evaluation of this facility should include consideration for the provision of resources to assist the homeless including:

- A. Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Services
- B. Mental Health Counseling
- C. Temporary Housing
- D. Identification of Permanent Housing
- E. Employment Counseling
- F. Meals
- G. Other Related Services

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## Agenda Item 25

1 message

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**Chris Darling** <cdarling@designysis.com>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 2:12 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, clay.russell@edcgov.us, cmorris@cityofplacerville.org, msaragosa@cityofplacerville.org, dthomas@cityofplacerville.org, macuna@cityofplacerville.org, borellicouncil@sbcglobal.net, ktaylor@cityofplacerville.org

I am in favor of opening a transitional housing facility for the homeless in our community, and the armory building at the fair grounds seems an appropriate location (Agenda Item 25). It is dangerous to the community to have groups of homeless sleeping/camping along the walking trails, near parking lots and in other locations where anyone might unwittingly come upon them. Not all homeless people are dangerous but some are desperate and having a place to live while they are getting their lives in order, seems to me, would give them hope and relieve some of that desperation while helping those who need to learn to live by society's rules, to do so. For those who have just fallen on hard times, it might be the one thing to give them the encouragement they need not to give up or turn to crime to survive. Knowing one's community cares can go a long way towards alleviating paralyzing depression and overwhelming stress while turning that person's emotional state to one of hope and strength to move forward. Many homeless people want to be contributing members of society and once were. Have not most of us, at least once in our lives, come close to losing everything due to a sudden job loss, or other unfortunate series of events? If not us, then a family member or someone we know? Should we not have compassion on these people? Would we not want our community to have compassion on us if we were in their shoes? Is this not what humanity is all about, caring for the less fortunate? They are not less valuable than those of us with the means to take care of ourselves, just less fortunate. How do we know what bad decisions we might make or actions we might commit if we found ourselves depressed, desperate and totally alone? Please consider this and reach out and help the homeless of our community by giving them a safe place to live.

Thank you,  
Janell Darling

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## 4-14-20 Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness, ssness,

1 message

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**Karen Kilgore** <kmkilgore57@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 2:09 PM

To: Edc.cob@edcgov.us

Cc: Roconnell@cityofplacerville.org

Why are the same people living outside in the rain and snow and cold year after year? Intransigent homelessness in EDC is a personal tragedy to everyone who experiences it and a societal disgrace to all who stand by and do nothing but blame the victim. High time the citizens of El Dorado County put a halt to the cycle of deprivation and reverse the curse. Vote to support the cause to shelter the unsheltered.

Karen Kilgore  
6 years homeless in Placerville  
Moved to NV

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Karen M. Kilgore



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

1 message

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**Trudy Kilian** <trudyplacerville@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 2:11 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

I understand that there is a Joint Policy Statement on Homelessness on the Agenda of the City of Placerville for Tuesday, 4/14/20. I support the intent of such a policy and support the County of El Dorado (EDC) and the City of Placerville (City) working together on evaluating and finding solutions to homelessness in our area.

I am happy that EDC and the City may evaluate the use of the Armory near the Fairgrounds. A navigation center for the homeless, at the Armory or elsewhere, is sorely needed. So is permanently available shelter!

I have over 30 years experience supporting the development and/or refinement of affordable housing and homelessness services in the City of San Jose and in the County of Santa Clara.

I have been a resident of Placerville since 1999. I continue to be appalled that there is no homeless shelter in our area. I am very familiar with the NIMBY syndrome pertaining to homeless folks and their needs. Needed services can be provided in such a way that protects the safety, security, property value, and related concerns of citizens in our community.

Thanks for your consideration in this matter. I may be contacted for further comment, using my information below.

Trudy C. Kilian, 2621 Northridge Drive, Placerville, CA 95667 Cell 5309190244.

TRUDY C. KILIAN, MS

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## Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

1 message

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**Barbara Smiley** <smiley.barbara96@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 12:41 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

I support the joint policy statement...

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Barbara Smiley  
Shingle Springs  
916-813-6281



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Barbara Smiley  
916-813-6281



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## Homeless policy

1 message

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**Sherry Wynne** <sherry.wynne@icloud.com>

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 12:52 PM

I support the proposal for the homeless as advised

Sent from my iPhone



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Please Protect Our Fairgrounds!

1 message

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eric martin <goofdogg14@yahoo.com>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 1:36 PM

To: "cmorris@cityofplacerville.org" <cmorris@cityofplacerville.org>, "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

To whom it may concern,

I agree with the sentiments below!

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Please join us in opposition of the Armory being transformed into transitional housing for the homeless and stand with us to protect our community.

Eric Martin and family



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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## Opinion: Agenda Item # 25

1 message

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**Linda Peck** <lpeck888@aol.com>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 1:51 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

To the Clerk of the Board and all others  
to whom it may concern:

Please VOTE YES on Agenda item #25,  
the proposed joint resolution to investigate the use of the vacant Placerville Armory as a transitional shelter for our  
homeless population with potential for counseling, addiction treatment and job training.

Having had a family member and Vet trapped in addiction and homelessness, I know firsthand the challenges and  
struggles facing these vulnerable citizens who long to escape a vicious cycle and get a fresh start.

Every homeless person is someone's beloved child and precious to God as well.

Please VOTE YES on Agenda Item #25 to be part of solving the problem of homelessness and restoring lives and hope  
for a good future.

Thank you,

Rev. Linda Peck  
(Retired)

Sent from my iPhone



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness**

1 message

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**Dawn Wolfson** <dewolfson@aol.com>  
Reply-To: Dawn Wolfson <dewolfson@aol.com>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 2:05 PM

Please vote YES to accept use of the Armory as offered by the State of California to be used as transitional housing for our local homeless friends.

El Dorado County is desperately in need of a Navigation Center to point the homeless towards needed services and more permanent housing solutions. The use of Navigation Centers has been highly successful, for example in Marysville.

The Armory is separated from the Fairgrounds by a fence. Done properly, using this property should create no additional risk to the general community. In fact, providing services in other places has proved to reduce the risk of debris, theft, etc. This approach can lift people out of homelessness.

I know there is a petition circulating that is against this proposal, but I ask you whether there is a viable alternative that could be implemented as quickly or as cost effectively as this one? Opportunities like this do not come along every day. If not here, then where? If not now, then when?

Thank you,

Dawn Wolfson  
Cameron Park  
818 314-2159



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

## Fwd: FAIRGROUNDS FOR HOMELESS

1 message

Ann McMillan <ann@eldoradocountyfair.org>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 2:07 PM

To: macuna@cityofplacerville.org, edc.cob@edcgov.us, cmorris@cityofplacerville.org



Ann McMillan

**Interim Reservations | El Dorado County Fair & Event Center**  
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From: **Sharon Durst** <sharondurst@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 1:59 PM

Subject: FAIRGROUNDS FOR HOMELESS

To: <senatordahle@sen.ca.gov>

Please see attached.

Sharon Durst

530-647-1909



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April 13, 2020

Senator Brian Dahle  
California State Senate

Dear Senator Dahle:

I reside in El Dorado County and the issue of **putting “Homeless” in our El Dorado County Fairgrounds** has come up. First of all, they are NOT *HOMELESS* in the traditional sense. The Homeless of the past didn't poop on the sidewalks, weren't given drugs or resist authority. They don't have a home because they have drug and mental problems, not jobless monetary problems. It is not the duty of the governed to provide them with millions of dollars worth of tax payer money to give them shelter, it is the duty of government to give them “tough love” and if tax payer money must be used, use it to *rehabilitate* not to *participate* in their own destruction. It was government that took away the facilities we used to have that cared for the mentally ill and the drug dependent and government that should put it back. This is an issue brought on by LACK OF GOVERNMENT doing what is in the best interests of the communities and not giving the perpetrators incentives to do as they please because they can't control themselves. They need help, NOT *independent* housing.

WHERE will they be put at the Fairgrounds? Millions will be spent to make them “comfortable”. It's not a matter of them just moving their tents in and pushing the current users out. It will become a monumental problem for a very small, already struggling community.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING THIS ISSUE TO THE SMALL COUNTY OF EL DORADO. As a small county we have only limited resources to meeting places for groups that benefit the community. As an example, the State of Jefferson rented the Forni Building last year for a county wide event which we will not be able to do with the “homeless” group occupying the grounds. Many such community and political groups have **no other such place in the county**. The Imagination Theater of local talent will have to leave. The animal farming groups will have no place to exhibit. Etc., Etc., Etc.

This is not a matter of “not in my backyard”, it's a matter of the state taking this problem seriously and *fixing it*, not giving into it by shuffling the problem around.

Sincerely,

Sharon Durst

6888 Happy Valley Rd.  
Somerset, CA 95684



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Agenda 25 Comments

1 message

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**TERRY L GHERARDI** <liberty\_x@sbcglobal.net>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 12:26 PM

To: Lori Parlin &lt;lori.parlin@edcgov.us&gt;, Shiva Frentzen &lt;shiva.frentzen@edcgov.us&gt;, Brian Veerkamp &lt;brian.veerkamp@edcgov.us&gt;, John Hidahl &lt;john.hidahl@edcgov.us&gt;, Sue Novasel &lt;bosfive@edcgov.us&gt;

Cc: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

Please find attachment for my letter in opposition for locating a homeless/transient navigation center at the Placerville Armory. I urge you to please review and consider all the letters and comments you are receiving from what I feel is a very important and knowledgeable representation of your constituents and our county.

I do acknowledge and appreciate that this is a very sensitive & difficult decision for all of you.

Thank you

Terry Gherardi

530-677-4294

Cameron Park

**Armory Letter.odt**

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April 13, 2020

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
330 Fair lane  
Placerville, CA 95667

Re: Agenda #25 – Homeless Navigation Center at the Armory

Dear County Supervisors,

We all agree that homelessness is a major problem that continues to impact our county and our state, with very little resolve. Affordable housing is part of the problem, but most agree that the majority of the homeless are those with mental health issues and also drug & alcohol addiction.

Over the last several months, complaint after complaint has been voiced by the business community and residents, not just in Placerville, but also Cameron Park & South Lake Tahoe. There have been reports of transients, becoming violent at grocery stores & restaurants, not to mention those who defaecate & urinate on sidewalks & business store fronts.

In areas of Cameron Park, homeless moved into vacant homes and set up camps, and also starting fires on at least two occasions. The reasons for opposing the use of the armory for a homeless shelter has already been clearly expressed in the near 100 letters you have already received, so I will not repeat what has already been said about locating a transient facility next to the fairgrounds & New Morning, etc. etc.

However, I do want to point out that a homeless shelter will not only have a great impact on the fairgrounds, but also what is thought to be a thriving business area, on Placerville Drive, and in particular, those adjacent to the armory, such as banks, the Boys & Girls Club, restaurants & of course Raley's.

It is my understanding that the Placerville Police Substation and Only Kindness, are both located on Broadway, in Placerville, who are already assisting the homeless. There are also many vacant spaces available in that same business/commercial complex, an area where a large segment of homeless already tend to congregate.

It is also my understanding that meetings have continue with volunteers and community leaders, plus companies/organizations, looking to find property to build affordable housing, not for those with mental health & drug issues, but for those entry level workers, low income families, or even seniors who are on fixed incomes.

Due to COVID-19, our local business community, the fairgrounds, and many of our community organizations are experiencing great financial losses, and down the road when this is all over these various entities, should not have to be concerned about their recovery being affected further, because the Board of Supervisors and Placerville City Council, thinks it is a good idea to locate a shelter for the homeless/transient community. I urge you to look for other alternatives & locations.

Terry Gherardi  
Cameron Park



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## 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

1 message

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**James R Martin** <jrmarti2@earthlink.net>  
Reply-To: James R Martin <jrmarti2@earthlink.net>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 11:51 AM


Please submit the attached for consideration.

Thank you,

Jim Martin

530-622-9549

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 **2020-4-13 letter to CC and BOS re Armory.odt**  
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April 13, 2020

To the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors and the Placerville City Counsel:

I am writing to voice my support for the proposed Joint Policy Statement on Homelessness and its authorization of staff to immediately evaluate the feasibility of using the Placerville Armory as a Navigation Center for support services and transitional housing for the homeless.

The Armory seems to have many of the necessary elements needed for the purposes proposed. I'm sure it is not perfect in every way, but no site would fit that bill. Any site that will be considered will have its downsides. But, instead of looking for the "perfect" site, you should be looking for the "best available site". If we continue to look for the perfect solution we will reject everything and end up with nothing more than what we have now, which is woefully inadequate.

We have the opportunity to create a solution that is comprehensive and sustainable – something our community can be proud of. It would be a shame to reject this promising option without so much as a feasibility evaluation.

Please support this policy statement.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jim Martin

3261 Luneman Road

Placerville, CA 95667

530-622-9549



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Joint Policy Statement on Homelessness

1 message

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**Jamie Keenan** <jamiekeen048@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 11:46 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, roconnell@cityofplacerville.org

1. The majority of the homeless neighbors in EDC are from EDC. They are not transient people but long-time residents, according to the most recent Point in Time Count.
2. Our County is in desperate need of a Navigation Center with Transitional Housing. Locations all over the state have done this. A recent visit to one in Marysville found it clean and well supervised. According to one of the Yuba County Board of Supervisors, the neighbors in the area reported no problems.
3. The Armory is not on Fairground Property and is the property of the State. It is being made available by the State of California only for housing and is not available for other purposes. If the Armory was chosen, the location is away from the Fairgrounds itself, it is fenced off and not even within view of New Morning or the Skate Park.
4. Providing services for the homeless has been found to protect the community from problems and makes the community a safer place. Sanitation services, mental health and substance abuse counseling can be provided when the unhoused population has housing. Studies have found that this approach can help people lift themselves out of homelessness.
5. The large number of homeless families and children in our community will be dramatically helped by finding solutions to this crisis.
6. Children attending events at the fairgrounds will not be adversely affected by a well supervised facility on an adjacent property that is separated by a fence.

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"Accept what is  
Let go of what was  
and Have Faith in what will be"



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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## 4-14-2020 Agenda item 25

1 message

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**jon lehrman** <lehrman1@earthlink.net>  
Reply-To: jon lehrman <lehrman1@earthlink.net>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us  
Cc: Chris Weston <chris.weston@edcgov.us>

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 8:00 PM

4/12/20

To: EDC BOS, Clerk of Board,

I am writing on behalf of ACCEL, a not for profit healthcare collaborative dedicated to helping vulnerable populations of El Dorado County since 2003. Last year we held a community educational event on the homeless crisis. Our speaker was Dr. Muscat from Barton Health. What we heard was sad and eye opening. It has only gotten more grim since the arrival of Covid 19. We recently learned about the joint proposal coming before the Board this week and wish to voice our support for the proposal and the consideration of using the armory for housing for the unsheltered. Thank you.

Lehrman, MD  
Director and Board Chairman

Sincerely yours,  
Jonathan W.

ACCEL Medical

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EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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**gary bilyeu** <gbilyeu@sbcglobal.net>

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 9:08 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, cmorris@cityofplacerville.org

Please see our attached comments related to the City/county proposal to build homeless shelter at Armory.



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To Whom it may concern:

We understand both Placerville City and El Dorado County are considering creation of some type of homeless shelter at the old Armory location adjacent to the Fairgrounds. WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS IDEA.

Both of us spend several days (20+) each year on the Fairgrounds involved with setting up shows and participating in the annual Fair and other activities on the grounds. Priscilla has also volunteered to sponsor/maintain two gardens on the Fairgrounds property for many years. During this time on the Fairgrounds we have observed the high public use of this area and see what it takes to maintain the quality of these grounds. We have also observed the problems (needles and filth and feces) a few folks bring with them and leave associated with their illegal drug use.

It seems that if 100+ homeless are moved into or near the armory then many more will follow as was seen during the experiment of the homeless shelter on upper Broadway which continues to this day. Whether in little sheds or tents around the Armory or in tent cities nearby, the occupants can be expected to move daily to the lawn and shade of the Fairgrounds. The result would most likely be the Fairgrounds taking on the look of land contiguous to upper Broadway which can resemble a dump site. The Fairgrounds would quickly lose its appeal.

Please find a more suitable site in the County.

Sincerely

Gary/Priscilla Bilyeu

4/13/2020

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## 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

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**Susan Routson** <routsonranch@att.net>

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 10:53 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Repurposing the armory to help solve the El Dorado county homeless problem seems a good first step. I'm sure we can come up with more permanent solutions as well.

Thank you

Susan Routson



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## homeless on fairgrounds

1 message

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**Joyce Pogue** <gjppogue@jps.net>  
Reply-To: Joyce Pogue <gjppogue@jps.net>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us  
Cc: cmorris@cityofplacerville.org

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 7:05 AM

I am writing this letter out of concern for a possible plan to house the homeless at the Armory on the county fairgrounds. With all of the events that occur on the grounds, housing the homeless there would pose a threat to many of our citizens, young and old.

Joe's Skate Park is right next to the Armory, and New Morning's Children's Shelter is across the street from it. Many citizens of our area, young and old, walk the fairgrounds and use the restroom facilities. The homeless have already used the restrooms and surrounding grounds for drug activity, and fair staff have been harassed and actually assaulted by homeless people. Many of the county's school and 4-H activities also take place on the grounds. I don't think any parent, teacher, or activity leader would feel comfortable letting any child go alone anywhere on the grounds with the problems that the homeless could create.

My family and I have used the fairgrounds on many occasions over the years and have always felt safe. However, we would have concerns now if the homeless were housed so close to family activity. Although we feel sympathy for people in need, we are also concerned about the many with drug issues and mental illness and do not want our children and grandchildren in any danger.

Please find another solution for this problem.





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## Keep the fairgrounds safe

1 message

**Arlene Dugan** <adugan@latrobeschool.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 8:03 AM

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Sincerely, Arlene DUGan



El Dorado County Fair & Event Center  
100 Placerville Dr., Placerville, CA 95667  
530-621-5860  
[eldoradocountyfair.org](http://eldoradocountyfair.org)



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**Loretta Wahl**



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

**Fwd: transitional housing at the old Armory location**

1 message

**Ann McMillan** <ann@eldoradocountyfair.org>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 8:00 AM

To: "msaragosa@cityofplacerville.org" <msaragosa@cityofplacerville.org>, "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, cmorris@cityofplacerville.org



Ann McMillan

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From: **Loretta Wahl** <loriwahl@calweb.com>

Date: Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 11:56 AM

Subject: transitional housing at the old Armory location

To: <bostthree@edcgov.us>

Cc: <fair@eldoradocountyfair.org>

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## Fair Grounds

1 message

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**Diane ungles** <deedan@hughes.net>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 7:23 AM

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Sincerely, Diane Ungles

Sent from my iPhone



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## Proposed use of the armory to house the homeless

1 message

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**Bill Harrington** <hhnubian@yahoo.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 10:34 PM

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Sincerely,  
William R Harrington  
A 58 year resident of El Dorado county

Sent from my iPhone



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Transitional Housing at Fairgrounds

1 message

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**Don/Judy Brooks** <drbjfb@yahoo.com>

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 7:53 PM

To: BOS Four <bosfour@edcgov.us>, The BOSTHREE <bosthree@edcgov.us>, EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Cc: cmorris@cityofplacerville.org

Dear board of Supervisors  
Dear City Manager

As a retired Police Officer and a residence of the City of Placerville I strenuously oppose the use of the building, or any other structure at the Fairgrounds for the following reason: Dear The Board Clerk:

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Thank you for your attention to this matter

Donald R Brooks  
Placerville Resident

4/13/2020

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## Transients

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**klinkhammers** <klinkhammers@comcast.net>

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 7:23 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

To whom it may concern,

For the safety of our community I am strongly opposed to any transient camps in our Fairgrounds, armory or anywhere children, are or may be present. This is not the solution we need, nor do I approve of my tax money being spent without a real solution. I trust you feel the same that this cannot be allowed to happen. Thank you, Lonnie

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

4/13/2020

Edcgov.us Mail - Homeless concerns at the armory



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## Homeless concerns at the armory

1 message

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**Jennifer Bloxsom** <bloxsom5@gmail.com>  
To: cmorris@cityofplacerville.org, edc.cob@edcgov.us  
Cc: Bloxsom Jennifer <bloxsom5@gmail.com>

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 5:17 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to housing the homeless in the old Armory that is located near the fairgrounds. I strongly oppose this and feel that you will be putting our youth at risk by doing so. My children have been attending events at the fairgrounds for 20 years and it has always been a special place for our community. We have attended countless 4-H events, Farm Day, County Fair, Horseback riding in the arena, cross country meets, Explorer meetings and so much more. By allowing the homeless use of this facility it will put our youth at risk. Many of the homeless have mental health and drug problems. They often leave needles, trash and feces on the ground and it would be unsafe for our kids to attend their activities at the fairgrounds.

Please keep our fairgrounds for the Community and keep our youth safe!!! They are our future!

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Bloxsom





EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

## April 14 Agenda Item 25 Public Comment

1 message

54rosebowl@comcast.net &lt;54rosebowl@comcast.net&gt;

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 5:17 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

I am writing in support of the joint resolution to investigate the possible use of the Placerville Armory as a transitional shelter for our local homeless. I understand there has been a campaign of negative comments organized by an interim staff member of the Fairgrounds. I would like to point out that the Armory is not a part of the Fairgrounds, and is a separate property. Having said that, I wanted to offer the following:

- The negative material recently put out in our community stressed the worst part of life for a homeless person. When forced to live outdoors like an animal, the picture is not pretty.
- The services notes for possible inclusion in a transitional shelter - counseling, addiction treatment, job training – are remediating actions to the negatives that have been offered, so what's the problem?
- The shelter/training facility being considered is a matter of saving lives. That should be a priority for everyone.
- After many years of work and study, federal and state agencies are unanimous in insisting on a "Housing First" policy. HUD will not grant money for homeless rescue activity unless the program is based on "Housing First". They have learned that until a person has a shelter over their head, a working toilet, a place to stay warm and dry, that person cannot focus on any higher activity – not counseling, not addiction treatment, and certainly not job training. Shelter first, then the rest can follow.

My background: I have worked in rental property management since 1985, managing single family, multi family, commercial office/medical, commercial business park and large shopping centers. From 2002 until my retirement in late 2018, I served as the Director of Education for the Sacramento Valley Rental Housing Association and California Apartment Association. In 2017, and again in 2018, I was privileged to be allowed to teach apartment property management and fair housing to a group of homeless women in a job-training program in Sacramento, through Women's Empowerment. In 2017, 92% of the women enrolled regained safe housing, and 77% secured employment or enrolled in advanced training. Our 2018 class did even better.

The individual stories these trainees told me of their descent into homelessness, and the struggles they had undergone to claw their way back into society will be with me for the rest of my life. They had overcome so much: alcoholism, drug addiction, physical and sexual abuse, horrible experiences as foster children...things that most of us never have to deal with. Two of my proudest possessions are the thank-you cards I got from each group at the end of their training. And I am not ashamed to tell you that when the 2018 program director called me to tell me that every one of the last group was now employed, I cried for joy as if they were my own children.

And they ARE our children. Maybe not yours and mine, but they are someone's children. We have an opportunity to make a difference in their lives, to help them turn around and go in a better direction. It is possible for us to lift up the homeless rather than sweeping them away. I want to close by telling you that if we are able to open a transitional life-change shelter in El Dorado County, I will volunteer as a trainer in property management, fair housing and tenant/landlord law. This is an industry in constant need of well-trained people, and they are not easy to find. God bless your deliberations on Tuesday.

*Jane McGinnis*

*Matthew 6: 3*



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## 4-14-20 Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

1 message

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Patrick Machado-derdowski <jmmpmd@gmail.com>

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 5:15 PM

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

We support the proposed Joint Policy Statement. We are not living in normal times where we can continually go back to "the drawing board." We are in a global pandemic. There is no time available to start over with new ideas. The homeless population are already in our neighborhoods. With the economic downturn, the homeless population is surging as more people are unemployed. Many will be our friends, neighbors and perhaps ourselves. We need to move forward now--not continually play "catch up."

The option of the Placerville Armory, available by the State of California means there could be oversight by the State government. That could be a great advantage for us. The Governor is already focused on the homeless population.

My husband and I are members of Placerville's Federated Church and work at Upper Room and Nomadic Shelter. I worked for the State of California for 40 years and as a Health Program Specialist, I developed and implemented many state health programs, some still in operation today. I learned that the longer you keep revising a proposed Policy Statement to capture the "perhaps we need to look at this or that"----you will never be able to capture all the "what if's." The delays only result in additional tax dollars for everyone in the community because in this case, homelessness is still growing and the expenditures keep rising.

Now is the time to move forward with the existing Joint Policy Statement.

Thank you.

Jeanne and Patrick Machado-Derdowski



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Armory Homeless Shelter

1 message

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**Heidi Katsonis** <hkatsonis@signaturesearch.net>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 5:07 PM

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Sincerely

Heidi Katsonis



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Transient Housing has no place on the Fairgrounds

1 message

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Teri Gelgood <tg1024@live.com>

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 4:55 PM

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

The Fairgrounds is host to many rentals that do not blend with the transient community which ultimately means they will have to cancel their events. All these events and more would be displaced if the armory was used as transient housing. It doesn't make sense. El Dorado County Ag in the Classroom's Farm Day, annually in May, over 1,200 elementary kids in attendance 4-H uses the Fairgrounds throughout the year for educational activities and contests The County Health Department holds flu shot clinics The Red Cross uses the fairgrounds as an evacuation site, heating/cooling center, and animal rescue. CalFire and other uses the fairgrounds as a staging ground for fire camps All County Cross Country Meet utilizes the Fairgrounds for their annual race, attended by almost 1,000 3rd Grade Kids. The Annual County Fair is the largest fundraiser for many groups such as; The American Legion, 20/30 Club, High School Music Boosters, 4-H, and Rotary Clubs.

There is a lot more we should be doing to prevent people from becoming homeless in the first place and helping them once they are. That said, it is common for homeless communities to be very scary places, fraught with drugs, fights, vandalism, disease and filth. Rules don't apply to them. Research has shown that where the transient community congregates there are more diseases such as MERSA, AIDS, HEP C, & more. The Armory is directly across the street from New Morning's Children's Shelter, 76 families, dozens of small businesses, and only 350 ft from Joe's Skate Park, a local youth hang out. Transient housing being located at the Armory endangers our youth. The Fairgrounds ALREADY has fallen victim to the transient community, we frequently find drug paraphernalia (including used needles) in our restrooms and bushes, feces and waste on the grounds, and mentally unstable transients have harassed Fair staff and guests.

The homeless need help and housing. But not at the Fairgrounds.

Thank you.

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EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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## 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

1 message

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**SHERYL TRAINOR** <strainor.ot@comcast.net>  
Reply-To: SHERYL TRAINOR <strainor.ot@comcast.net>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us


Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 4:30 PM

Dear Clerk of the Board,

Please see attached letter regarding 4/14/2020 Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness.

Thank-you for your assistance,  
Sheryl Trainor  
[strainor.ot@comcast.net](mailto:strainor.ot@comcast.net)  
530-306-8487

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April 13, 2020

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Sheryl Trainor and I reside in District 3 of El Dorado County. I have lived in this county for almost thirty years, raised our children in its schools, and worked in a local non-profit for 24 of those years. I have volunteered for the last three years with the Nomadic Shelter through local churches in this county. I am writing in support of your consideration of the Joint Policy Statement on Homelessness coming before the Board of Supervisors and Placerville City Council this Tuesday April 14, 2020.

I spoke before the City Council on March 10, 2020, in support of the consideration of the local Armory as a site for case management and transitional housing for our homeless community. Many in the homeless community experience the dual-diagnoses of mental illness and substance addiction. It would be helpful to have a central location to access shelter and connection with community services to support obtaining more permanent housing. It is difficult to navigate the social service, medical, and subsidized housing system when one is homeless. NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) reports that 1:5 adults experienced mental illness in 2018 and 3.7% of US adults experienced a co-occurring substance use disorder and mental illness in 2018. This data may have increased during the current COVID19 crisis.

I worked for a local non-profit which was a single point of entry for families with infants and toddlers with disabilities. During my 24 years there I helped families navigate resources to access affordable housing, medical, and behavioral services. I believe having a Navigation Center for our homeless community could provide a similar experience.

The policy statement coming before the board proposes that “the County and City shall work together to establish immediate solutions to reduce and work toward elimination of the homeless problem in our jurisdictions”. The policy will authorize staff to evaluate the feasibility of using the Placerville Armory and to explore other facilities as a Navigation Center with Support Services and Transitional Housing.

Points to consider in support of this proposal:

1. The majority of our homeless neighbors in EDC are from EDC according to the most recent Point in Time Count.
2. Our county is in desperate need of a Navigational Center with Transitional Housing. Other locations in the state have provided this service. A recent visit to one in Yuba County found it clean and well supervised.
3. The Armory is not on Fairground Property and is owned by the state of California. It is being made available by the state for housing. If the Armory is chosen, it is away from the Fairgrounds itself and is surrounded by a fence.
4. Providing services for the homeless in a centralized location can provide problem-solving for concerns and make the community a safer place. Sanitation services, mental health and substance abuse counseling can be readily accessed when the homeless population has housing with services on site.

As a long time, resident of El Dorado County, I urge you to work together with the City Council to establish a proactive solution to the elimination of the homeless problem including evaluating the feasibility of using the Placerville Armory.

Please contact me with any questions regarding or responses to this letter.

Sheryl Trainor, MS, OTR/L

[Strainor.ot@comcast.net](mailto:Strainor.ot@comcast.net)

4/13/2020

Edcgov.us Mail - April 14-Do not house homeless at fairgrounds



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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## April 14-Do not house homeless at fairgrounds

1 message

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**Trisha McMurray** <teemcmurray@gmail.com>  
To: cmorris@cityofplacerville.org, edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 3:40 PM

Sent from my iPhone

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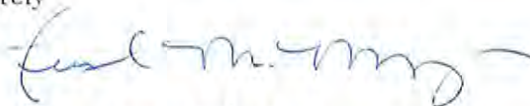
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Sincerely

  
TRISHIA McMURRAY  
3880 SAND RIDGE RD  
PLACERVILLE CA 95667



**The BOSTHREE** <bosthree@edcgov.us>

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## Email From Webpage

1 message

**Lee Johnson** <ljohnson@eduhd.k12.ca.us>

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 11:09 AM

To: "bosthree@edcgov.us" &lt;bosthree@edcgov.us&gt;

Hello. I am a concerned citizen of district 3. My concerns are about our marijuana rules and regs. I own my home and property and cultivate med.marijuana for my wife and myself. I have always had a medical script aswell as my wife. The existing rules and regs where tough to start with but now the new proposed rules are insane and unrealistic. It is hard enough with both my wife and I working full time at our jobs just to live paycheck to paycheck but now your forcing us to go to dispensers to purchase medical marijuana that we cannot afford. 6plants is not enough for 2 patients for a year. Most people dont have a perfect growing area. We do the best we can w what was offered to us. M.j ow you want to take that away because our sherrif is pounding his chest over this. 99percent of us just want to be left alone to take care of ourselves. The 1 present that is doing wrong for profit should be punished. Leave the regs alone and have the sherrif do his job in the forest. My god there everwhere overhear and nothing has been done about it.....I understand we all lost a officer but if we had been enforcing exciting laws it might had been avoided to start with.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

4/13/2020

Edcgov.us Mail - April 14-No Homeless at Fairgrounds



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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## April 14-No Homeless at Fairgrounds

1 message

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**Trisha McMurray** <teemcmurray@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, cmorris@cityofplacerville.org

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 2:24 PM

Sent from my iPhone

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Dear City of Placerville Officials and El Dorado County Officials:

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Sincerely

CHRIS NEDWICK  
3880 SAND RIDGE RD  
PLACERVILLE CA 95667



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

1 message

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carla turoff <turoffc@earthlink.net>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 8:54 AM

Reply-To: carla turoff &lt;turoffc@earthlink.net&gt;

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, roconnell@cityofplacerville.org

Dear Supervisors and City Council,

I would like to express my strongest support for the proposal that you will be considering at Tuesday's meeting. The issue of homelessness is one that we must address in the spirit of compassion that it requires. The latest count in place indicated several things about the homeless population in our County, one of which is that these people are *not* itinerant strangers coming from somewhere else - they are our neighbors, long term residents of EDC, many of whom have lived here for years, some their entire lives.

Our county is in desperate need of a central location to provide the assistance that our neighbors need to get out of the woods and creek canyons and into affordable housing. Like many places, we have a true crisis of affordability in housing here and need to find some real permanent solutions. But before we can work on that larger issue, we must work on some shorter term solutions. We must create a central location that can provide for the immediate needs of the homeless men, women, and children in our midst. By providing food, transitional shelter, Health screenings and vaccinations, and Mental Health and addiction treatment for those who need it, we can reduce the problems that the homeless population can cause for the rest of us who are lucky enough to have stable housing.

Establishing a Navigation Center with Support Services and Transitional Housing is essential to reducing many of the negative consequences that those of us who *are* housed see coming from the homeless among us - wildfire danger from campfires, messy encampments along our trails and in our parks, trash and human excrement publicly visible.

The Armory is vacant, available, and centrally located to bus service - all of which makes it a potentially ideal site for such a Navigation Center. While I do understand the concerns of the Fairground staff regarding the use of the Armory, I also strongly believe that having such a staffed, welcoming Center will actually reduce the problems that they are currently reporting. Other Counties have established such centers and report that they have not encountered problems with neighboring people or [businesses](#) as a result of establishing these services.

With the economic fallout from the current COVID-19 epidemic, we are likely to see an increase over the next months and possibly years, in our local homeless population. People who have worked and lived here in EDC for years, will be unable to manage the reduced incomes related to layoffs and job losses. These people are not "others" - they are us - our neighbors, friends, and in some cases sons and daughters. As the housing crisis ramps up, our elderly population on fixed incomes will be adversely affected as well. It behooves us to get ahead of these issues now - to wisely and creatively utilize the State funding that is available and take strong action to assist those among in need.

I have lived and worked as a nurse in this County for 45 years and believe that we can and should address this issue with the force and compassion that it deserves. I strongly offer my support for this proposal. If the Armory seems an appropriate space physically, I urge you to work with concerned folks to mitigate their concerns re: placement of a Navigation center there.

Sincerely Yours,

Carla Turoff, RN, PHN



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness**

1 message

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**Terri Kline** <tkline54@sbcglobal.net>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 3:22 PM

April 12, 2020

To whom It Concerns,

I am writing to express my support for the Joint Policy Statement of Homelessness proposal being brought forward to the Board of Supervisors and the Placerville City Council on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Both the BOS and the PCC have sat on their hands long enough. Every day the crisis worsens and yet both seem content to do nothing. I witnessed first-hand the success of the Hangtown Haven. Volunteers donated their time and expertise to create a safe place for the homeless in Placerville, only to have the entire program thrown under the bus by the city council.

It is my understanding that statistically the majority of the homeless in our community are local folks and families. It is our duty to take care of our own. So let's do it. It is also my understanding that the state is making available the Armory for housing the homeless. This seems a very promising proposal. Statistics show that the best first step in helping the homeless is housing. Please take note of a study by the Rand Corporation which states "Housing for Health, a division of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, places chronically homeless people into housing and connects them to a case manager for support services, such as substance abuse treatment. For every \$1 spent on the program, the county government saved \$1.20 in health care and other social service costs, according to a report published on Tuesday by RAND Corporation, a research firm."  
<https://www.governing.com/topics/health-human-services/gov-housing-homeless-health-costs-rand-study.html>

I view the Armory as an excellent choice for housing the homeless in our community. It is in an area that is not densely populated. And though the

Armory is adjacent to the fairgrounds parking lot, rarely is the parking lot fully used, with the exception of the County Fair, which lasts four days.

Sincerely,

Terri Kline

4/13/2020

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## comment on agenda item 25 on Homeless Issues for 4/14/20 meeting

1 message

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**Robin Stanley** <birdwomanca@comcast.net>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 2:30 PM

Please see my comments in the attached letter.

Thank you,

Robin Stanley

2511 Tanager Lane

Camino, CA 95709

530-644-1631



**April 11 20 letter to BOS.docx**

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April 12, 2020

I am writing in support of the Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness. My husband and I have volunteered with the Nomadic Shelter at Federated Church since it opened in 2014. Before that, we volunteered at the shelter held at the Camino Seventh Day Adventist Church.

We have always found it frustrating and disappointing that there have been no city or county shelter programs. We are pleased that may change, with the opportunity to utilize the Armory facility. Below are the points in support of this policy, made jointly by the El Dorado Progressives and the Coalition on Affordable Housing and Homelessness. At the end of each point I have added my comments in italics.

1. The majority of the homeless neighbors in EDC are from EDC. They are not transient people but long-time residents, according to the most recent Point in Time Count. *This last year, I did the enrolling of new guests at the Federated Church Shelter every week. The majority of our guests were regulars, who often had deep ties in El Dorado County and had been homeless for more than one year. In general, the people who were new from out of the area only came a couple times and then moved on.*
2. Our County is in desperate need of a Navigation Center with Transitional Housing. Locations all over the state have done this. A recent visit to one in Marysville found it clean and well supervised. According to one of the Yuba County Board of Supervisors, the neighbors in the area reported no problems. *The ability to provide basic hygiene and sanitation is crucial, as the recent pandemic quarantines have demonstrated even more dramatically. The homeless, working with Pete Brown and The Lighted Candle, have demonstrated that, when offered adequate resources, supplies and support, they are willing to work hard to maintain their spaces.*
3. The Armory is not on Fairground property and is the property of the State. It is being made available by the State of California only for housing and is not available for other purposes. If the Armory was chosen, the location is away from the Fairgrounds itself; it is fenced off and not even within view of New Morning or the Skate Park. *I think these are valid points that many of the opponents aren't aware of or are not willing to acknowledge.*
4. Providing services for the homeless has been found to protect the community from problems and makes the community a safer place. Sanitation services, mental health and substance abuse counseling can be provided when the unhoused population has housing. Studies have found that this approach can help people lift themselves out of homelessness. *The concept of Housing First is a tenet of wholistic programs that has proven very important, as shown in a number of research studies.*
5. The large number of homeless families and children in our community will be dramatically helped by finding solutions to this crisis. *I coordinated the Federated Church Tree of Kindness Christmas Giving Program for 14 years. Working with the Homeless Coordinator for Placerville Union School District and the staff at El Dorado High School, we collected warm clothes and gifts for needy students in our community. In many cases, we delivered the gifts. Even when families were housed, some of the housing was very substandard, and the problem has continued to get worse over the years.*
6. Children attending events at the fairgrounds will not be adversely affected by a well supervised facility on an adjacent property that is separated by a fence. *I agree that having a fenced area will increase safety for the guests, and prevent danger to fairground guests.*

Local residents have given generously over the years to support our Nomadic Shelter and other projects, like the Upper Room and The Lighted Candle. I believe they will continue to donate, whether the programs are run by volunteers or government agencies.

Please help us create a WIN-WIN situation for not only our homeless neighbors, but the people in our community who have been negatively affected by the results of the lack of housing and support services for those most in need.

Sincerely,

Robin Stanley  
2511 Tanager Lane,  
Camino, CA 95709



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## El Dorado Fairgrounds - Keep it Safe!

1 message

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**Tracey Gearlds** <86blinky@gmail.com>

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 3:22 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

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The homeless/transient community does not blend well with the events that utilize these facilities. Many events will likely move to venues outside of the county or cancel. This would be a significant loss of revenue to our local economy.

I have great sympathy for the plight of our homeless, mentally ill and addicted community. However, there needs to be a strategy to support them in venues and areas that will not be so greatly impacted.

I implore you to join me and many others in opposing the use of the fairgrounds for any purpose other than what it was intended for.

Sincerely,  
Tracey Gearlds  
Pollock Pines





EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

## Shelter for the Homeless now

1 message

**Richard Boylan PhD** <drboylan@outlook.com>

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 3:02 PM

To: Supervisors'Bd Clerk JimMitrinin <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, Superv3SecKathyWetherow-EDC <kathy.wetherow@edcgov.us>, Supervisor Brian Veerkamp-3 <bosthree@edcgov.us>, Supervisor John Hidahl - 1 <bosone@edcgov.us>, Supervisor Sue Novasel-5/SLT <novasel@aol.com>, "roconnell@cityofplacerville.org" <roconnell@cityofplacerville.org>, "msaragosa@cityofplacerville.org" <msaragosa@cityofplacerville.org>, "dthomas@cityofplacerville.org" <dthomas@cityofplacerville.org>, "Borellicouncil@sbcglobal.net" <Borellicouncil@sbcglobal.net>, "ktaylor@cityofplacerville.org" <ktaylor@cityofplacerville.org>  
Cc: "JoshuaElderMD UCDMC-ER,Mjr-USA,DCCchair" <joshuawelder@gmail.com>

EDC Board and Placerville Council about to decide Tuesday,

I support the policy to immediately evaluate the Placerville Armory as a Navigation Center to direct homeless to Support Services and Transitional Housing.

- The majority of the homeless neighbors in EDC are from EDC. They are not transient people, according to the most recent Point in Time Count.

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- What would (the risen) Jesus do?

Richard Boylan, Ph.D.

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



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Armory Building

1 message

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**Tracy Wickstrom** <tawickstrom@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 2:02 PM

Dear Board of Supervisors,

It has come to my attention that the City of Placerville and El Dorado County are considering installing transitional housing at the old Armory location, next to the fairgrounds.

I am appalled that you would even consider this! The Armory is next to Joe's Skate Park, and New Morning's Children's shelter, both places used by the most susceptible and vulnerable of our population, children. Statistics have shown that the homeless/transient population has a higher percentage of crime, drug usage, and creating unsafe areas that expose children to unnecessary risks.

Woodland tried this and the area turned into, for lack of a better term, a human waste pit, with all its accompanying toxins and debris.

The El Dorado county fairgrounds has ongoing events and shows throughout the year, and not just at fair time, and many of these center around family activities. Not only would housing the homeless next to the fairgrounds make it unsafe for children but adults would find themselves at risk, too. Why would you want to ruin one of the last places a family can go to enjoy themselves, feel safe, and support their local community?

There has to be other solutions. Why not the now unused juvenile facility, which is close to law enforcement and already set up to handle boarders? Or the unused gold course in El Dorado Hills on the north side of Highway 50? They already have a clubhouse that could be renovated.

Anything would be better than ruining one of the jewels of our county, the fairgrounds! Its proximity to the Armory all but guarantees that there will be a lack of containment of the homeless, and they will end up infesting the grounds. That will make event goers nervous. Once people are nervous about the environment surrounding a venue and that they might be at personal risk, attendance will drop off. Word will get out as time goes on, causing even more failures. All of this will have a cascading effect on the community if you turn the Armory into a homeless shelter.

My promise to you is if you decide to go ahead with your decision I will never attend or volunteer at the fairgrounds again, a place I have always supported for many years, both as an attendee and as a volunteer. I have spoken to a number of my friends and they feel the same as I do.

You have no right to turn one of the few safe places for family and community activities into an environment that consists of drug users, criminals, and an overall unhealthy atmosphere. You need to go back to the drawing board and come up with a better solution.

If you don't, we all lose.

Sincerely,

Tracy Wickstrom



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Subject: 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness**

1 message

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**Craig Styles** <cncstyles@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 12:44 PM

To: EDC Board of Supervisors, Clerk of the Board:

As a volunteer for the Nomadic Shelter for the last four years and a current member of the Board of Community Haven, I strongly support a city/county solution to address homelessness. I am proud to be part of the 5 plus churches involved in sheltering the homeless during the winter months, but I recognize this effort needs much greater attention, organizational, and financial support than simply relying on the goodwill of volunteers. This issue requires the effort of the entire community, city and county, to address the needs of our most vulnerable citizens.

I have witnessed the progress that Marysville has made to address their homeless situation and know that it can be done. What it takes is commitment from the entire community, including solid backing and buy-in from city and county government. The Armory may present a special opportunity for development as a shelter for the homeless given its designation by the State to be used specifically for housing and given the limited term availability of Funding through HUD's HEAP program for homeless sheltering. If not the Armory, then we need to explore other options.

With the right focus, we can address this problem to the benefit of both the homeless and the overall community. As we were told in our recent visit to Marysville, momentum to solve this issue will snowball once the community sees there is active commitment by local government to get it done. This is an opportunity to solve a real problem and build a renewed sense of pride in our community. We have everything we need, all the resources. We just need some leadership.

Sincerely,

Craig Styles

4/13/2020

Edcgov.us Mail - Joint policy on Homelessness



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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## Joint policy on Homelessness

1 message

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**Ginny McCormick** <gin.mccormick@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 12:38 PM

Please support this initiative (within safety concerns) to help address the homelessness problem in the county. Now is the time we should all pull together to make our county better.

Ginny McCormick  
Gin.McCormick@gmail.com



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## 4-14-2020 Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

1 message

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Mary Lou Giles <mlgiles18@yahoo.com>

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 12:18 PM

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

Dear Supervisors Hidahl, Frentzen, Veerkamp, Parlin, and Novasel,

I'm writing to urge you to vote in favor of the "Joint Policy Statement on Homelessness", and to express my strong support for directing staff to evaluate the feasibility of using the Placerville Armory and to explore other facilities as a Navigation Center with Support Services and Transitional Housing.

Addressing homelessness is a moral duty. Every spiritual and ethical tradition enjoins us to care for our less fortunate neighbors. The homeless in our community are our fellow citizens and your constituents. The vast majority are county residents, and many are families with children. Private philanthropy alone cannot adequately address this issue. It's far too big, and will soon get bigger due to the effects of the pandemic and economic shutdown. Only the entire community, working through local and state governments can provide the necessary resources. The time to act is now.

Addressing homelessness is also a public health and safety necessity. During this pandemic we simply cannot leave a significant number of citizens, many of whom already have underlying health issues, out on the streets with no ability to observe the most basic hygiene routines, let alone those recommended to prevent COVID19. Ignoring these folks puts the whole community at risk. Again, the time to act is now.

As regards location, the Armory is not part of the fairgrounds, is fenced off, and is not even within view of New Morning or the Skate Park( which I hope is closed at the moment!!!!) Having clean/well-supervised transitional housing/support services at that location presents no danger to users of the fairgrounds.

Please do the right thing, the compassionate thing, the sensible thing, not only for homeless citizens, but for all of us.

Sincerely,  
Mary Lou Giles  
Cameron Park

4/13/2020

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**\*4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness**

1 message

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**Steffani Lazier** <ravensdream@icloud.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 11:09 AM

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am in support of using the Armory near the fair grounds for our homeless population.

As I walk around Placerville I notice we have WAY MORE homeless people than ever before. They are in bushes, etc. all over the place. These people deserve shelter, bathrooms, etc. With the virus, and economy as it is this population will only increase and we need to get them shelter. Using the Armory for them helps them and it helps the rest of us.

The Armory is available and other places have done this successfully.

Our homelessness issue is not going away, only increasing.

Please use the Armory to help everyone.

Thank you,

Steffani LaZier  
5759 Juarez Rd.  
Pollock Pines, CA 95726  
530 644 0945



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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## 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

1 message

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**judy johnson** <jujojo43@hotmail.com>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 10:22 AM

Please note that I STRONGLY support the use of the Armory in Placerville as part of the plan to provide transitional housing and support services for the homeless people in our area.

The armory was used for years by Boys and Girls Club, so already has basic facilities such as rest rooms. It's near other public facilities, and readily accessible by bus.

It's long past time for our county to have a physical space dedicated to easing homelessness, and this would be an excellent beginning.

Judy Johnson  
Placerville

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Tablet

4/13/2020

Edcgov.us Mail - ED County Armory



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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## ED County Armory

1 message

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**Nancy D** <ndoernho@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 9:05 AM

I join much of the community in insisting that the Armory not be used to house homeless. The reasons are many but it is enough to point out that it was not established for purposes anywhere close to that use. This is not the answer to the (unsolveable) hopeless problem.

Nancy Doernhoefer  
2041 Vista Mar Drive  
El Dorado Hills, CA





EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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## 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

1 message

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**Elizabeth Easterling** <easterling@hughes.net>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 8:41 AM

12 April 2020

Dear County Supervisors,

We're writing you in support of Agenda item 25, the Joint Policy on Homelessness. More than ever, we need a way of reducing homelessness, for the sake of those without adequate housing and for the community they impact.

The Placerville Armory would make an excellent shelter with minimal adverse effect to the surrounding area. Other communities have had similar success using such unused or underused facilities. The Joint Policy resolution would be a great first step, so, again, we urged you to adopt it.

Sincerely,

Michael and Elizabeth Easterling

5-String Farm, Pleasant Valley

4/13/2020

Edcgov.us Mail - Transients and the Fairground



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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## Transients and the Fairground

1 message

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**Grant Nelson** <nelson\_grant@comcast.net>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 8:36 AM

Please do not house the transients at the fairgrounds. This is too valuable a resource to destroy.

Grant Nelson  
200 Amber Lane  
Placerville



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

## Homeless housing at the Placerville Fairgrounds

1 message

**Susan Wirgler** <swirgler@sbcglobal.net>  
Reply-To: Susan Wirgler <swirgler@sbcglobal.net>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 8:02 AM

To Whom it may concern,

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Please join us in opposition of the Armory being transformed into transitional housing for the homeless and stand with us to protect our community. Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Susan Wirgler

Wirgler's Horse/Human Partnership Program  
650 464 4862

"The Happiest people don't always have the best of everything, they just make the best of everything that they have!!" SKW

Check out my website! [www.susanwirgler.com](http://www.susanwirgler.com)



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## proposed fairground usage

1 message

**Christen Williams** <christenlenneywilliams@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 9:23 AM

El Dorado County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,

It has come to my attention that the City of Placerville and El Dorado County are considering installing transitional housing at the old Armory location, next to the Fairgrounds to benefit the transient community. With endorsement from the Fair Board and Staff, I send this letter of opposition to using the Fairgrounds as housing or shelter for the homeless population. The Fairgrounds is a community hub where our residents use the beautiful grounds daily to walk, exercise their horses, walk their dogs, practice fire crew drills, picnic, etc. The Fair staff already struggles with vandalism and theft done by the homeless community, and they frequently find drug paraphernalia (including used needles) in restrooms and bushes. The staff has been verbally harassed, threatened with physical harm and in one instance physically attacked. Bringing more of the homeless/transient community, which inherently suffers from mental disease/drug & alcohol addiction, would bring more of this to our fairgrounds. The Armory is also directly across the street from New Morning's Children's Shelter, and only 350 ft from Joe's Skate Park, a local youth hang out. The Fairgrounds is also the venue for the many large youth activities, including the All County Cross Country Meet's annual race which is attended by almost 1,000 3rd Grade Kids and Farm Day, with 800 4th Graders. Transient housing being located at the Armory endangers our youth. The homeless/transient community does not blend well with the events that utilize these facilities. Events such as; Kids Expo, the Annual Fair, Fire Camps, fundraisers for local nonprofits, flu clinics, just to name a few. Many events will likely move to venues outside of the county or cancel. This would be a significant loss of revenue to our local economy. Please join us in opposition of the Armory being transformed into transitional housing for the homeless and stand with us to protect our community.

Sincerely

Christen Williams



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## 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

1 message

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**Carol Gunter** <riverdog530@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 7:42 AM

Hi,

In my opinion you should proceed on the use of the Armory to help address the Homeless Crisis in El Dorado County, especially for Placerville. As someone who has lived in the County nearly all my life, I see this location as a very good option for a Homeless Center. We need to address this issue head on in a humane way. The location is convenient, not way out of town (ignoring the problem), but showing that we as a County are tapping into State Resources to use to help our local population. Please consider using the Armory in this way!

Carol Gunter

4/13/2020

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## 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

1 message

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**Donna Bazett** <siddonnabazett@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 7:29 AM

My wife and I support the use of the Armory for housing the homeless population in our county. It is not only the most humane solution but provides safety for our residents for health reasons and reduces the real danger of forest fires starting at a homeless encampment.  
Sid and Donna Bazett



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## Armory transitional housing

1 message

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**Johanna Baldwin** <jnjbaldwin@hotmail.com>

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 11:43 PM

To: "cmorris@cityofplacerville.org" &lt;cmorris@cityofplacerville.org&gt;, "edc.cob@edcgov.us" &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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The Armory is also directly across the street from New Morning's Children's Shelter, and only 350 ft from Joe's Skate Park, a local youth hang out. The Fairgrounds is also the venue for the many large youth activities, including the All County Cross Country Meet's annual race which is attended by almost 1,000 3rd graders, and Farm Day, with 800 4th graders. Transient housing being located at the Armory is not an appropriate location.

While I do support the city and county in finding and providing transitional housing for the transient community, I do not support the armory location. Please join us in opposition of the Armory being transformed into transitional housing for the homeless and stand with us to protect our community.

Sincerely,  
Johanna Baldwin



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Urgent, no to homeless at our fairgrounds!**

1 message

**Christy Breeden** <taribor@hotmail.com>

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 9:49 PM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

Dear Sir,

It has come to my attention that the City of Placerville and El Dorado County are considering installing transitional housing at the old Armory location, next to the Fairgrounds to benefit the transient community. With endorsement from the Fair Board and Staff, I send this letter of opposition to using the Fairgrounds as housing or shelter for the homeless population. The Fairgrounds is a community hub where our residents use the beautiful grounds daily to walk, exercise their horses, walk their dogs, practice fire crew drills, picnic, etc.

The Fair staff already struggles with vandalism and theft done by the homeless community, and they frequently find drug paraphernalia (including used needles) in restrooms and bushes. The staff has been verbally harassed, threatened with physical harm and in one instance physically attacked. Bringing more of the homeless/transient community, which inherently suffers from mental disease/drug & alcohol addiction, would bring more of this to our fairgrounds.

The Armory is also directly across the street from New Morning's Children's Shelter, and only 350 ft from Joe's Skate Park, a local youth hang out. The Fairgrounds is also the venue for the many large youth activities, including the All County Cross Country Meet's annual race which is attended by almost 1,000 3rd Grade Kids and Farm Day, with 800 4th Graders. Transient housing being located at the Armory endangers our youth.

The homeless/transient community does not blend well with the events that utilize these facilities. Events such as; Kids Expo, the Annual Fair, Fire Camps, fundraisers for local nonprofits, flu clinics, just to name a few. This includes our horse 4-H project! So our youth meetings will not feel safe anymore! Many events will likely move to venues outside of the county or cancel. This would be a significant loss of revenue to our local economy.

Please join us in opposition of the Armory being transformed into transitional housing for the homeless and stand with us to protect our community.

Sincerely

Christy Breeden

Sent from my iPhone





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## Homeless shelter in the Armory

1 message

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**Annie Schmidt** <anni3bananie@gmail.com>  
To: cmorris@cityofplacerville.org, edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 7:44 PM

Attached is a formal letter regarding the transformation of the Armory in Placerville to a homeless shelter.

I want to say that this is one of the most upsetting things that could be happening in that location. I do understand the need to assist the homeless but not in a location that would negatively impact so many people and businesses. Sadly a good percentage of the homeless population does not even want to get off drugs let alone off the streets.

Bringing them to a place that will impact youth and one of the safest place to walk, hang out with your family or host and attend an event is unacceptable.

I hope that you realize the negative impact turning the Armory into a place for the homeless will have in that area. Please vote for our community and keep the homeless away from the armory.

Thank you!

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Annie Schmidt



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Dear,

It has come to my attention that the City of Placerville and El Dorado County are considering installing transitional housing at the old Armory building located next to the Fairgrounds to benefit the transient community.

With endorsement from the Fair Board and Staff, I send this letter of opposition to use the Armory building at the Fairgrounds as housing or shelter for the homeless population. The Fairgrounds is a community hub where I personally along with my family use the beautiful grounds daily as a safe place to walk as do many others for exercising their horses, walking their dogs, practicing fire crew drills, picnicking, etc. We are so fortunate to have such a safe, place to spend time with friends and family in our area.

I have witnessed a small number of homeless hanging around outside and inside the grounds when I am there during the day, and I am aware how the Fair staff struggles with vandalism and theft done by the homeless community. They frequently find drug paraphernalia (including used needles) in the restrooms and bushes. The staff has been verbally harassed, threatened with physical harm and in one instance physically attacked by the homeless. Bringing more of the homeless/transient community, which inherently suffers from mental disease/drug & alcohol addiction, would bring more of this unacceptable, negative behavior to our fairgrounds.

In addition, transient housing being located at the Armory endangers our youth. The Armory is located directly across the street from New Morning's Children's Shelter, and only 350 feet from Joe's Skate Park, a very popular local youth hang out. The Fairgrounds is also the venue for many large youth activities, including the All County Cross Country Meet's annual race which is attended by almost 1,000 school children and Farm Day, with 800-1000 3rd Graders.

The homeless/transient community does not blend well with the events that utilize these facilities. Upwards of 200,000 people use the facility in one way or another a year attending events such as; Kids Expo, the Annual Fair, Fire Camps, fundraisers for local nonprofits, flu clinics, and those who come from out of town to use the fairground facility to camp just to name a few. Many events will likely move to venues outside of the county or cancel, and campers would most definitely not feel safe camping in such close proximity to a homeless/transient shelter. This would be a significant loss of revenue to our local economy.

I coordinate a very large evening event at the fairgrounds every year and am not happy about the possibility that our guests could be subjected to an increased number of homeless as they arrive and leave in the evening. Another concern is the strong possibility of them wandering into the building looking for food while the event is going on. The close proximity of the Armory would make it very convenient for them to be in and out of the grounds on a regular basis. Especially when there are events going on and the gates are open.

I greatly appreciate your support in joining our opposition of the Armory being transformed into transitional housing for the homeless and stand with us to protect our community and this beautiful facility.

Sincerely,

Annie Schmidt



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

1 message

carla turoff <turoffc@earthlink.net>  
Reply-To: carla turoff <turoffc@earthlink.net>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, roconnell@cityofplacerville.org

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 8:54 AM

Dear Supervisors and City Council,

I would like to express my strongest support for the proposal that you will be considering at Tuesday's meeting. The issue of homelessness is one that we must address in the spirit of compassion that it requires. The latest count in place indicated several things about the homeless population in our County, one of which is that these people are *not* itinerant strangers coming from somewhere else - they are our neighbors, long term residents of EDC, many of whom have lived here for years, some their entire lives.

Our county is in desperate need of a central location to provide the assistance that our neighbors need to get out of the woods and creek canyons and into affordable housing. Like many places, we have a true crisis of affordability in housing here and need to find some real permanent solutions. But before we can work on that larger issue, we must work on some shorter term solutions. We must create a central location that can provide for the immediate needs of the homeless men, women, and children in our midst. By providing food, transitional shelter, Health screenings and vaccinations, and Mental Health and addiction treatment for those who need it, we can reduce the problems that the homeless population can cause for the rest of us who are lucky enough to have stable housing.

Establishing a Navigation Center with Support Services and Transitional Housing is essential to reducing many of the negative consequences that those of us who *are* housed see coming from the homeless among us - wildfire danger from campfires, messy encampments along our trails and in our parks, trash and human excrement publicly visible.

The Armory is vacant, available, and centrally located to bus service - all of which makes it a potentially ideal site for such a Navigation Center. While I do understand the concerns of the Fairground staff regarding the use of the Armory, I also strongly believe that having such a staffed, welcoming Center will actually reduce the problems that they are currently reporting. Other Counties have established such centers and report that they have not encountered problems with neighboring people or [businesses](#) as a result of establishing these services.

With the economic fallout from the current COVID-19 epidemic, we are likely to see an increase over the next months and possibly years, in our local homeless population. People who have worked and lived here in EDC for years, will be unable to manage the reduced incomes related to layoffs and job losses. These people are not "others" - they are us - our neighbors, friends, and in some cases sons and daughters. As the housing crisis ramps up, our elderly population on fixed incomes will be adversely affected as well. It behooves us to get ahead of these issues now - to wisely and creatively utilize the State funding that is available and take strong action to assist those among in need.

I have lived and worked as a nurse in this County for 45 years and believe that we can and should address this issue with the force and compassion that it deserves. I strongly offer my support for this proposal. If the Armory seems an appropriate space physically, I urge you to work with concerned folks to mitigate their concerns re: placement of a Navigation center there.

Sincerely Yours,

Carla Turoff, RN, PHN

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## 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

1 message

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**paula and bill bertram** <pbbert@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 5:05 PM

Please add my voice to those in the community who urge the use of the Armory as a homeless transitional center.

- the location makes sense geographically
- our homeless brothers and sisters need a safe place more than ever in this time of epidemic
- El Dorado can step up to the plate---this is a non-partisan humanitarian issue.

Sincerely Paula Bertram. Resident of the City of Placerville



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**4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness**

1 message

**Allison Jilbert** <allisonjilbert@gmail.com>

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 4:37 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

I am writing to you in strong support of the proposal to house our homeless community at the armory building. I am a long time resident of El Dorado County and therefore, have seen the homelessness problem grow exponentially. Based on the positive results from other cities in our nation who have implemented a similar model to address this problem, I think it is paramount that we try this.

Additionally, it is simply the right thing to do, as these people are our fellow citizens. I would hope that in the midst of this pandemic, simple humanity would prevail.

Thank you,  
Allison Jilbert

Sent from my iPhone



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## 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

1 message

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**Barbara S F Davis** <barbarasfdavis@gmail.com>

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 4:09 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Clerk of the Board,

I am one of many who strongly support using the Placerville Armory to house people who need and deserve shelter.

Here are the points that make the idea imminently workable. Please give all due consideration to our request. Sincerely, Barbara S F Davis, P. O. Box 740, Placerville 95667

1. The majority of the homeless neighbors in EDC are from EDC. They are not transient people, according to the most recent Point in Time Count.
2. Our County is in desperate need of a Navigation Center with Transitional Housing. Locations all over the state have done this. A recent visit to one in Marysville found it clean and well supervised. According to one of the Yuba County Board of Supervisors, the neighbors in the area reported no problems.
3. The Armory is not on Fairground Property and is the property of the State. It is being made available by the State of California only for housing and is not available for other purposes. If the Armory was chosen, the location is away from the Fairgrounds itself, it is fenced off and not even within view of New Morning or the Skate Park.
4. Providing services for the homeless has been found to protect the community from problems and makes the community a safer place. Sanitation services, mental health and substance abuse counseling can be provided when the unhoused population has housing. Studies have found that this approach can help people lift themselves out of homelessness.
5. The large number of homeless families and children in our community will be dramatically helped by finding solutions to this crisis.
6. Children attending events at the fairgrounds will not be adversely affected by a well supervised facility on an adjacent property that is separated by a fence.

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## 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

1 message

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**Georgette Barton** <geochris11@comcast.net>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 3:58 PM

I support the Joint Policy on Homelessness.

Thank you, Georgette Barton, Placerville, CA



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**Joint Policy Statement on Homelessness**

1 message

**Arthur Molho** <aimolho@gmail.com>

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 3:33 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, roconnell@cityofplacerville.org

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
AND  
Placerville City Council

I am writing to urge the EDC Board of Supervisors and Placerville City Council to adopt the Joint Policy Statement on Homelessness as a proposal to work toward solutions of the homelessness problem in our area. The main thrust of this policy would be to evaluate the potential to use the Placerville Armory and other facilities as a Navigation Center with Support Services and Transitional Housing. I hope our two elected governmental bodies will find that this proposal enables a good start at reducing the homeless population.

**PLEASE CONSIDER ALL OF THE BENEFITS SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT COULD PROVIDE TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.**

Sincerely,

Arthur Molho  
Placerville



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## Proposal for homeless facility at the Fairgrounds

1 message

David Ogilvie <dcofog3@att.net>

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 3:08 PM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, "cmorris@cityofplacerville.org" <cmorris@cityofplacerville.org>

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I heard about the proposal to use the Armory at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds as a facility for the homeless.

This is not compatible with the current uses of the fairgrounds, and it will likely cause many of the groups to cancel their events that are held there. This would be a significant loss of revenue to our local economy.

Please register me as opposed to this, and I hope you don't finalize or approve it.

David Ogilvie



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Transitional housing / Armory

1 message

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**dcchild@comcast.net** <dcchild@comcast.net>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 3:04 PM

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that the City of Placerville and El Dorado County are considering installing transitional housing at the old Armory location, next to the Fairgrounds to benefit the transient community. With endorsement from the Fair Board and Staff, I send this letter of opposition to using the Fairgrounds as housing or shelter for the homeless population. The Fairgrounds is a community hub where our residents use the beautiful grounds daily to walk, exercise their horses, walk their dogs, practice fire crew drills, picnic, etc.

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The homeless/transient community does not blend well with the events that utilize these facilities. Events such as; Kids Expo, the Annual Fair, Fire Camps, fundraisers for local nonprofits, flu clinics, just to name a few. Many events will likely move to venues outside of the county or cancel. This would be a significant loss of revenue to our local economy.

Please join us in opposition of the Armory being transformed into transitional housing for the homeless and stand with us to protect our community.

Sincerely,

Diane Child  
Sent from Xfinity Connect App

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Edcgov.us Mail - Transient Housing Vote



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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## Transient Housing Vote

1 message

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**Kathleen Lindsen** <kathleen.lindsen@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 6:03 PM

Please do not allow this by our fairgrounds. Thank you.  
Kathleen Lindsen



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## Homeless facility Policy April 14 agenda Item

1 message

Jody Gray <jody@eldoradocountyfair.org>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 9:32 AM

To: "edc.cob" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, cmorris@cityofplacerville.org

Dear County Board of Supervisors and City Council,

There have been comments made that we do not care about the homeless, that is not true, we are very sympathetic to the homeless community and yes, we realize that this situation is complicated. One of our full time employees actually was homeless and with children, we are not prejudiced to this population. The recommendation to use the Armory at the Fairgrounds or adjacent to, is just not a good solution.

There are other ways and solutions. We are not experts, however there are those that are: talk with the Homeless Outreach Team (Hot Team), already in place, Jason Bloxsom, EDC Sheriff Dept and the team (including Placerville PD) has had success on an individual basis, there is not one solution for all.

Have you talked to them and found out what they are doing and to hear that it "is" helping? They are accomplishing the items that you want taken care of:

Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation

Mental Health Counseling

Temporary and permanent Housing

Employment Counseling

Meals and other services.

I ask that you move on to Action #2 and then really focus on Action #4, The Hot Team is working.

There are at least three types of homeless that we will see at a shelter:

1. Those that follow the rules and want help, they will use the Shelter and follow the rules. We are not concerned with this population,
2. Those that don't want to follow all the rules, however want to have some access to the amenities, they will camp near the shelter (Fairgrounds, Oetting Property, Strip mall property, behind local businesses. They will loiter, do drugs, leave paraphernalia and used needles, feces, etc where they hang out.
3. Then there are those that don't want to follow the rules at all, however, want to be near their friends, these people will also do drugs, defecate, leave unwanted garbage, needles, feces, etc. in all the wrong places. And not follow any rules.

The 2nd and 3rd group are the ones that us, and many others, believe have no place near our parks, children and fairgrounds. However, you can't have the first group without the others.

Of course, no one wants this in their backyard, however, if their backyard was adjacent to a youth park or a facility, like the fairgrounds that invites thousands and thousands of children annually, "no one" should want that.

As one citizen said to me, you can't put a brewery less than 1000 feet from where Children congregate, why would you put a homeless facility?

Thank you again for your time, I believe that there are solutions, but please check Action #1 in your Joint Policy off of your list.

Sincerely,  
Jody Gray

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Jody W. Gray

**CEO | El Dorado County Fair & Event Center**

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1 message

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

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 2:03 PM

Letter in Support of Joint Policy on Homelessness



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To: Eldorado County Board of Supervisors

April 11, 2020

A Joint Policy Statement on Homelessness is coming before the Board of Supervisors and Placerville City Council this Tuesday, 4/14 that proposes "the County and City shall work together to establish immediate solutions to reduce and work toward elimination of the homeless problem in our jurisdictions."

The policy authorizes staff to immediately evaluate the feasibility of using the Placerville Armory and to explore other facilities as a Navigation Center with Support Services and Transitional Housing.

We support the proposal and offer the following points about the negative publicity about using the Armory:

1. The majority of the homeless neighbors in EDC are from EDC. They are not transient people but long-time residents, according to the most recent Point in Time Count.
2. El Dorado County is in need of a Navigation Center with Transitional Housing. Navigation centers are located throughout the state and are successful. According to one of the Yuba County Board of Supervisors, the neighbors in the area reported no problems.
3. The Armory is not on Fairground Property and is the property of the State. It is only available for housing and not available for other purposes. The Armory is not on the Fairgrounds. It is fenced off and not within view of New Morning or the Skate Park.
4. Providing services for the homeless can community from problems arising for the lack of sanitation services, mental health and substance abuse counseling. Studies have found that when the un-housed population has housing can help people lift themselves out of homelessness.

Sincerely,  
Vicky and Scott Vail  
240 Judy drive  
Placerville, CA 95667

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## 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

1 message

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**Don Rake** <rakedon1@yahoo.com>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 2:40 PM

Please support the joint policy on homelessness.

Don Rake

Placerville

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**4-14-2020 - Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness**

1 message

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**Frank Porter** <fsporter@sbcglobal.net>  
Reply-To: Frank Porter <fsporter@sbcglobal.net>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 1:37 PM

Dear EDC Board of Supervisors:

Thank your leadership in developing a Joint Policy Statement on Homelessness.

There's clearly a need for a Navigation Center on the Western Slope of El Dorado County to effectively address the needs of the homeless in our county.

The adoption of this joint policy statement directs staff to immediately evaluate the feasibility of the Placerville Armory for the purpose of establishing a Transitional Housing Navigation Center. It also includes the direction, "Explore other properties/facilities that could provide temporary housing and services to the homeless."

Action 1 and Action 2 in the joint policy statement give clear direction to staff to identify a suitable location and then to bring back recommendations for where to locate a Navigation Center. That location could be the Placerville Armory or another location.

I urge you to approve this joint policy statement at your April 14 meeting and move forward to address homelessness on the Western Slope of El Dorado County

Sincerely,

Frank Porter,  
El Dorado Hills



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Armory Debate

1 message

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**JAN HOPKINS** <bjhpkns49@gmail.com>

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 12:55 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, Pat Farrell &lt;patfarrell6828@gmail.com&gt;, Betsy Kerr &lt;d.bkerr@sbcglobal.net&gt;

I was quite disappointed at the negative response to the Armory being used to shelter the homeless. It seems to me that this solution would be positive for the fairgrounds as a whole, because it would give the unsheltered a place to go. The Armory has been discussed as one of few possible sites for transitional housing with services for some time by the City and the County. Why an outcry at this late date?

In the past few months, I have been impressed with the things I have heard that the county is trying to do to mitigate the homeless problem. The sheriffs' team is very impressive in their personal intervention at the roots of what homeless people need to have a chance of getting better. The Nomadic Shelter work with Placerville's churches is admirable. Different agencies are giving increased attention to helping this group by providing more extensive drug treatment and counseling services, as well as better access to food and personal hygiene. The problem is after getting this help, with a few exceptions, there is very little choice for homeless adults except to go back to their life on the streets where continued recovery is marginal.

We must have transitional housing. We must have affordable housing options. This is the missing piece in all our efforts. The Fair Board and the public should be eager to support giving the Armory option a chance. It seems to me a classic case of "Not In my Backyard." Better in our downtown, in the streets of our neighborhoods and along our trails? Can't we be more progressive than that? These people deserve a chance.

Jan & Mike Hopkins  
PLacerville

4/13/2020

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EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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## Letters Opposing El Dorado County Armory as Homeless Housing

1 message

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**Kris Hansen** <kris.hansen@sbcglobal.net>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 12:13 PM



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

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### 2 attachments



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It has come to my attention that the City of Placerville and El Dorado County are considering installing transitional housing at the old Armory location, next to the fairgrounds to benefit the transient community.

While I certainly sympathize with people who have difficulties, there HAS to be a better place to house these folks than the fairgrounds. I ride my horse in the covered arena there regularly - it is a wonderful community asset. I see people walking their dogs and riding bikes with their children and the kids at Joe's Skate Park. I go to the horse shows, the fair and many other events there.

I feel that having a homeless population mixing so closely with the activities of everyone else invites way too much potential for trouble. Many of the homeless are mentally ill and/or drug addicted. Until there is a solution to those serious problems, the ones who are truly helped by having some kind of roof over their heads are few and far between.

If this change is made, it will be impossible to reverse and those of us who use and enjoy the fairgrounds will eventually lose it forever. We who pay tens of thousands of dollars in taxes every year and foot the bill for all of these social programs should have some benefit to that money also, like being able to use a place like the fairgrounds without worry.

Please don't take my comments as being hard-hearted. I do understand that this is a problem that needs to be addressed, but I am completely against this particular idea. Surely the state, city and county own other properties. Please look for another location.

Kris Hansen  
[kris.hansen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kris.hansen@sbcglobal.net)  
(530) 613-3163

Apr 9, 2020

This is not a good place to shelter for a number of reasons:

1. Skate park with unsupervised children playing
2. County events such as the Fair, etc. could attract the bad crowd that some, not all, of the homeless population represents.
3. An excellent location for drug dealing and running
4. Increased potential for theft
5. Potential for violent or frightened outbursts from non medicated persons with schizophrenia or bipolar diagnosis ( I worked with this population so I know a lot about it)
6. Increased chances of undesirable loitering, drug trafficking, squatting and littering
7. Potential for an increase of homeless pets that are not vaccinated and do not abide by leash or clean up after your pet sanctions
8. Increase of " inviting" their friends to hang out
9. Increase of homeless presence/begging at Raleys, Big Lots, gas station, Brick Oven Pub, GreenHouse Cafe, etc.
10. Increased taxation costs to EDC residents for keeping the bathrooms clean
11. Increased exposure to HIV exposure from dirty discarded needles

I could keep going.....

I advocate for the homeless but not at a public community area where small children and impressionable teenagers have exposure to uncontrollable unanticipated events.

Warm regards,  
Jeannie

Jeanne Marie Iverson CEO, CPE  
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## NO Transient Housing at the Armory

1 message

Janet Kanter <janetlk39@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 12:13 PM

Attention Board Clerk:

It has come to my attention that the City of Placerville and El Dorado County are considering installing transitional housing at the old Armory location next to the County Fairgrounds to benefit the transient community. As recommended by the Fair Board and Staff, ***I submit this letter of opposition to using the Fairgrounds as housing or shelter for the homeless population.***

Our law enforcement personnel are already stretched to the limit. The last thing they need is a brand-new swarm of non-productive, troublesome individuals to monitor and herd.

High Sierra Quilters moved from the dilapidated and crime-ridden shopping center on Upper Broadway to a safer location near Broadway Plaza. Why? Vagrants from the neighborhood camps were harassing innocent shoppers in the parking lot. In addition, the vagrants used the storefront sidewalk as a toilet, leaving the filthy clean-up to shop owners.

I do not want our County to look anything like an urban community (Sacramento). We are a rural, agricultural region. Ringing the dinner bell for the homeless is an urban practice and needs to be hosted by urban communities.

No way do I support any ideas of raising my local taxes to finance an operation that will bring nothing positive, *not a speck*, to the quality of life in El Dorado County.

Sincerely, Janet L. Kanter-Purcell,

27-year County resident and property owner

cc: Brian Dahle, Frank Bigelow, Cleve Morris, Michael Saragosa, Dennis Thomas, Mark Acuna, Patty Borelli, Kara Taylor, Supervisor Hidahl, Supervisor Frentzen, Supervisor Veerkamp, Supervisor Parlin, Supervisor Novasel, Don Ashton



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Homeless shelter

1 message

**Phil Johnson** <prjohnson30@yahoo.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 11:18 AM

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Sincerely,

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Phil Johnson  
Teacher  
Concerned community member

Sent from my iPhone



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

## Concerned Placerville parents

1 message

**Michael Maxwell** <westcoast.dustoff@gmail.com>

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 10:21 AM

To: cmorris@cityofplacerville.org

Cc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

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Please join us in opposition of the Armory being transformed into transitional housing for the homeless and stand with us to protect our families, economy and avoid further tarnishing the reputation of our community as being a place bring family.

Sincerely,

Michael and Brianna Maxwell





EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

## No transient housing at fairgrounds

1 message

**Caitlyn Martin** <lularoecaitlynmartin@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 8:29 AM

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Sincerely,  
Caitlyn Martin



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## no transitional housing

1 message

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**Kathleen Hall** <kathy@slateridge.us>  
Reply-To: Kathleen Hall <kathy@slateridge.us>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 8:22 AM

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Sincerely,

Kathleen and Robert Hall  
3701 Greenstone Road  
Placerville, CA 95667

530 391-2333 Kathleen



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

## Help us keep our fairgrounds safe for our 4-Hers!

1 message

Carrie Liebrich <carrielouisegarcia@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 7:57 AM

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Sincerely,

Carrie Liebrich, parent of a teen who takes her horse to ride at the fairgrounds arena and participates in the schooling horse shows.



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

## Transient housing

1 message

**Michelle Provance** <little\_olive@hotmail.com>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 10:04 PM

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Sincerely,  
Michelle Provance



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## No housing for homeless in Fairgrounds. Never.

1 message

**Sandy Jones** <slrframe77@gmail.com>

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 8:58 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

whom it may concern,

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Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Transient Housing

1 message

Dana <danalthomas86@yahoo.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 8:10 PM

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Sincerely,

Dana Savoroski  
Sent from my iPhone



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

## Proposal for Homeless Shelter at Armory (Fairgrounds)

1 message

Sarah Beaver <albeedarnit@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 7:59 PM

Dear Clerk of the Board of the El Dorado County Supervisors:

**PLEASE FORWARD MY EMAIL TO THE SUPERVISOR'S and PLEASE MAKE PART OF THE AGENDA ITEM at THE NEXT MEETING**

Dear Supervisor's:

I am writing in opposition to turning our Armory located next to the fairgrounds into a homeless shelter. As much as I have great compassion for our homeless, I don't agree with most all of the policies brought on by the State of California for many years now. I believe the State has inadvertently caused the now crisis too comfortable for most (not all) recipients of taxpayer assistance.

If you are looking at this proposal because the State has offered you (US!!) financial compensation, it is not worth it.

Please remember your first priority.... Property and sales tax payers of all our county. Law abiding citizens -- many of us whom ALSO have challenges daily. We are a generous County. We will remain so. Your thoughts are noble. Don't be misguided.

Mrs. Sarah Beaver  
5209 Reservation Road  
Placerville, CA 95667

P.S. Didn't the City of Placerville experiment on a homeless venture east of town not too long ago? Do we not learn from our noble efforts that don't "pan out" (gold country jargon)? I commend the City for at least trying.... Tell the State "No Thanks!!" And PALEEEZE -- what a sensitive agenda item to have during a PANDEMIC when we can't fill your meeting room!



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

## NO Transient Housing at the Fairgrounds

1 message

**Julie Benton** <wingedisis19@gmail.com>

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 7:55 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

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Sincerely,  
Julie Benton





EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

## Objection to Transient Housing Proposal

1 message

**mandy howard** <mandyhoward5790@hotmail.com>

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 7:46 PM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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Sincerely,

Mandy Howard

Resident of Placerville

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Homeless Housing

1 message

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**Aaron Treadaway** <aarontreadaway03@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 7:25 PM

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Sincerely Aaron Treadaway

Sent from my iPhone

4/13/2020

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## 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

1 message

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**bea crosson** <bcrosson49@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 9:55 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, roconnell@cityofplacerville.org

PLEASE vote in favor of the positive direction being supported by local community members to DO SOMETHING. This is a great beginning.

We do not want Placerville to be known as "full of homeless" where the community doesn't do much to help those in need.

Bea Crosson  
Residence of EDC for 30 years.



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## Transient Housing at the Armory

1 message

**Terry Benton** <twbenton@exede.net>

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 7:23 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, cmorris@cityofplacerville.org

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Sincerely,



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**Fwd:**

1 message

**Wendy Graves** <wendy@nimaway.com>  
To: cmorris@cityofplacerville.org, edc.cob@edcgov.us

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 6:41 PM

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Sincerely,

Wendy McGann-Graves

4/13/2020

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## El Dorado County Fairgrounds using land to house transient people-opposition

1 message

**Becky Sweeney** <babybeans1@icloud.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 6:40 PM

To The Board Clerk,

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Sincerely,

Becky Sweeney



Sent from my iPhone

4/13/2020

Edcgov.us Mail - Oppose of homeless at fairgrounds



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## Oppose of homeless at fairgrounds

1 message

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**Casey** <caseylblakeman@hotmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 6:16 PM

I oppose

Casey Blakeman

Sent from my iPhone





EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

## Transient Housing at the Fairgrounds

1 message

**GAIL BUTLER** <gail.butler@hotmail.com>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 6:12 PM

Hi, in my opinion, housing, temporary or permanently of transients and homeless in the old armory would be one of the last nails in the coffin for our town. The homeless have made it virtually impossible for local businesses to exist on upper Broadway. They have in essence, claimed that end of town. They also pretty much own the area around Walmart...that we would even consider giving them the Fairgrounds is unbelievable!

I'm 5<sup>th</sup> generation Placervillian and I love this town, watching what is becoming of California and now El Do Co is heartbreaking. There are fewer and fewer spaces where our older population feel safe. I shop at Raley's because I feel safe, I don't go to Broadway because I don't feel safe...I don't spend money there because I don't feel safe. I AM a taxpayer. I contribute, I donate and I volunteer to make our town a better place and it makes me ill to see those that give nothing, destroy it.

I get that there are homeless and they have to be taken care of. I do think the best option is to keep ALL of their services in one central location. Build it and they will come....has there ever been a free center that closed due to lack of occupancy? They've already destroyed Broadway, do we really need to sacrifice the entire town?

I will not attend anything at the Fairgrounds if I have to park next to a homeless facility and I'm not the only one. I won't be shopping at Raley's if I no longer feel safe. So what's left, down the hill to Folsom and out of the County. I want to spend my money locally, please don't drive me out.

Sincerely worried,

Gail Butler

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

4/13/2020

Edcgov.us Mail - Stop with the handouts, stop sucking off our county's resources. Ship them out



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## Stop with the handouts, stop sucking off our county's resources. Ship them out

1 message

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**Yvonne Foster** <miltonzoid@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 6:08 PM

Sent from my iPhone

4/13/2020

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To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 6:01 PM

Sent from my iPhone

4/13/2020

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1 message

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**Yvonne Foster** <miltonzoid@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 5:59 PM

Sent from my iPhone



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**RE: No Transient Housing @ El Dorado County Fairgrounds**

1 message

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**Lori Chandler** <ponyexpressappraisal@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 5:56 PM

Dear City and County Officials,

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Sincerely,  
Lori and John Chandler



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Homeless Housing

1 message

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**Greg Hein** <ghein1152@yahoo.com>

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 5:24 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

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Sincerely,

Greg  
Pilot Hill

4/13/2020

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## Armory transitional housing

1 message

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**Heather Vybiral** <heathervybiral@yahoo.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 5:18 PM

I, Heather Tippit, am in the opposition of the Armory being transformed into transitional housing for the homeless.

Sent from my iPhone



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## Transient Housing

1 message

**Debbie Lightfoot** <sassyappy50@yahoo.com>

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 5:10 PM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, "bostrhee@edcgov.us" <bostrhee@edcgov.us>, "bostwo@edcgov.us" <bostwo@edcgov.us>, "bosone@edcgov.us" <bosone@edcgov.us>, "bosfour@edcgov.us" <bosfour@edcgov.us>, "cmorris@cityofplacerville.org" <cmorris@cityofplacerville.org>

It has come to my attention that the City of Placerville and El Dorado County are considering installing transitional housing at the old Armory location, next to the Fairgrounds to benefit the transient community. I am opposed to using our fairgrounds to house the transient because it is not the place to do so. It is with the endorsement from the Fair Board and Staff, I send this letter. Our fairgrounds serve as a community hub where our residents use our beautiful fairgrounds to exercise their horses, walk with their families and friends, walk their dogs, practice fire crew drills, hold many 4-H activities and even picnic with family and friends.

The fair staff already struggles with vandalism and theft done by the homeless community, and they frequently find drug paraphernalia (including used needles) in restrooms and bushes!! The staff has been verbally harassed, threatened with physical harm and even in one instance physically attacked! Bringing more of the homeless/transient community, which inherently suffers from mental disease/ drug addiction, would just bring more of this to our fairgrounds.

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Please consider another location to house the homeless. The fairgrounds is not the place for transient housing. Our fairgrounds is the only location our community has to hold events such as Kids Expo, our annual County Fair, numerous equestrian events, fire camps, fundraisers for local non-profits, flu clinics and the list goes on.

Please oppose the use of the Armory being transformed into transitional housing for the homeless and protect our fairgrounds.

Sincerely,  
Debra Hunger Lightfoot





EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

## Opposition to Homeless Housing at Armory

1 message

**Britney Patterson** <britney@ymail.com>  
To: cmorris@cityofplacerville.org, edc.cob@edcgov.us

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 12:25 PM

To whom it may concern,

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Sincerely,

Britney and Chris Patterson  
Placerville Residents (District 4)  
Gold Hill Topper 4H Parents  
Ponderosa FFA Alumni

4/13/2020

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## Armory for homeless.

1 message

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**Rosemarie Caddel** <rosemariecaddel@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 4:38 PM

This is not a good idea. Would open door to many problems. Too close to childrens activities. Really should think this through. Would ruin our fairgrounds



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## No transients at El Dorado County Fairgrounds

1 message

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Resa Aldrich <resa.aldrich@yahoo.com>

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 4:23 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

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Sincerely,

Resa Aldrich



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

1 message

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**Cindy Sanchez** <cindysanchez530@att.net>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 10:35 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

I am very supportive of the idea of creating temporary housing by using the State-owned Armory as an excellent first step towards a permanent housing solution.

It seems every community will have reasons to not have this particular group of citizens in \*their\* back yard: then nothing changes and nobody is helped. It is Time to make a commitment and do the honorable thing to help our homeless neighbors.

Please take deep consideration for allowing this project to move forward. The Armory has been freely offered: we are invited to accept this opportunistic gift. I believe the time is now.

Something must be done since so much has been lost.

Thank you for your sincere consideration.  
Cindy Sanchez

4/13/2020

Edcgov.us Mail - The Armory



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## The Armory

1 message

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**Dana LaForce** <danalaforce@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 3:06 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

I am so very hopeful, that this will be the open door to aid the homeless with shelter and services. A BIG YES from me.

Dana La Force  
advocate for our homeless

4/13/2020

Edcgov.us Mail - support for joint resolution - armory



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## support for joint resolution - armory

1 message

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**carol@elderoptionsca.com** <carol@elderoptionsca.com>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 3:00 PM

To: "roconnell@cityofplacerville.org" <roconnell@cityofplacerville.org>, "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Dear Sirs:

Please include the attached letter of support for this resolution. Thank you. Carol Heape

Carol S. Heape, MSW, CMC  
CEO, Elder Options, Inc.  
Sacramento Region/Placerville/South Lake Tahoe, CA.

[www.elderoptionsca.com](http://www.elderoptionsca.com)



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April 13, 2020

Board of Supervisors

Placerville City Council

County & City Officials

Re: Discussion Around Use of Armory – Homeless Residents Letter of Support

Dear Sirs:

We are writing you to express our thanks to you around the effort to find a sustainable solution for the residents of El Dorado County and the west slope in particular who have no place to live. We understand that it is under consideration to utilize the Placerville Armory currently empty after the Boys and Girls Club moved to their building some time ago.

We support your work in this direction looking for a much needed solution & temporary housing while a long term solution can help these residents with help to secure permanent housing and support services. The armory we believe is on the bus route that can get them to/from other needed services and we support this idea. We are aware of other vacant buildings in this same area but do not see a downside of utilizing this building although we're sure it will need some updating to make it usable for multiple people and support staff.

Sincerely,

Don & Carol Heape

2911 W. Ridgewood Dr.

Placerville, CA.

[don@donaldheape.com](mailto:don@donaldheape.com)

[carol@elderoptionsca.com](mailto:carol@elderoptionsca.com)

Mary Elliott-Klemm  
P.O. box 310  
Somerset, CA 95684

April 13, 2020

Supervisor Frentzen,

Finding solutions for the Homeless in our Community is a difficult undertaking. There are always many differing opinions which need to be weighed to find solutions that will serve the greatest good.

Tomorrow you will be asked to evaluate the feasibility of using the Placerville Armory and to explore other facilities as a Navigation Center with Support Services and Transitional Housing.

Here are some points that you will want to consider as you make your decision:

Homeless has long been a problem in our community and it is not until recently that it has been seriously tackled. These homeless people are from El Dorado County and especially, during this time of COVID-19, they need to be better served. Providing services for the homeless will protect the greater community from problems and create a safer place for us all. Sanitation services, mental health and substance abuse counseling can be provided when the unhoused population has housing. Studies have found that that this approach can help the homeless help themselves. It is in the interest of ALL of the citizens of El Dorado County to pursue this solution.

I am sure that you have been informed about Navigation Centers with Transitional Housing that locations all over the state have been using. There is no reason that EDC shouldn't also create such a service for our Homeless. It is certainly a step towards dealing with our Homeless problem.

The use of the Armory presents us with a perfect opportunity. It is the property of the State and is being made available only for housing. The location is away from the Fairgrounds and not within other public areas like New Morning or the Skate Park. Since it is a fenced property, children and others that attend events at the fairgrounds will not be adversely affected. It seems that we would be foolish not to take advantage of this opportunity.

Certainly, some people will have objections. But it is the job of the Board of Supervisors to take bold steps in the face of a problem that has no easy solution.

I am firmly in support of using the Armory as a Navigation Center with Support Services and Transitional Housing.

I hope that you will be also.

Sincerely,  
Mary Elliott-Klemm

530-620-0400  
Somerset, CA 95684

ml.elliott@sbcglobal.net





EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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## 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

1 message

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

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 3:12 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Supervisor Frentzen,

Please read my attached letter regarding Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness.

Thank you very much for your time and service to our District.

Best wishes,

Mary Elliott-Klemm



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**4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness**

1 message

**Eden Halbert** <sierradogs@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 3:16 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

I am emailing in support of the Joint Policy on Homelessness proposal. I believe that our County needs additional supportive services and transitional housing for the homeless, and that providing those services makes our community safer and better. Exploring locations such as the Armory for services and transitional housing makes sense (it is cost effective, centrally located to services and public transportation, etc).

While it is important to listen to any concerns and objections of residents, I hope that in the end your decision will be based on facts, information, long term goals, and good values, not on fear.

Respectfully,  
Eden Halbert  
Placerville

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Public Comment #25



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**re: our Homeless Community Members in EDC**

1 message

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**Myrna Jean Glick** <mt.aukum.myrna@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, roconnell@cityofplacerville.org

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 2:55 PM

Please see attached concerns and take the appropriate action to address this dire situation.

Myrna Jean Glick

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# CITY OF PLACERVILLE/EL DORADO COUNTY JOINT POLICY STATEMENT ON HOMELESSNESS

**April 14, 2020**

**Policy:** The City of Placerville and El Dorado County shall work together to establish immediate solutions to reduce and work toward elimination of the homeless problem in our jurisdictions. All options shall be explored to determine programs that provide the greatest impact toward eliminating homelessness and the associated problems related to homelessness. All programs will be considered within available and projected funding made available through the State of California.

**Purpose:** The City of Placerville and El Dorado County recognize the severity of the Homeless problem on the Western Slope of El Dorado County and in the City of Placerville. Current efforts on behalf of El Dorado County Health & Human Services Agency, the Sheriff's Department and El Dorado Opportunity Knocks are seeing success. However, we continue to see problems that warrant additional and immediate action to remedy. The City of Placerville and El Dorado County have adopted this policy to immediately implement actions that will work toward reducing the Homeless Problem in Placerville and on the Western Slope of El Dorado County.

**Action 1:** Authorize staff of both jurisdictions to immediately evaluate the feasibility of the property at 100 Placerville Drive, known as the Placerville Armory as a Transitional Housing Navigation Center in order temporarily house and provide resources to the homeless. In addition to an evaluation of the actual property and structure, the evaluation of this facility should include consideration for the provision of resources to assist the homeless including:

- A. Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Services
- B. Mental Health Counseling
- C. Temporary Housing
- D. Identification of Permanent Housing
- E. Employment Counseling
- F. Meals
- G. Other Related Services

**Action 2:** Explore other properties/facilities that could provide temporary housing and services to the homeless.

**Action 3:** Consider the feasibility of working with other service providers and community groups to assist in supporting such an effort.

**Action 4:** Continue support and resources to the Homeless Outreach Team to provide services and Outreach to the Homeless.

**Action 5:** Promote and provide resources to complete the Homeless Strategic Plan.

**Action 6:** Continue to identify and apply for grant funding to assist in developing programs to eliminate homelessness.

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Michael Saragosa, Mayor  
City of Placerville

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Brian K. Veerkamp, Chair  
El Dorado County



*Myrna Jean Glick*



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## 4-14-2020 Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

1 message

**Matt H** <matth@thecenternow.org>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 2:30 PM

I am writing in support for adoption of the joint policy on homelessness. Over the past several years the county and city have joined together and worked with numerous community groups, nonprofit organizations, communities of faith, law enforcement, concerned and involved citizens resulting in significant progress and unprecedented funding for resolving homelessness in our community. Building these effective partnerships was not easy and required an understanding that solving complex social problems is an incremental and complex process. A process which to be effective requires a willingness to: replace fear based thinking with empathy, personal bias with data and acceptance of the reality that our community consist of homeless individuals and our community is responsible for exploring all options which may lead to the identification of solutions to this complex social problem.

There is no down side to the county and city working together to conduct a feasibility study which in the end will provide additional data and either move our community closer to a solution or will take one possible option off the table. Either outcome is helpful to furthering the process.

Being a decision maker isn't easy. I commend you for being bold, thinking outside the box and most important for recognizing the need to advocate for those who are not able to do so for themselves. Thank you and God bless you!

Sincerely,

Matt Huckabay

### **Matt Huckabay**

Executive Director

The Center for Violence-Free Relationships

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## Joint Policy Statement on homelessness

1 message

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**Jamie Beutler** <beutlerjamie@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 1:48 PM

Dear Board of Supervisors, and City Council Members,

Please support the joint policy statement on homelessness as the best solution this county has ever attempted. The homeless are not going away. All homeless people are not the same. There is no single answer, but human decency really demands that we cannot ignore them any longer. There are good solutions and if we come together as a community, we will succeed. Please do not let fear dictate your response.

Below are a few of the reasons to support this joint statement.

1. The majority of the homeless neighbors in EDC are from EDC. They are not transient people, according to the most recent Point in Time Count.
2. Our County is in desperate need of a Navigation Center with Transitional Housing. Locations all over the state have done this. A recent visit to one in Marysville found it clean and well supervised. According to one of the Yuba County Board of Supervisors, the neighbors in the area reported no problems.
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4. Providing services for the homeless has been found to protect the community from problems and makes the community a safer place. Sanitation services, mental health and substance abuse counseling can be provided when the unhoused population has housing. Studies have found that this approach can help people lift themselves out of homelessness.
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6. Children attending events at the fairgrounds will not be adversely affected by a well supervised facility on an adjacent property that is separated by a fence.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Jamie Beutler







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**Agenda Item 25 on 04/14/2020 Joint Policy on Homelessness**

1 message

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**Mike Arciero** <mike42fa@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, roconnell@cityofplacerville.org

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 1:46 PM

- 1. EDC Board of Supervisors, Clerk of the Board at edc.cob@edcgov.us, Subject Line: 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness, AND**
- 2. Placerville City Clerk by email at roconnell@cityofplacerville.org, Subject line: 4-14-20 Agenda item 12.2 Joint Policy on Homelessness**

**Please review this background information and select from the points below for your email messages to keep our messaging consistent.**

**Background:**

There is a Joint Policy Statement on Homelessness coming before the Board of Supervisors and Placerville City Council this Tuesday, 4/14. It proposes that "the County and City shall work together to establish immediate solutions to reduce and work toward elimination of the homeless problem in our jurisdictions." The policy will authorize staff to immediately evaluate the feasibility of using the Placerville Armory and to explore other facilities as a Navigation Center with Support Services and Transitional Housing.

Here are some important points to support this proposal and counter the negative publicity about using the Armory.

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## County Agenda #25 on 04/14/2020 and City Agenda Item 12.2 on City Council 04/14/2020 Re: Joint Policy on Homelessness.

1 message

Mike Arciero <mike42fa@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 2:09 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, roconnell@cityofplacerville.org

Supervisors and City Council Members,

I and my wife are in support of establishing solutions for the county homeless population. We have been involved in homelessness issues throughout the area and in the Sacramento general area. MY wife is an MFT(Therapist, retired) and our daughter was a Special Ed. teacher involved in Autism classroom counseling.

We are more than willing to add our voice as well as mental and physical support to advocating all efforts to homeless issues. Attenuating the problems of mental health surrounding the homeless populations can only strengthen those most in need and at the same time enrich the general profile of our wonderful community. The effort to spend dollars in creating a successful place for homeless resources, is obviously more acute with the Covid-19 crisis, and surely more reason to be at the forefront of this particular need.

And getting the local residents of this city and county involved that have the time and resources at their disposal, will only bring the current medical crisis as well as the political bickering to understand each other better. After all we are all in this together.

Thanks for listening,  
Mike and Terri Arciero  
3520 Freegold Dr.  
Camino, CA 95709

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**Fwd: Housing**

1 message

Ann McMillan &lt;ann@eldoradocountyfair.org&gt;

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 11:55 AM

To: macuna@cityofplacerville.org, cmorris@cityofplacerville.org, edc.cob@edcgov.us



Ann McMillan

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From: **Timothy Owen** <lonepine87@comcast.net>

Date: Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 7:57 PM

Subject: Housing

To: &lt;fair@eldoradocountyfair.org&gt;

Dear official,

It has come to my attention that the City of Placerville and El Dorado County are considering installing transitional housing at the old Armory location, next to the Fairgrounds to benefit the transient community. With endorsement from the Fair Board and Staff, I send this letter of opposition to using the Fairgrounds as housing or shelter for the homeless population. The Fairgrounds is a community hub where our residents use the beautiful grounds daily to walk, exercise their horses, walk their dogs, practice fire crew drills, picnic, etc.

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The homeless/transient community does not blend well with the events that utilize these facilities. Events such as; Kids Expo, the Annual Fair, Fire Camps, fundraisers for local nonprofits, flu clinics, just to name a few. Many events will likely move to venues outside of the county or cancel. This would be a significant loss of revenue to our local economy.

Please join us in opposition of the Armory being transformed into transitional housing for the homeless and stand with us to protect our community.

Sincerely

Tim Owen

530-391-9573

4/13/2020

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## Comments on an Agenda Item (# 25?)

1 message

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**Peggy Cecchetti** <pmcecchetti@yahoo.com>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 11:55 AM

Reply-To: Peggy Cecchetti <pmcecchetti@yahoo.com>

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

Dear Board Clerk and County Supervisors:

Please find attached a letter concerning the Homeless/Transient Housing Proposal.

Thank you for reading and considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Peggy Cecchetti

pmcecchetti@yahoo.com



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Dear Board Clerk and Supervisors,

I understand that the City of Placerville and El Dorado County are jointly considering installing transitional housing at the old Armory location, next to the Fairgrounds to benefit the transient community. With encouragement from the Fair Board and Staff, I am sending this letter of opposition to using the Fairgrounds as housing or shelter for the homeless population. The Fairgrounds is a community hub where residents use the beautiful grounds daily to walk, exercise their horses, walk their dogs, practice fire crew drills, picnic, etc.

Bringing the homeless/transient community to the Fairgrounds with the endorsement of elected officials will simply encourage more of the same to invade our fair city/ county with the intentions of "getting a free meal ticket". This segment of our population inherently suffers from mental disease and drug & alcohol addiction, and would bring these problems as well as criminal activities, such as vandalism and theft, to our fairgrounds as well. It would further stretch the local public budgets to support such housing. The homeless are not buying goods, paying property taxes or in any feasible way contributing to the tax base of our city/county.

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Have the council members and supervisors asked for the opinions of the Police Department and County Library staff? I have a feeling officers would have a

negative opinion of having transient housing located so close to commercial venues (Raley's, restaurants, etc.) and locally supported youth activities. I also wonder if staff and public patrons at the nearby County Library would be supportive of having such a large supported migrant population living nearby to use their facilities during weather extremes, simply to have shelter indoors during the day.

Have the boards considering this Joint Policy Statement thought of using the soon-to-be-vacant Snowline Hospice store on Placerville Drive for transient housing? Many transients seem to gather around that area as it is, and the building seems to have roughly the same square footage as the Armory. It is located away from many youth /community activities as well.

I hope you will consider all the pros and cons, and the positive and negative effects on our community before transforming the Armory, so close to so many community functions, into housing for the homeless. Please protect the community we have loved and called "home" for almost 50 years. We don't object to change, per se, but this is one change our community cannot afford/does not need.

Sincerely,

April 13, 2020

Peggy M. Cecchetti

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## Fwd: Homeless housing at the Placerville Fairgrounds - Autoforwarded

1 message

Ann McMillan &lt;ann@eldoradocountyfair.org&gt;

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 11:41 AM

To: macuna@cityofplacerville.org, cmorris@cityofplacerville.org, edc.cob@edcgov.us



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From: Susan Wirgler &lt;swirgler@sbcglobal.net&gt;

Date: Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 7:55 AM

Subject: Homeless housing at the Placerville Fairgrounds - Autoforwarded

To: &lt;fair@eldoradocountyfair.org&gt;

To Whom it may concern,

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Sincerely,

Susan Wirgler

Wirgler's Horse/Human Partnership Program

650 464 4862

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Check out my website! [www.susanwirgler.com](http://www.susanwirgler.com)

4/13/2020

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## Signed Letters Opposing Homeless at El Dorado Fairgrounds

1 message

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**Jerry Sutton** <jerry.sutton@hotmail.com>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 4:48 PM


Please see the attached letters from six (6) people.

Thank you,

Jerry Sutton

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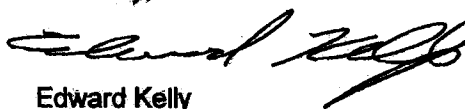
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Edward Kelly

04/13/2020

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Laura Pruett

04/13/2020

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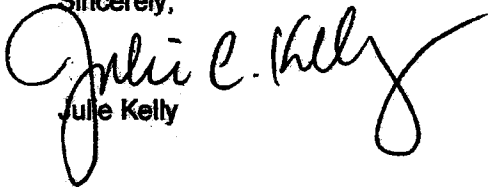
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Sincerely,

  
Julie Kelly



04/13/2020

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04/13/2020

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Jerry Sutton



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## Fw: Concerns over El Dorado County Fair email

1 message

**Patrick Machado-derdowski** <jmmpmd@ymail.com>  
 To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 7:32 PM

It's getting late. My fingers are tired.

jeanne

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**From:** Patrick Machado-derdowski <jmmpmd@ymail.com>  
**To:** edc.cpb@edcgov.us <edc.cpb@edcgov.us>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 12, 2020, 07:23:12 PM PDT  
**Subject:** Fw: Concerns over El Dorado County Fair email

Sorry I put d instead of b in your email address

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**From:** Patrick Machado-derdowski <jmmpmd@ymail.com>  
**To:** edc.cpd@edcgov.us <edc.cpd@edcgov.us>; msaragosa@cityofplacerville.org <msaragosa@cityofplacerville.org>; dthomas@cityofplacerville.org <dthomas@cityofplacerville.org>; roconnell@cityofplacerville.org <roconnell@cityofplacerville.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 12, 2020, 07:15:50 PM PDT  
**Subject:** Fw: Concerns over El Dorado County Fair email

We received a very disturbing email dated April 10, 2020 from the El Dorado County Fair and Event Center. Please scroll down to the original e-mail.

My husband and I are members of Placerville's Federated Church. We volunteer at Upper Room and Nomadic Shelter. We read the proposed Joint Policy Statement and it is quite different from what the County Fair's e-mail is saying. The sample letter included in the County Fairs e-mail is just inappropriate. It's pretty apparent where The El Dorado County Fairgrounds stand on homelessness.

Also, we feel that is inappropriate and a misuse of their email lists. I enter county fair competitions and that is why they have our email. It should not be used for political reasons. Here are our concerns regarding their email verbiage:

**EL Dorado County Fair:** The El Dorado County Fairgrounds is asking for support against "turning that building (the Armory) at the Fairgrounds into a facility for the homeless."

**Our concern:** We understand that the Armory is the property of the State. And according to the Joint Policy Statement it could only be used for "transitional housing navigation center." The term "facility" is not the same as "transitional housing navigation center."

**El Dorado County Fair:** "Years ago, post WWII, the county deeded 2.5 acres of the Fairgrounds to the State to build an Armory, to *protect our citizens*."

**Our concern:** Homeless individuals are citizens too.

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**Our concern:** Why even include the words COVID19 if it has nothing to do with the email?

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**Our concern:** I am pretty sure "paraphernalia" is spelled wrong. Is the County Fair and Events stating that the only ones who congregate at the fairgrounds are transients? My husband and I congregate at the fairgrounds for

Imagination Theater productions. We congregate at night at the yearly County Fair? So are we part of the "transient" population? Again where are the stats to back it up?

**El Dorado County Fair:** E-mail further states "the homeless/transient community does not blend well with the events that utilize these facilities." "Many events will likely move to venues outside of the county or cancel."

**Our concern:** This statement really hit a nerve with us and the El Dorado County Fairgrounds should apologize. **Is there** a monthly salary threshold/cost of living in Placerville and El Dorado County that we don't know about when it comes to "blending well with events..."? What is the criteria for "blending well with events..." For us, this negative language is "snobbish," shows bias and could be discriminatory and prejudice. In addition, we did not see any event cancellation percentages or evidence in the e-mail that documents events are already moving outside the County because of the proposed Armory issue. If El Dorado County Fair feel they could lose the revenue-then show us the statistics to prove it. And better yet, help with solving the situation and stop complaining about it. Nothing will get done otherwise.  
Thank you.

Jeanne and Patrick Machado-Derdowski

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**From:** El Dorado County Fair & Event Center <el\_dorado\_county\_fair\_\_event\_cen@mail.vresp.com>

**To:** "jmmpmd@ymail.com" <jmmpmd@ymail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020, 10:08:36 AM PDT

**Subject:** Urgent | help us keep your fairgrounds safe!



NO Transient  
Housing at the  
Fairgrounds



**TAKE ACTION BY APRIL 13**



Hi Jeanne, Friends and Family of the El Dorado County Fairgrounds:

This has nothing to do with COVID-19, this is something that will be permanent. Only the homeless advocates are speaking up. The City and County has not seen any opposition to this

action. **We need your help!**

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**Today, the County and City are discussing the possibility of turning that building at the Fairgrounds into a Facility for the Homeless.**

The Fairgrounds is host to many rentals that do not blend with the transient community which ultimately means they will have to cancel their events. All these events and more would be displaced if the armory was used as transient housing. It doesn't make sense.

- El Dorado County Ag in the Classroom's Farm Day, annually in May, **over 1,200 elementary kids in attendance**
- 4-H uses the Fairgrounds throughout the year for educational activities and contests
- The County Health Department holds flu shot clinics
- The Red Cross uses the fairgrounds as an evacuation site, heating/cooling center, and animal rescue.
- CalFire uses the fairgrounds as a staging ground for fire camps
- All County Cross Country Meet utilizes the Fairgrounds for their annual race, attended by almost **1,000 3rd Grade Kids.**

<< **PLEASE READ** >>

## YOU CAN HELP

PLEASE email . . .

City Manager, Cleave Morris  
>> [cmorris@cityofplacerville.org](mailto:cmorris@cityofplacerville.org)

The Board Clerk  
>> [edc.cpb@edcgov.us](mailto:edc.cpb@edcgov.us)

. . . letting them know you stand with the Fairgrounds in opposition to the Armory being used as a temporary housing location for the transient community.

**The wording for the letter is in the next column for you to copy and paste in your own email. It is also page 3 in the flyer.**

**This is Critical and needed BEFORE next Tuesday, April 14,** as the item is on the County

**NO Transient Housing**

**THEFT | VANDALISM | DRUGS**

Each day, thousands of people visit the fairgrounds to enjoy the fair. They are not looking for a place to sleep or a place to get high. They are looking for a place to enjoy the fair. They are looking for a place to enjoy the fair.

Please help us keep your community safe. [Click here to contact your local officials.](#)

### Sample Letter Wording

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Thank you for taking the time to read this, and to act to save our Fairgrounds, the activities that happen here and the people that use the fairgrounds.

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El Dorado County Fair & Event Center  
100 Placerville Dr., Placerville, CA 95667  
530-621-5860  
[eldoradocountyfair.org](http://eldoradocountyfair.org)



4/13/2020

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**4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness**

1 message

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**Lorraine King** <lorraine.king@sbcglobal.net>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us  
Cc: Lorraine King <lorraine.king@sbcglobal.net>

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 6:58 PM

Dear Officials:

I understand that there is a *Joint Policy Statement on Homelessness* coming before the Board of Supervisors and Placerville City Council this Tuesday, 4/14.

It proposes that "the County and City shall work together to establish immediate solutions to reduce and work toward elimination of the homeless problem in our jurisdictions." The policy will authorize staff to immediately evaluate the feasibility of using the Placerville Armory and to explore other facilities as a Navigation Center with Support Services and Transitional Housing.

As a resident of El Dorado Hills and a person very concerned about our friends and neighbors in El Dorado County who find themselves unhoused, I urge you to support using the Placerville Armory for shelter.

Consider:

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- Children attending events at the fairgrounds will not be adversely affected by a well supervised facility on an adjacent property that is separated by a fence.

Please support our unhoused friends and neighbors by using the Placerville Armory and other facilities that can be utilized. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Lorraine King

1881 Calaveras Drive, El Dorado Hills, 95762

(916) 220-2872

[Lorraine.king@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lorraine.king@sbcglobal.net)



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## 4-14-20 Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

1 message

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**ridgeboreal** <ridgeboreal@gmail.com>

Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 2:10 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

To Whom It May Concern - I am writing in support of establishing a Navigation Center with Transitional Housing at the state-owned Amory or other suitable location in El Dorado County. The majority of homeless currently in the county are local folks desperately needing housing.

Other counties throughout the state are establishing such centers, demonstrating that with proper supervision, the centers can exist without problems.

The location of the Armory isolates it from the Fairgrounds as well as New Morning and the Skate Park.

I've seen the homeless camp from the bike trail, and am dismayed by the deplorable conditions these folks are living in. The Armory or other suitable site would provide the homeless with a safe conditions, providing sanitation services, mental health and substance abuse counseling which in turn could help left them out of homelessness, and at the same time reduce the problems associated with homelessness.

Especially during the current crisis, the need for safe, clean housing is more imperative than ever.

I urge you to support the establishment of a Navigation Center with transitional housing either at the Armory or other suitable location.

Sincerely,

George Lloyd

4924 Jensen Hollow Road  
Placerville, CA  
530 621-4070

Here are some important points to support this proposal and counter the negative publicity about using the Armory:

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Please share and forward this requ



Tabetha Smith &lt;tabetha.smith@edcgov.us&gt;

## Fwd: Status Report 4/12: El Dorado County Homeless - Community Action Team

1 message

Kyra Scharffenberg &lt;kyra.scharffenberg@edcgov.us&gt;

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 9:16 AM

To: Tabetha Smith &lt;tabetha.smith@edcgov.us&gt;

Tabetha,

Hi,

Not sure if Kim sent this to you already but can you print it out and include it with the attachments for 25 for today please?

Thank you!

Kyra Scharffenberg, Sr. Deputy Clerk  
 El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
 330 Fair Lane, Building A  
 Placerville, CA 95667  
 Ph. 530.621.5390 Main  
 Ph. 530.621.6687 Direct  
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From: JOHN HIDAHL &lt;hidahl@aol.com&gt;

Date: Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 9:01 AM

Subject: Fwd: Status Report 4/12: El Dorado County Homeless - Community Action Team

To: Dawson Kim &lt;kim.dawson@edcgov.us&gt;, Scharffenberg Kyra &lt;kyra.scharffenberg@edcgov.us&gt;

Please include this email as public comment for agenda item 25 on tomorrow's BOS meeting.

Thanks, John

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Martin Entwistle &lt;mentwistle@marshallmedical.org&gt;

Date: April 12, 2020 at 10:55:41 AM PDT

To: Laine Photolabs <blaine@cityofslt.us>, Bloxson Jason <bloxsonj@edso.org>, Carolyn Wylie <carolyn@homebaseecc.org>, Cheyenne Purrington <cheyenne@tahoehomeless.org>, Maureen <dionperry@att.net>, Charles McDonald <director@upperroomdininghall.org>, dmiddlebrook@cityofslt.us, Don Semon <don.semon@edcgov.us>, Donald Vanderkar <donvdk@gmail.com>, dpvanderkar <dpvanderkar@comcast.net>, Dennis Thomas <dthomas@cityofplacerville.org>, Frank Porter <fspsm520@gmail.com>, John & Eileen Hidahl <Hidahl@aol.com>, Ronald Sachs <JobsShelterOrg@gmail.com>, Kathryn Lang <kathy.lang@edcgov.us>, Kara Taylor <ktaylor@cityofplacerville.org>, Jeff Leikauf <leikaufj@edso.org>, Marissa Muscat <marissa@tahoehomeless.org>, Megan Buchanan <mbuchanan@marshallmedical.org>, Madeline Forner <mforner@marshallmedical.org>, Nancy Williams <nancy.williams@edcgov.us>, Peter Brown <peterbrowninv@gmail.com>, Robby Randolph <rrandolph@bartonhealth.org>, Shaunda Crane

4/13/2020

Edcgov.us Mail - Fwd: Status Report 4/12: El Dorado County Homeless - Community Action Team

<scrane@marshallmedical.org>, Terri Stratton <tstratton@edchc.org>, Gayle Cline <gecline@gmail.com>, Juliana Smith <jsmith2@marshallmedical.org>

**Subject: Status Report 4/12: El Dorado County Homeless - Community Action Team**

Colleagues,

With apologies for not getting a report out to you on Thursday, I've been waiting on news regarding motel contracting and the BoS meeting on Tuesday. Based on what I now know, here's an update on progress and status dated Sunday 4/12/20.

### *Meetings*

Action Team meetings held on Tuesday 4/7 6 pm - 6:45 pm

### *Plan, Priorities and Actions*

Phase 1 Plan - active outreach, education and support to keep people in place in the camps

This initiative got underway on Wednesday 4/8 with the plan to do outreach Monday's, Wednesdays and Fridays providing bagged food, hygiene kits, trash collection, health screenings, infection control education and reinforcement.

There is great collaboration in this endeavour, including the following:

- Shaunda Crane - coordinating planning and overseeing health screenings
- Sgt Jason Bloxom and the HOT team with support from Cal-Fire - safety, troubleshooting and appropriate behavior reinforcement including direct outreach to camps
- Charlie McDonald and Karen Stinson Upper Room along with their volunteers - meals on site and bagged food for delivery to camps
- Peg and Don Vanderkar and the church Nomadic Shelter teams - Vans and drivers supporting the 3 day per week outreach program
- Ron Sacks Jobs Shelters - clothing supplies
- Madeline Forner - trash exchange service
- Many other volunteers supporting these initiatives

The initial approach for the outreach program is to start at the Upper Room at 12 pm visiting each of the following locations with a 30 minute stop at each:

- Wienerschnitzel Parking Lot, Upper Broadway (Stop A)
- Regal Theatre Pkg Lot Area, Placerville Dr. (Stop B)
- WalMart, Missouri Flat Rd. (Stop C)

Some stats from the Friday outing are as follows:

- Food Bags prepared: 44, Bags distributed: approx 25 (Great job with the grocery cleaning! The nurse in me thanks you!)
- Hygiene Kits prepared: 40; Kits distributed: approx 15
- Cloth Masks available: 50, approx 12 distributed
- Recipients of a health check: 19
  - Repeat recipients- 5
  - New recipients- 9
  - Confirmed not homeless recipients: 5

The team has recognised the need for wider communication about the outreach service, where and when it is taking place and how it's designed to help. In addition, a number of folk, who do not meet the usual criteria of being homeless have sought support, so the we are working to make it clear that anyone impacted by the COVID-19 crisis and needs community support is welcome to engage with the team and receive assistance

Regarding information on resources, the operations team reviewed a series of options and decided that Facebook provides the most appropriate options as this is a medium regularly used by our target population for communication, it has familiarity and flexibility. So on Saturday 4/11 we

launched a "Covid19 Community Resources for El Dorado County" Facebook. To keep this manageable only Karen and Shaunda can post topics, but anyone can comment.

Phase 2 Plan - placing high risk, vulnerable and those sick with symptoms in motels.

We have prioritized individuals identified for higher level sheltering, support services and coordinated entry in place and ready to be implemented. Progress is stalled due to contractual issues outside the County's control; responsibility for property damages and provision of security. We hope to break through these challenges early this coming week.

In parallel, however, we are planning for social support for people we place and Maureen Dion-Perry and Gayle Cline have been connecting with the South Lake Tahoe program to learn from their experience as well as lining up Western Slope volunteers to support daily calls. In addition we recognise there will be people in need of social work support and will be leaning support from the South Lake Tahoe Coalition for Homelessness team for assistance.

Phase 3 Plan - planning for a surge.

We continue coordinating with the EOC Advanced Planning team who have responsibility establishing Alternate Care Sites that should address our surge needs.

Two issues have significant potential impact on this planning:

- The outcome of the BoS meeting on 4/14 regarding the Joint Policy Statement on Homelessness
- Revised estimates of the size and timing of the surge, and in the light of the impact of social distancing and other infection transmission initiatives

#### *News from South Lake Tahoe*

Placement of individuals in motels and the Rec center now well underway.

Working to repatriate 3 high risk individuals temporarily sheltered in SLT, back to Placerville. Pending access to motel rooms on the Western Slope

Contracts to provide funding for motel placements in progress with the County.

Details on the impacts of motel contracting, pending

#### *Stakeholder Updates*

The City of South Lake Tahoe is now represented at the Community Action Team meetings

#### *Communication with EOC / CAO*

Will be attending BoS meeting 4/14 9 am for item #25 where the Chief Administrative Office and Health & Human Services Agency recommend the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Joint Policy Statement on Homelessness, that documents a commitment between the County and the City of Placerville and provides direction to staff from both organizations in regards to homelessness activities. (Statement Attached)

#### *Photo Gallery*

See attached for some elected shots from the weeks activities:

- HOT Team in Action (Role models for Masking!)
- Health Screening and Stop A
- The team in action at Stop C
- Food Prep team at the Upper Room
- Facebook COVID-19 Resource Page

Let me know if you have any questions or comments

Best wishes,

Martin

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**Martin Entwistle**

VP Population Health

Team Lead COVID-19 El Dorado County Homeless Community Response Team

Marshall Medical Center

1100 Marshall Way | Placerville, CA | 95667

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## EDC BOS Item #25 04-14-20 Comments/EDC GOP

1 message

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**Todd White** <toddwhite2006@hotmail.com>

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 9:51 PM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, Brian Veerkamp <bosthree@edcgov.us>

Cc: Terry Gheradi <liberty\_x@sbcglobal.net>

Good Evening Board Clerk & Chairman Veerkamp:

I hope you are both doing well!


Attached is a letter submitted on behalf of the EDC Republican Party regarding Item #25 on your Board's agenda for 04-14-20.

I have included our Party's Executive Director Terry Gherardi on this e-mail.

Happy Easter,

Todd White  
Chairman, EDC Republican Party  
(530) 417-0807

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April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
330 Fair Lane, Building A  
Placerville, CA 95667

Re: EDC BOS Agenda Item #25 (04/14/20)/Homeless at the Armory in Placerville

Dear Chairman Veerkamp & County Supervisors:

Thank you for your work during this difficult time. It is noticed and greatly appreciated.

Our Party strongly opposes your body and the City Council of Placerville authorizing your respective staff members to evaluate the feasibility of the Armory at 100 Placerville Drive to become a Transitional Navigation Center and provide the services outlined in the proposed Joint Statement pertaining to this agenda item.

With this said, our Party remains committed and has been diligently working with community members, churches, non-profits, business owners, and people of all political beliefs to come up with the best solutions to address El Dorado County's ongoing homelessness issue. We believe that the Armory at 100 Placerville Drive is a bad location to house the homeless population and provide services related to drugs, alcohol, and mental health. This is because this location is surrounded by the County Fairgrounds, County Library, and at least 2 organizations that support local youth.

From an economic perspective, the Amory is directly across the street from a business that is one of the City of Placerville's highest sales tax providers. During these very difficult times for businessmen and businesswomen, it would be inappropriate to put them in anymore financial strain.

Many may argue that this document simply gives both jurisdictions outlined in the proposed statement the authority to explore 100 Placerville Drive as a possible site to house the homeless. Unfortunately, the proposed document does a considerable amount of damage to the community, especially the City of Placerville. The proposed documents sends out a message of uncertainty during a time when people are looking for stability.

Please oppose the proposed joint statement outlined in this item. Our Party will continue to work on this issue. We will also continue to work with other community groups to oppose the Amory at 100 Placerville Drive being turned into a site for homeless housing and/or providing services for the homeless.

Sincerely,

Todd White  
Chairman, EDC Republican Party  
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**4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness**

1 message

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Sara Eldridge <sara.eldridge@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 8:54 PM

I have been a volunteer with the Nomadic Shelter program in El Dorado County for the past 4 years, and it has been a privilege for me to get to know and to serve the unhoused guests in the shelter. They deserve our help and compassion and I hope you will approve the Joint Policy Statement on Homelessness coming before the Board of Supervisors and Placerville City Council this Tuesday, 4/14.

It proposes that "the County and City shall work together to establish immediate solutions to reduce and work toward elimination of the homeless problem in our jurisdictions."

The policy will authorize staff to immediately evaluate the feasibility of using the Placerville Armory and to explore other facilities as a Navigation Center with Support Services and Transitional Housing.

Here are some important points to support this proposal and counter the negative publicity about using the Armory.

1. The majority of the homeless neighbors in EDC are from EDC. They are not transient people but long-time residents, according to the most recent Point in Time Count.
2. Our County is in desperate need of a Navigation Center with Transitional Housing. Locations all over the state have done this. A recent visit to one in Marysville found it clean and well supervised. According to one of the Yuba County Board of Supervisors, the neighbors in the area reported no problems.
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5. The large number of homeless families and children in our community will be dramatically helped by finding solutions to this crisis.
6. Children attending events at the fairgrounds will not be adversely affected by a well supervised facility on an adjacent property that is separated by a fence.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully

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Sara Eldridge



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1 message

**Maureen** <dionperry@att.net>

Sat, Apr 11, 2020 at 2:57 PM

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Cc: JOHN &amp; EILEEN HIDAHL &lt;hidahl@aol.com&gt;, Lori Parlin &lt;lori.parlin@edcgov.us&gt;, Sue Novasel &lt;sue.novasel@edcgov.us&gt;, Shiva Frentzen &lt;shiva.frentzen@edcgov.us&gt;, Brian Veerkamp &lt;brian.veerkamp@edcgov.us&gt;, Donald Ashton &lt;don.ashton@edcgov.us&gt;

Dear Board of Supervisors - I am very pleased to see the Joint Policy Statement on Homelessness on the Agendas of both the BOS and City Council.

Please note the following important points:

1. The majority of the homeless neighbors in EDC are from EDC. They are not transient people but long-time residents, according to the most recent Point in Time Count.
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Please vote to support this policy so that our community can move forward and provide services that will support our homeless neighbors to rejoin our community as productive members.

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Warm Regards

Maureen Dion-Perry

Western Slope Coalition on Affordable Housing and Homelessness.



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**Re: \* CORRECTION \* Urgent | help us keep your fairgrounds safe!**

1 message

Bill Christner Jr. <jugmtn@hotmail.com>

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 8:03 PM

To: El Dorado County Fair & Event Center <reply-40cb4ea904-9f5207fa83-008c@u.cts.vresp.com>

Cc: "cmorris@cityofplacerville.org" <cmorris@cityofplacerville.org>, "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

To Whom It May Concern:

I read the justification for not sheltering the transient community at the Fair Grounds. While I believe you make valid points, your argument has one glaring omission. Nowhere do you provide a solution to this problem. All you do is point out the perils of the situation. If you truly do not want the transient community housed at the armory, it seems providing an alternative to the armory would be the logical step. The majority of the population that makes up the transient community is there not by choice, but by circumstance. I would suggest it is our Christian duty to offer assistance to our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Sincerely,  
Bill Christner Jr.

**From:** El Dorado County Fair & Event Center <El\_Dorado\_County\_Fair\_\_Event\_Cen@mail.vresp.com>

**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 12:06 PM

**To:** jugmtn@hotmail.com <jugmtn@hotmail.com>

**Subject:** \* CORRECTION \* Urgent | help us keep your fairgrounds safe!

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Hi again,

We have received great response to our first email. Thank you to all who are helping us keep our fairgrounds safe.

There was a typo in the Board Clerks email, the correct email address is highlighted below.

Thank you everyone who let us know. We apologize for the inconvenience.

## YOU CAN HELP

PLEASE email . . .

City Manager, Cleave Morris  
>> [cmorris@cityofplacerville.org](mailto:cmorris@cityofplacerville.org)

The Board Clerk  
>> [edc.cob@edcgov.us](mailto:edc.cob@edcgov.us)

The wording for the letter is in the next column for you to copy and paste in your own email. It is also page 3 in the flyer.

This is critical and needed **BEFORE** next Tuesday, April 14, as the item is on the County & Citys' Agendas.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and to act to save our Fairgrounds, the activities that happen here and the people that use the fairgrounds.

**NO Transient Housing**

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Please help us keep your community safe. Write to your elected officials, contact today!

### Sample Letter Wording

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that the City of Placerville and El Dorado County are considering installing transitional housing at the old Armory location, next to the Fairgrounds to benefit the transient community. With endorsement from the Fair Board and Staff, I send this letter of opposition to using the Fairgrounds as housing or shelter for the homeless population. The Fairgrounds is a community hub where our residents use the beautiful grounds daily to walk, exercise their horses, walk their dogs, practice fire crew drills, picnic, etc.

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Sincerely,



El Dorado County Fair & Event Center  
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530-621-5110  
[eldoradocountyfair.org](http://eldoradocountyfair.org)



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## Transient Housing

1 message

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Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 7:32 PM

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To whom may care to read,

Skip to last paragraph to see personal note.

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Please join us in opposition of the Armory being transformed into transitional housing for the homeless and stand with us to protect our community.

I am, and have been a resident for the all of my life. I am a teacher in this county as my mother was before me. I have a more personal vestment in this issue than most. My mother has adopted two gardens at the Fairgrounds, and has kept them up for 6+ years now. You've probably seen them on the back side of the museum while attending events at the fair or even in the paper. Over the years her, with my father's assistance, have several days monthly taken care of that part of the grounds. My mother has a knack for decorations and has done so for each County Fair as well as for many holidays throughout the year. Many of the items that she has used have disappeared quickly. This is more a trivial nuisance costing a little bit of money and the time it took to put it together and place it. But, in this small nuisance lies the problem, the amount of transient traffic right now is leading to all these issues. What do you think the consequences will be for the community if this location is chosen? My wife, mother, father, and I are also members of the Gem and Mineral Society of El Dorado County. We hold an annual event at the Fairgrounds as well as run the mineral exhibit during the Fair. I can only see the small issues becoming bigger if this location is picked. I have a feeling this is out of convenience with the county owning the property. Also, the CITY OF PLACERVILLE/EL DORADO COUNTY JOINT POLICY STATEMENT ON HOMELESSNESS April 14, 2020, states "eliminating homelessness and the associated problems related to homelessness". In choosing this location I don't see it addressing either of those concerns. I would hope that you please consider the needs of the many residents in this county, and I don't know, fix the roads, parks, and schools, before you plan to spend vast amounts of tax payer dollars for this issue for the few. I mean come on, the bureaucracy even in a small county like this is getting ridiculous. All you have to do is read "Action 1-6" in your policy

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statement to see how much time and money is being wasted talking and planning on doing something and not really doing anything. Nothing there is going to help people who don't want to help themselves.

Sincerely,

Bret Bilyeu



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1 message

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Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 9:58 AM

TO: EDC Board of Supervisors, Clerk of the Board at  
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Subject Line: 4-14-2020; Agenda Item 25 Joint Policy on Homelessness

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As a resident of El Dorado County, I support this proposal to help our homeless population, and request that you also do so..

Like other counties in California, El Dorado County is in desperate need of a Navigation Center with Transitional Housing. Other locations have done this, and I understand that a recent visit to one in Marysville found it clean and well supervised. According to one of the Yuba County Board of Supervisors, the neighbors in the area reported no problems.

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Thank you for your attention and thoughtful consideration of this important matter.

Thomas R Pinkos  
El Dorado Hills

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## Transitional housing at the old Armory location

1 message

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James Polaski <jcpolaski@sbcglobal.net>

Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 5:22 PM

To: "cmorris@cityofplacerville.org" <cmorris@cityofplacerville.org>, "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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Jim and Colette Polaski