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Written comment re: todays BOS meeting

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Please include this email as my written comment for today's special BOS meeting.

I oppose the use of the Armory site for a homeless shelter/housing for the following reasons:

- The proximity to the fairgrounds, skate park, New Morning Youth Shelter, Placer Village Apartments and the Oetting Property, and small business.
- We just received a significant amount of money from TOT funding to upgrade and build a RV park. This homeless shelter is 650' away from that park.
- I requested from Placerville Police Department all 'request for service' calls from Nov. 1, 2010 thru November 2011 (before Hangtown Haven) and November 1, 2012 thru November 30, 2013 (during Hangtown Haven), within the proximity of Upper Broadway. The request for service calls **more than doubled during that period**, which the majority not for Hangtown Haven, but **surrounding** Hangtown Haven. How would the city deal with such an increase in crime in this concentrated area?
- There are some excellent "campsites" in close proximity to the Armory, specifically the fairgrounds and Oetting property. Once the word gets out that Placerville is again "homeless friendly" we will see a surge in the homeless population, and they won't be living in the shelter, but surrounding it. They will be the ones starting fires, breaking laws and creating general havoc.
- In speaking with a member of the HOT Team, 95% of our local homeless/transient community CHOOSE THAT LIFESTYLE. They do NOT want to follow the rules a shelter or organized society would impose. That leaves only 5% wanting to change their lifestyle.
- I 100% support helping those that want to be helped. My personal opinion is those that support a band aid of temporary housing may be thinking unrealistically, the problem is mental health. Until the legislature changes current laws regarding mental health and providing lock down facilities, the problem will continue.
- I am employed by the Fair Association – and this change does not affect my employment (other than feeling less safe). However, like my co-workers, I am passionate about these grounds and what happens to it. Our CEO and Fair Board support the decision to oppose the possibility of the Armory becoming a transient/homeless shelter.

I am always available for questions or comments. I will provide my cell phone # upon request.

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