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Agenda #94

A homelessness/mental health/addiction center is not an ideal location nor acceptable in a residential area. These facilities pose risks to children and the community living in these areas who would be burdened by these issues.

The county should seek other areas near hospitals and police stations for this type of facility.

Specifically in Old Town SSF area would not be acceptable as this area has many multi-family households. This neighborhood has been neglected of development resources for many generations but is not in need of these services. This type of facility in this neighborhood would be attracting vagrants who would have many streets and businesses to hang out around and not helping the families of this neighborhood.

This community deserves a teen education/employment center where it would be beneficial to the community, instead of attracting vagrants to this neighborhood. The children of this neighborhood are already careful of the sex offender housing on Cypress and would now be burdened with the homeless which are not present in this neighborhood.

Thank you for your time,
Daniel E. Perez

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Honorable Supervisors,

My name is Suzanne Moore, Pacifica resident, retired Family Nurse Practitioner from this County where I practiced at both the Daly City and South San Francisco Clinics, and current Board Member of Healthcare for the Homeless and Farmworkers Program - speaking on my own behalf. I once again am appealing to your leadership on the County Housing Element which bears directly on the continued health and wellbeing of all our residents.

COVID had a disproportionate negative impact on those with lower incomes in our community. I have heard from our County legal Aid that evictions are much higher than pre-COVID levels, and our County CORE agencies are reporting much higher requests for assistance. Like canaries in a mine, these agencies are reporting an increase in need that is furthering our housing crisis.

The State's Tenant Protection Act did not go far enough to protect against evictions, and many are losing their homes because of loopholes. Adopting just cause from Day 1 and incorporating an anti-harassment ordinance into our Housing Element can and will make a difference.

Subsidies are needed for those most vulnerable and unable to afford current rents. Keep people currently housed in their housing - a way to actively prevent homelessness.

Prioritize production of much-needed below market rate housing; and while we wait for them to be built, continue to provide temporary interim housing, as we have already done to our great benefit.

Your leadership is needed to create a Housing Element that directs opportunities to meet our housing crisis. Thank you for all your work.

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Dear Supervisor Slocum,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Katherine Dumont, and I am a concerned resident of Menlo Park with a deep commitment to ensuring affordable and secure housing for all. I am writing to share my story as a resident of the County and support for recommendations to improve the County's Housing Element draft.

First and foremost, I want to express my appreciation for your dedication to public service and for taking the time to consider the importance of this matter. San Mateo County has shown dedication in addressing homelessness and housing, but more work must be done.

San Mateo County does not have enough affordable housing to meet the need and many families with special housing needs are priced out of the area or struggle with a high rent burden and inadequate tenant protections.

I would like to share a personal story that sheds light on the gravity of this issue.

My husband and I are longtime renters, and we have experienced firsthand the effects of housing insecurity. Year after year, the soaring cost of housing in this area has outpaced any salary increase we might receive. We have been able to get by, mainly by seeking out 'naturally affordable' housing--older, somewhat neglected homes with aging appliances and little insulation. But this type of housing is rapidly disappearing as land values soar and homes are snapped up as 'investments'.

We have also experienced displacement--not once, but twice--when our rental home was taken off the market by the owner. We were not covered by tenant protections because, in both cases, we lived in a single-family residence. Being forced from our home at the height of the pandemic was one of the most stressful experiences of my life.

I am the third generation of my family to call the Bay Area 'home.' But my nieces and nephews--the next generation--have either left the area or are barely hanging on due to the high cost of housing. And if we don't take drastic steps to improve the housing situation, I see no future here for their children--my grandnieces and grandnephews.

Our family's story is just one of many.

For the County to address the housing crisis, I believe we must prioritize the following recommendations:

- Prioritize funding sources for affordable housing; including subsidies, new sources of revenue, and through allocating at least 35% of Measure K funds to support housing and homelessness services.

- Implement strong, research-based programs that address the needs of those with special housing needs. This includes those with disabilities, farmworkers, large families, and extremely low incomes.
- Rezone areas outside of North Fair Oaks to higher densities to promote fair housing throughout the County and meet capacity for legally mandated affordable housing requirements.
- *Include tenant protections in the Housing Element and implement a rental registry to track evictions and displacement in the County.*

Once again, I appreciate your attention to this matter and your commitment to serving our community. I would be grateful for a response with any feedback, updates, or actions taken on this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Katherine Dumont