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Subject: FW: Homeless Shelter

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From: Robin Bogue [mailto:robin@williamjamescellars.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 10:14 PM
To: Office of Supervisor Peter Adam
Subject: Homeless Shelter

Dear Peter,

Thank you for giving our small community an opportunity to voice our concerns regarding the property in escrow with the Good Samaritan at 220 S. First Street, Orcutt, CA 93458.

As the tenant next door to the proposed site I would like to tell the Board of Supervisors what has been going on since I received your letter dated May 13, 2016.

1. The tenants and owners of the three houses located next door to the site; -210 S First Street -210A S First Street -230 S First Street were NOT notified by Good Samaritan about their plans with the site. As well as, 80% of the residents and businesses in the direct area to the site were NOT notified either. I have collected signatures of all those involved.
2. I have been given several different answers by the staff at the Good Samaritan in regards to what is planned at the site. Jack Boyson told me by phone call May 26, 2016 the detox center was a 2 week program. But, then a mere week later, June 1st, Sylvia Bernard told an angry crowd at the site meeting the detox center was a 90 day program. I asked for a protocol and a list of phone numbers to call for tenants that loose their privilege of housing with no concrete answers from the Good Samaritan.

Now, the answers seem to be rehearsed from all of the questions Good Samaritan has received since your letter on May 13, 2016. I don't trust Good Samaritan to stay on course with their proposed plan. If Good Samaritan loses the VASH vouchers what changes will they make? Will they follow rules, and abide by the community or just bully, buffalo and push us around again like they are now? What sanctions can we place on Good Samaritan to truly abide by their written word?

3. As a tenant next door I worry about the parking situation for 6 tenants. There is only two spaces available on the curb. I also worry about curfew.
4. I propose selling the home at 220 S First Street to a business and rezone for a Bed and Breakfast to serve the businesses in the community. That is a safe business venture for the neighborhood and the community of Orcutt. A Bed and Breakfast enriches our community.

Thank you for listening, giving us a chance to speak and good luck on persuading the other Board Members to not approve the funding for Good Samaritan.

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Subject: FW: Support for veteran permanent housing

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From: Jose Clemente [<mailto:jaclemente@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 3:36 PM

To: Adam, Peter

Cc: Nelson, Bob

Subject: Support for veteran permanent housing

As a resident of Orcutt, I would like to express my support for the proposed veterans housing on 220 S. First Street.

It's not a homeless shelter and the misinformation going around has been very disappointing. While I do appreciate Bob Nelson facilitating the discussion at William James Cellars, it would've been nice if Supervisor Adam would've attended the meetings at William James Cellars or at the proposed site open house by Good Sam to hear first hand input and feedback of the residents he represents. Many residents at both meetings did support this project.

Supervisor Adam I hope you do support the funding for this project, rather than forfeiting the funds back to HUD. We enjoy our freedom because of our veterans.

Thank you.

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June 3, 2016

Peter Adam, Supervisor
Betteravia Government Center
511 East Lakeside Pkwy, Suite 47
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Re: 220 South First Street, Orcutt, CA property

Dear Mr. Adam,

We are writing to you in support of the funding for Good Samaritan's acquisition of 220 South First Street, in Orcutt for their proposed purpose.

The property is currently owned by Life Steps Foundation, which they purchased over 20 years ago utilizing Federal HOME funding (for transitional & permanent housing) along with funding provided by the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara. The property has been vacant for well over a year. Because the Housing Authority has the right of first refusal, and the property has affordable housing covenants requiring that it serves a low-income population, it is important that the property continue to serve low-income tenants.

Good Samaritan Shelter opened escrow in February, 2016, on the property with Life Steps Foundation after agreeing on a price, which was supported by two appraisals.

Good Samaritan Shelter is proposing to use the 6 bedroom 3 bathroom home to house 5 low-income homeless veterans and a live-in house manager (also a veteran) in permanent housing. All residents will pay 30% of their income on rent, and the balance of their rent will be subsidized with other funding.

It is our understanding that Good Samaritan has proposed to hire a .5 FTE case manager who will manage the residents on an ongoing basis, and the live-in house manager will provide on-site oversight of the residents. Further, our understanding is that all residents will be randomly drug tested on a regular basis, as well as ensure they are attending AA/ NA meetings (provided around the corner at the Orcutt Lions Club). In addition, each resident will have a sponsor, will be working and/or attending a program, and will focus on improving their lives.

The Veteran Administration Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers provided by the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara will subsidize the rental income, which in turn will help fund the operating expenses. VASH vouchers can only be used for Veterans, and the Housing Authority conducts periodic inspections to ensure there is no overcrowding and housing quality standards are met.

Additionally, Santa Barbara County's Housing & Community Development Division is required by HUD to provide annual monitoring on all federally funded projects. The County provides this monitoring on an annual basis.

We fully support the funding requested by Good Samaritan, as it will 1) assist up to 6 veterans in need of housing, 2) utilize a home that is currently unutilized, but well suited for this purpose, and 3) provide critical services in addition to housing for the betterment of veterans' lives.

Sincerely,



Robert P Havlicek Jr
Executive Director

C: HACSB, Board of Commissioners

I AM A RETIRED VIET NAM VETERAN.
I WAS LIVING IN A ROOMING HOUSE
IN GROVER BEACH UNTIL DEC. 2015
WHEN THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE
DECIDED TO MAKE THE HOUSE INTO
A SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE AND ALL
THE ROOMERS HAD TO MOVE OUT AND
FIND OTHER PLACES.

I STAYED IN A MOTEL WHILE
LOOKING FOR A NEW PLACE AND SOON
RAN OUT OF FUNDS. ANOTHER VET
TOLD ME ABOUT GOOD SAMARITANS
AND I WAS ABLE TO FIND SHELTER
THERE WHILE THE VETERANS
ADMINISTRATION PUT ME ON THE
WAITING LIST FOR THE VASA PROGRAM.

IF NOT FOR GOOD SAMARITAN
SHELTER I WOULD HAVE BEEN
WITHOUT A PLACE TO STAY.

THESE PEOPLE ARE DOING GOOD
WORK, PLEASE HELP THEM IN
THEIR EFFORTS TO HOUSE PEOPLE
IN NEED.

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