

Lia Graham Public Comment - Group 2

From: Stanley Tzankov <stanley.tzankov@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 4:55 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Re: File Number: 23-00493



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Dear Board of Supervisors:

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Lia Graham

From: Rosa Paredes <rparedes@sv-sb.org>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 5:07 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Laura Capps; Sr. Arthur Gordon
Subject: Dignity Moves Project - La Posada

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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Fr. Virgil Cordano Center, we are in support of the Dignity Moves- La Posada project as there is a critical need for the services that will be offered at La Posada. The services will serve the needs for those who are currently unsheltered in this area.

Thank you for supporting this project.

Regards,
Rosa Paredes
Fr. Virgil Cordano Center, Chief Operating Officer

Lia Graham

From: Karen Campbell <k_campbell@communitycounts.org>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 7:15 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: La Pasada Project Lease-worth reading

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As a fourth generation from Santa Barbara, I object to the La Pasada Project Lease as it stands now.

My reason is simple. I was born and raised here, and I struggle to stay afloat. It is hard for me to witness the growth of the homeless population that has moved to town. We all have sympathy for those who struggle.

However, at what cost can we support individuals who recently moved here without financial support? Are individuals moving here because they have heard they can get help?

Santa Monica and other coastal cities have the same problem. How are they addressing it? What have you learned? I moved to Santa Monica for work because I couldn't find a job in my profession. Or another job that paid a significant enough amount to get by.

Even though I had two Master's Degrees and experience, I couldn't find work here at the time.

I had always dreamed of returning to my family home, but now I face issues such as Prop 19 and other related propositions that may impede any chance of living here. Perhaps, I should declare myself homeless so I can move back home.

My concern about the Project is that it needs to be developed with enough time for feedback. This is a quick solution to help the retail industry solve its problem of carrying a non-profitable lease.

Who is making money off of the Project?

Is there going to be low-income housing for those of us born here?

And shouldn't those of us who have lived here the longest have some priority over those that just moved here?

What training-to-work development programs have been put in place?

What are the consequences if the criteria aren't met?

I have worked in the nonprofit industry. And I am well aware of the problems related to homelessness. The La Pasada Project has become a quick solution to a development need. Yet after years of experience, I have learned that there is only a point in temporary housing with a back-end solution it will not work.

Please show me the work and the data on rehab success. Not just a number of those that heed help. Please show me the criteria for selection. Who has been clean of drugs for some time? How can you determine who is getting selected?

Show me the answers, and I will support your plan.

Lia Graham

From: Gene Michaels <gene@genemichaels.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 9:22 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Dignity Moves La Posada Project Public Comments

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Hello,

I am a resident of the County of Santa Barbara and want to share my support for the Dignity Moves La Posada LLC Project.

We need to prioritize funding affordable housing and provide more transitional housing for individuals experiencing homelessness. As written, this Dignity Moves Project has a lot of potential to help, but we need the County Board of Supervisors' leadership.

We ask that the County Board of Supervisors prioritize this project because:

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4. Opening a Dignity Moves project in this area would allow for a much safer alternative to the existing encampments at this site with far fewer impacts on the surrounding community.

Thank you for your time.

Gene Michaels
805-666-2270
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HTiN.USA/>

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HTNIN - Helping Those in Need - USA

Please be a Good Samaritan, give 1 hour of your time whenever you can!

Lia Graham

From: Tom Spadaro <tomspadaro@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 9:43 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Homelessness

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Hi,
My name is Tom Spadaro. I am a resident of the County of Santa Barbara, and I want to share my support for addressing the limited affordable housing on the south coast. Santa Barbara needs to provide housing opportunities to residents experiencing homelessness. I have been volunteering many hours a week offering assistance to houseless people for many years now. Some have jobs but still no place to call home. What about the county prioritizing funds to subsidize housing for those that are not the "most vulnerable", but still live on the streets. These are the folks that are most likely to transition to permanent jobs and enrich our communities. But even better, build affordable housing complexes that don't require Section 8 vouchers. Seniors and others with social security income can afford to pay rent in affordable housing units without the need for monthly subsidies. Community leaders need to prioritize funding for affordable housing and provide more transitional housing for individuals experiencing homelessness. Without affordable housing we will always have encampments and people sleeping on the streets. Quit approving housing projects for the rich and greedy; we have plenty of them already.

Sincerely,

Tom

Live with Purpose, Love with Abandon!

Lia Graham

From: Roger Powell <powell.roger.805@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 12:23 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Dignity Moves La Posada Project Public Comments

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Sincerely,

____ROGER POWEL SBACT STEERING COMMITTEE HOMELESS ADVOCATE _____

Sent from my iPhone

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Charla Bregante <charlabregante@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 7:34 AM
To: sbcob
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Regards,
Charla Bregante

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: DJ Johnsen <djohnsen17@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 8:06 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Dignity Moves La Posada Project Public Comments

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Hello,

My name is Daniel Johnsen. I am a resident of the County of Santa Barbara, and I've had the chance to walk with several formerly homeless individuals who are now housed because they participated in the Dignity Moves program. Gerard, Kelly, and Frog all have their own door to lock, all of them for the first time in at least 10 years! For this reason, I want to share my support for the Dignity Moves La Posada LLC Project.

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5. I'm seeing it work in real time! I've worked for years with homeless individuals and we've never been so effective.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Daniel "DJ" Johnsen