

Public Comment

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Dear Santa Barbara City Council

Here is feedback for homeless issues.

I am an award winning prior teacher, and writer, performer, college grad and experienced professional. I have been homeless for years due to the fact that no agency, homeless group or non profit will help me to find a Section 8 Landlord. My voucher is good for any landlord,.

The county should start requiring landlords to accept these vouchers in reasonable cases of good tenants. It is a guaranteed direct deposit.

Many landlords offer below par, uninhabitable housing and this is a concern also. Including many studios, and granny houses.

You should make serving the disabled homeless population of all ages and women your first housing priority.

I am quite ill and disabled, and have been left to die in the streets.

I have tried the PATH shelter and it was far too dangerous, requiring a police report on many attacks from mentally ill, and problems with staff including falsified records, and abuses including making disabled people engage in 2-4 hours a day of strenuous chores, and leaving people out, kicking them out without even a blanket.

CityNet needs a full investigation as it left me homeless, dumping me on the streets with my things, instead of putting me in the agreed on COVID hotel. Then made up a story about me.

They also did not provide real "meals" but provided peanut butter and jelly sandwiches only for a week; old out of date Trader Joes Food; a baking mix; 10 apples, 15 plums; a whole chicken, pork dish, the same dish for a week (I cannot eat pork). very dangerous to be delivering the chicken and pork, ; no plates, or silverware. I got very ill repeatedly, and my request for reimbursement of my food costs was denied.

You should provide help for finding a PRIVATE landlord for those with Section 8 vouchers.

these are ads in Craigs List. they are not on some other Housing office list. You should not issue more until the ones who have them now are housed. Someone like myself who has lived and worked in Santa BARbara should be given priority help and housing over any newcomers.

I need a PRIVATE landlord from in the community, and need my disabilities, to be accommodated under ADA. NO the ILRC, repeatedly will not help me. And Legal Aid will not help me stating they handle evictions only. No churches will help me.

No, AMericore, home for Good, have repeatedly not helped me. Some can live in the HUD building or other large APTS but I cannot. I do need my housing accommodations respected when we seek my rental.

Leaving me, an award winning teacher homeless in the park is an embarassment to this community.

We also need storage of belongings. Mine have been repeatedly stolen from the parks, and I am injured from toting them around.

We need an emergency number for when sleeping bag is stolen, with a replacement given.

We need computer access.

We need the library reopened.

It is cold out and nowhere is open.

We need warming shelter open when there is gust winds, even if the temperature is not 35 the adjusted temperature is, and there are falling palm fronds.

Section 8 vouchers do not pay me the rent. I cannot use it for a temporary hotel. The Housing office does NOT find one housing.

Please respond stating you have received this.

Thank you.

Best,

Violet