

From: Richard Grace <rchrdrgrace@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 4:12 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: I support the proposed micro housing on 6th and Orchard.

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I think as a community we need to help those who are less fortunate. Assuming the micro housing community is adequately supervised and managed, I'd have absolutely no problem with this project, and I live three city blocks away.

Thank you,

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From: Louisa Erickson <louisame12@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 4:00 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fwd: Homeless micro shelter site/6th and Orchard

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From: **Louisa Erickson** <louisame12@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Sep 22, 2020 at 3:59 PM
Subject: Homeless micro shelter site/6th and Orchard
To: <cityclerk@cityoftacome.org>

Dear Councilmembers,

My comments are more along the lines of questions and a request that future processes be reviewed and potentially revised in order to be transparent and inclusive.

I live a few blocks away from the proposed site, directly on N Orchard St and do anticipate this proposed site will affect neighborhood composition.

I do not want my comments and questions construed as "Not in my backyard," but more, "Why in my backyard?"

What is the impetus for this site selection? Why is it superior to other possible locations? Has there been a study on the return on investment (ROI) by the city - not just in terms of the church benefiting from the income and the folks that will potentially be served, but the overall economic and fiscal impacts to the area to include business, neighborhood, economic vitality, the potential of decreased property values which should, in turn, see reciprocal reduced property taxes for homes in the surrounding area?

Has there been a study on the availability of services? Or the need to site new services nearby and what that cost may be?

Has there been any study on the capacity for transportation and how it may impact the current and future utilization of public transportation and what additional capacity may need to be added in order to support the additional demand?

Has there been outreach to Wilson HS parents that have children riding the bus as their means of transportation to and from school and what their input may be?

Why was there no outreach to neighbors before this deal and its initial plan was brokered? The church is one neighbor and I don't think it is equitable that they can make a deal with the city to change the neighborhood composition for the entire area. This is not being a good neighbor, and that the city did not make any attempt to be inclusive is disappointing as well. Regardless of emergency housing rules you adopted in 2017, neighborhoods should be a part of these types of decisions and not informed after the facts.

As for the site itself, how will the city ensure that the code of conduct will be enforced? What criteria have been established to ensure that the folks that will be housed at the site are screened properly? Where will the participants that are not successful go after they leave? Where will those denied access be transported if they do not adhere to the code of conduct? How do you propose to keep this micro site from becoming a magnet for the chronically homeless that do not do well in these environments?

How is the micro site bridging to more stable housing? Research and practice regarding these relatively new micro shelter sites indicates that without an investment in and infrastructure supporting affordable housing, sites like these are a bridge to nowhere. That being said, how has it been determined this is the best investment into our system of support for homeless individuals? Your own research and survey cited in the TNT article indicate that securing housing is difficult for the majority of homeless folks due to untreated mental health and/or additional issues. How does a micro shelter site solve this?

I worked to read as much as I could about the efficacy of sites like these, and it seems that because they are relatively new in terms of the homeless problems communities face, there really aren't any long term studies indicating they are successful in ending homelessness for the individuals that participate. Approximately 34% are successful. What about the other 2/3 or 66% of participants? Creating a site and program like this should take into account all potential outcomes and have a plan in place to address. There does not seem to be any solid information about how this site will:

1. Truly and effectively bridge homeless individuals to stable and secure housing as well as self-sufficiency
2. Address the potential likelihood that unregulated and not secured or managed homelessness will increase in an area where it is currently not prevalent
3. Address neighborhood composition and infrastructure shifts, including more need for services, supports, and law enforcement
4. Address parental concerns for safety of children and youth in the area, particularly with a high school a couple blocks away, with the primary bus stop located directly at the proposed site.
5. Not just shunt aside concerns relative to property taxes - both as government revenue to potentially decrease, but also as an

investment into a certain neighborhood structure that area homeowners have already made.

6. Not just shunt aside neighborhood concerns around property values. Being concerned about property value is far more complex than assuming that those with those concerns don't value human life or have compassion. It is a reality that homeowners in the area, especially the direct vicinity - not a mile or 2 away, are having their financial lives and futures affected without input, or the ability to have sold before this was decided, if that is what they wanted to do.

Louisa Erickson

From: Michelle Reich <mcsreich@nventure.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 3:41 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Proposed Tiny Homes Village at 6th & Orchard
Attachments: FCC Notes June 28, 2020.pdf

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Dear Tacoma City Council Members,

I would like to submit my thoughts, concerns and questions to the Council regarding the proposed tiny homes village location at the First Christian Church (FCC) at 6th and Orchard.

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Thank you for your time,

Michelle and Peter Reich

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June 28th, 2020 Meeting of the Board of Directors, First Christian Church of Tacoma

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2019 was, and I'm speaking only for myself here, a year of disappointment. Despite the efforts of many, we were simply not able to secure any mutually beneficial partnership arrangements that would allow us to receive income from, for example, a lease of land upon which low and middle income housing could be built. Every conversation simply ended with the potential partner suggesting to us that we were not going to achieve our goal and that our vision was unrealistic. I have almost now a year later completely blocked from my memory a conversation Barbara and I and Norma Carolyn and Tom had in her office with one particular developer who was particularly dismissive of our chances for success.

And now, it is 2020. (The year, as my optometrist reminds me, of perfect vision). In a year where human suffering resulting from Covid-19 has been compounded by an economic collapse; where the never healed national wound of systemic racism has been ripped open by the senseless deaths of innocent black women and men killed for no reason in streets and homes across the country; in a year when we have had to close our physical doors or months to do our part to slow the spread of a virus that could end the lives of any of us, finally, a ray of hope, in the form of LIHI, the Low Income Housing

Institute. In the gospel of John, Nathaniel asked, can anything good come out of Nazareth? Every time I face the traffic on I-5, I ask the same thing about Seattle. Can anything good come out of Seattle? Now I know the answer: Garlic fries, the Seahawks, Green Lake, Pike Place Market, and LIHI!

On July 15th 2018, Pastor Barbara asked me to share a brief update on Mission Possible. Still early on in the process, from the pulpit, I posed a few “what if’s:”

“What if we built a place where single moms could come and learn parenting skills and receive nutritional counseling while their children learned to play classical violin or oboe or piano?”

What if we built a place where adults could come to learn how to live on a budget, while their teens were working out in a gym learning to balance on a beam, and being supervised and mentored by caring adults?

What if we built a place where ... people of modest income could have shelter, find dignity, find community, and live side by side with people of all races, creeds, ages, abilities, and diverse life experiences?

What if... they could go to their jobs or schools or volunteer work without the need for a car because they lived at the junction of two key arterials and public transportation is available, safe, and steps away

What if ... in this community, physical, spiritual, and mental health was at the core of the mission of the “village?” What if there were lit. soft walking trails where pets and people, old and young, able-bodied and physically challenged, could get exercise and breath fresh air...right here in the city.

What if, at the center ... of this place, was a church full of Christians unlike most of the Christians we see on TV or read about in the news, or we experience at work or at school; Christians who channel the unconditional love of God, who don’t measure a person by where they are now, but on what God is calling all creation to: the higher calling of loving others as we have been loved, and loving the “other” who Christ loves, and even loving the enemy.

... We are not seeking to replace the work of the existing schools, health care facilities, or social service agencies, nor are we seeking to do better what they already do well.

We are seeking, simply and humbly, to be the best rocky ground we can be, allowing God, in God's patient grace, to continue God's holy work in the city.

We seek to be a place of worship

We seek to be place to gather at the Table.

We seek to be a place where God's great good news is proclaimed.

We seek to be a place that welcomes the refugee and the "alien" in our land.

We seek to be a place to feed the hungry of belly and soul.

Our vision is to be a place ... on all six acres ... where all who come will say "surely God is in this place."

You've all received materials that explain what the Tiny House Village concept is, where villages are currently up and running, and the first draft of a plan to locate a Tiny House Village at Orchard & Sixth.

The Executive Committee voted unanimously to apply to have a THV built here. The Trustees present voted unanimously to put FCC's hat in the ring. Now we are bringing the proposal to the Board for your support.

Last week I made a presentation to the Trustees. That 10 point memo is before you.

1. This decision keeps all options for the future open. There is no sale of land, this is a simple a land lease
2. It is temporary. The Tiny House Village would be on-site for 3-4 years. This will "buy time" to develop a master plan for the entire campus in a thoughtful manner
3. It is a powerful act of mission and a hands-on ministry and address a profound community need. We get to participate in being the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth. We have the privilege of putting roofs over people's heads who would otherwise be sleeping in forests and doorways and parks and in the courtyard.
4. It makes use of land which is completely unused and not providing any value or benefit to the community or to the church. It puts plain old dirt to missional good use

5. It generates revenue, in the form of monthly lease payments, to the church. This will directly benefit the church because it will allow us to slow the depletion of CCF investment assets and Merrill Lynch savings
6. This will unify the church members; people can join together in serving our guests / neighbors and strengthen the church's identity as a place of justice, mercy, and service.
7. Residents will have a place of worship in their own "front yard" ... Because of who we are as a welcoming and non- judgmental body, they will have a place to experience a different kind of church than perhaps what they are used to.
8. This will change people's lives for the better. For the church, we will learn what it is to serve without expectation of reward. For the residents of the village, they will have a safe and secure place to live which will free them to pursue employment, education, warm meals, and transition to independent permanent housing.
9. This will raise our visibility in the community and will draw more people to First Christian Church, people who are looking for authentic Christianity which serves the poor and marginalized.
10. This will enhance the security of the campus by being a 24/7 presence of people who have ownership in the campus as their "home."

Since then, I've added an eleventh:

11. This is not about "us" doing ministry for "them." There is no us and them. The church is not a closed circle whose goal is to (reluctantly) break the circle and bring the outside in. The church at its best is a humbly set welcome table which constantly grows in size and impact as more people bring gifts to share. We are the hungry ones *and* the satiated ones. We are *all* rich with gifts to share. We are all "the least of these."

This is our opportunity to both give and receive, to learn and to teach, as we share our campus with a few of our homeless sisters and brothers.

From: Maria Remick <remick253@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 3:40 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Revised comments for proposed homeless camp 6th and Orchard

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Hello my name is Maria Remick I am sending in my comments and concerns regarding a proposed homeless Village on 6th and North Orchard. I grew up in the North End and purchased my own home several blocks from the proposed site . My concerns are many and varied. We have seen on paper how these plans always look wonderful, and then we've seen the reality of places like nicklesville with stabbing's and violence. And then the Ballard housing and Olympia where the residents are up in arms over what is happening in the village, and around the Villages .

That was not part of the deal.

Here are a few of my concerns.

First they mention people will be thoroughly screened, My question is how do you verify their ID if they have none ? And will they do a background check for the whole US or just Washington state ? Are they run for warrants and warrants in Wa and across the country?

With the debacle by this company of nicklesville, how would you handle dealing with the residents of the village or the entire village itself if it does not work out ? Considering after this management group LIHI the low income housing institute took over it took seven months to shut down nicklesville , and the residents locked LIHI out of the village they were managing ?

Under the new federal laws you cannot remove or ask a homeless person to leave unless you're offering them accommodations, If they refuse the ones being offered you have to wait until you can accommodate them with something of their liking. That translates to being held hostage! So what are your safeguards in place for such a problem and how would you handle it? The proposed site is on the grass itself butting up against the 6th ave sidewalk ,

That is where the kids have to walk to get to school and sit at a bus stop , NOT SAFE . . there are no grocery store nearby if these people are homeless they might have health problems or disabilities that make it hard for them to walk a mile up to Fred Meyer on South 19th st or N 30th Street Safeway.

They mention that services are being offered supposedly on site , what are the services being offered daily on site ? There's no mention of how they would get transported to actual mental health facilities , Food Banks , clothing bank , hospitals or anywhere else for care DSHS Etc ?

Electricity for one lamp and one heater is listed . How would food be stored if they have no refrigeration? That is a health and safety issue. And even if they are having meals inside everyone will have food in those houses and we have a huge rodent problem in the North End right now!

What is the garbage pick up schedule and who will deal with all the trash outside of the village on Orchard and 6th ?

Has any one done a environmental impact study ?

What will be done to prevent fires in the village or accidental fire in the sheds?

Why does the city say it is temporary and 35 units but the church's own letter says

44 unit's staying 3 to 4 years with hopes of permanent solutions for their campus , meaning permanent housing there .

There is currently problems with one homeless man and his lives right there behind the church on the sidewalk of 6th and 15 feet up into the woods for over a year. The one man has had his garbage and clothes from the 500 shopping cart strewn up and down the street and ran into traffic .The police can't get him moved out , your own council members can't get him moved . This is one individual , Now you're talkin about 44 + their friends on the outside that will come to hang out and live in the woods to be by their friends and significant other .The fact that you can't move one person speaks volumes.

My immediate concerns tend to be for where the children in the neighborhood that attend school at Downey Wilson or attend the Tacoma Boys & Girls Club. I also have concerns for the resident's of the nursing home that live behind it, as well as the local businesses that will suffer. As you may or may not know we had Safeway shutdown last week because people would not shop there because of the panhandling and the cars being rifled through while your getting groceries, And the general climate of that parking area was so bad. So we lost a store because people would not shop there and their sales were too low as a result. I do not feel this is a good fit for our residential neighborhood and small business district that was hoping to emerge and become a more vibrant part of Tacoma. The residents will be more organized and informed and ready for the next meeting for public input on this proposed site . Thank You for your Time .

From: Rae Charlton <rae.charlton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 3:36 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Public Comment for Temporary Homeless Shelter at 6th Ave and N Orchard

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am a resident of Sunset Hills on N 10th Street and I would like to comment on the supposed "proposed" temporary homeless shelter to be located at the First Christian Church of Tacoma ("Church"), 602 N Orchard Street, Tacoma, WA 98406. One of my main concerns about the proposed shelter is the lack of community outreach regarding this project. I have lived in this neighborhood for the last 4 years, and the first-time hearing about this proposed shelter was from the article in the Tacoma News Tribune published on September 16, 2020. I learned while discussing the shelter with many neighbors, they also had not heard about the proposed shelter until the recent newspaper article or was hearing about it for the first time through me. Many of us are concerned with the lack of community contact and feel this project is already a "done deal." I attempted to research the project specifics, but have found no permit application or proposal for this project site on Tacoma's permit portal, Accela, nor is there any public notices posted on the Church premises as legally required by the Tacoma Municipal Code for temporary shelters. It seems this project is being expedited while cutting serious corners and that raises many concerns for the surrounding residents. It leaves very little confidence that the other provisions in the Tacoma Municipal Code regarding temporary shelters will be enforced, such as mandatory background checks and no registered sex offenders. What about proper bathroom/hand washing facilities? We are in the middle of a pandemic and this is a concern for most. You need to provide the neighboring community with the information so we can make an informed response. So far, we have not been given that opportunity.

My other concern is regarding the safety of my children and my neighborhood. I understand we have a homeless crisis that needs to be addressed. However, many of the homeless individuals in Tacoma suffer from mental illness and substance abuse, which brings more crime and property destruction. The Church is in close proximity to quiet residential neighborhoods, Wilson High School, Disciples Terrace, which houses elderly residents, as well as many other businesses. A shelter in this neighbor is not safe and honestly does not make sense. We have children walking to and from the high school and elderly residents walking around the neighborhood. Furthermore, the neighborhood does not have necessary amenities for shelter residents without transportation, such as a grocery store or laundry services within walking distance. This is not a good location. Please reconsider.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sodium Bulb <markr29@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 3:25 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homeless Camp 6th Ave & Orchard

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Dear Council,

As a resident of Tacoma for 47 years, and within a 2 min walking distance of this proposed Homeless encampment, I am 110% against it. I have several concerns. Dozens of children will walk by this camp on the way to school, being exposed to life endangering risks.

Sexual predators, drug abuse, mentally ill homeless civilians will be living there attracting more of the same kind of perversion.

Crime will increase in the neighborhood.

I do not support this proposal.

I do not want children and neighbors to be exposed to suck risks.

Please consider looking elsewhere.

Kind regards

Mark Roberts

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Tacoma Wa 98406

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Sent from Gmail Mobile my icloud email doesn't work here...go figure

From: Wilma Baxter <baxterwilma@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 3:21 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

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This is regarding the 6th and Orchard micro housing. Why has it been a secret?! What you are proposing is beyond wrong! Why can't you set up these camps, more out of town? The elderly are scared to leave their homes as it is, and now this? I'm totally against what you're proposing!! Very bad idea!!

From: Angie Kennedy <azahal01@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 3:05 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Proposed housing on 6th & Orchard

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Hello,

I have been recently made aware of housing units that are planned for the church on 6th Ave & N Orchard St. I am wondering where to find more information about the plan & if there will be an open community meeting to discuss the site, allow for neighborhood comments & feedback, & learn more about how it will operate.

Thank you,

Angie Kennedy

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From: Charla Ojala <charla16@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 2:58 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Hines, John
Subject: Proposed TEMS Site 6th & Orchard
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2019 was, and I'm speaking only for myself here, a year of disappointment. Despite the efforts of many, we were simply not able to secure any mutually beneficial partnership arrangements that would allow us to receive income from, for example, a lease of land upon which low and middle income housing could be built. Every conversation simply ended with the potential partner suggesting to us that we were not going to achieve our goal and that our vision was unrealistic. I have almost now a year later completely blocked from my memory a conversation Barbara and I and Norma Carolyn and Tom had in her office with one particular developer who was particularly dismissive of our chances for success.

And now, it is 2020. (The year, as my optometrist reminds me, of perfect vision). In a year where human suffering resulting from Covid-19 has been compounded by an economic collapse; where the never healed national wound of systemic racism has been ripped open by the senseless deaths of innocent black women and men killed for no reason in streets and homes across the country; in a year when we have had to close our physical doors or months to do our part to slow the spread of a virus that could end the lives of any of us, finally, a ray of hope, in the form of LIHI, the Low Income Housing

Institute. In the gospel of John, Nathaniel asked, can anything good come out of Nazareth? Every time I face the traffic on I-5, I ask the same thing about Seattle. Can anything good come out of Seattle? Now I know the answer: Garlic fries, the Seahawks, Green Lake, Pike Place Market, and LIHI!

On July 15th 2018, Pastor Barbara asked me to share a brief update on Mission Possible. Still early on in the process, from the pulpit, I posed a few “what if’s:”

“What if we built a place where single moms could come and learn parenting skills and receive nutritional counseling while their children learned to play classical violin or oboe or piano?”

What if we built a place where adults could come to learn how to live on a budget, while their teens were working out in a gym learning to balance on a beam, and being supervised and mentored by caring adults?

What if we built a place where ... people of modest income could have shelter, find dignity, find community, and live side by side with people of all races, creeds, ages, abilities, and diverse life experiences?

What if... they could go to their jobs or schools or volunteer work without the need for a car because they lived at the junction of two key arterials and public transportation is available, safe, and steps away

What if ... in this community, physical, spiritual, and mental health was at the core of the mission of the “village?” What if there were lit. soft walking trails where pets and people, old and young, able-bodied and physically challenged, could get exercise and breath fresh air...right here in the city.

What if, at the center ... of this place, was a church full of Christians unlike most of the Christians we see on TV or read about in the news, or we experience at work or at school; Christians who channel the unconditional love of God, who don’t measure a person by where they are now, but on what God is calling all creation to: the higher calling of loving others as we have been loved, and loving the “other” who Christ loves, and even loving the enemy.

... We are not seeking to replace the work of the existing schools, health care facilities, or social service agencies, nor are we seeking to do better what they already do well.

We are seeking, simply and humbly, to be the best rocky ground we can be, allowing God, in God's patient grace, to continue God's holy work in the city.

We seek to be a place of worship

We seek to be place to gather at the Table.

We seek to be a place where God's great good news is proclaimed.

We seek to be a place that welcomes the refugee and the "alien" in our land.

We seek to be a place to feed the hungry of belly and soul.

Our vision is to be a place ... on all six acres ... where all who come will say "surely God is in this place."

You've all received materials that explain what the Tiny House Village concept is, where villages are currently up and running, and the first draft of a plan to locate a Tiny House Village at Orchard & Sixth.

The Executive Committee voted unanimously to apply to have a THV built here. The Trustees present voted unanimously to put FCC's hat in the ring. Now we are bringing the proposal to the Board for your support.

Last week I made a presentation to the Trustees. That 10 point memo is before you.

1. This decision keeps all options for the future open. There is no sale of land, this is a simple a land lease
2. It is temporary. The Tiny House Village would be on-site for 3-4 years. This will "buy time" to develop a master plan for the entire campus in a thoughtful manner
3. It is a powerful act of mission and a hands-on ministry and address a profound community need. We get to participate in being the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth. We have the privilege of putting roofs over people's heads who would otherwise be sleeping in forests and doorways and parks and in the courtyard.
4. It makes use of land which is completely unused and not providing any value or benefit to the community or to the church. It puts plain old dirt to missional good use

5. It generates revenue, in the form of monthly lease payments, to the church. This will directly benefit the church because it will allow us to slow the depletion of CCF investment assets and Merrill Lynch savings
6. This will unify the church members; people can join together in serving our guests / neighbors and strengthen the church's identity as a place of justice, mercy, and service.
7. Residents will have a place of worship in their own "front yard" ... Because of who we are as a welcoming and non- judgmental body, they will have a place to experience a different kind of church than perhaps what they are used to.
8. This will change people's lives for the better. For the church, we will learn what it is to serve without expectation of reward. For the residents of the village, they will have a safe and secure place to live which will free them to pursue employment, education, warm meals, and transition to independent permanent housing.
9. This will raise our visibility in the community and will draw more people to First Christian Church, people who are looking for authentic Christianity which serves the poor and marginalized.
10. This will enhance the security of the campus by being a 24/7 presence of people who have ownership in the campus as their "home."

Since then, I've added an eleventh:

11. This is not about "us" doing ministry for "them." There is no us and them. The church is not a closed circle whose goal is to (reluctantly) break the circle and bring the outside in. The church at its best is a humbly set welcome table which constantly grows in size and impact as more people bring gifts to share. We are the hungry ones *and* the satiated ones. We are *all* rich with gifts to share. We are all "the least of these."

This is our opportunity to both give and receive, to learn and to teach, as we share our campus with a few of our homeless sisters and brothers.

From: Lila Gilbertson <bobandlilagilbertson@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 2:32 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: 6th and orchard

Follow Up Flag: Follow up

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Please do not let homeless homes on 6th and orchard.

From: Trevor McInnis <trevoryx@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 3:15 PM
To: City Clerk's Office; Sherriff, Mesa; Ushka, Catherine; Pierce, Kristin
Subject: Statement in support of Resolution 40647, "Reauthorization, extension, and modification of the Residential Infill Pilot Program"

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Good afternoon,

I'm writing to express my support of the proposed changes to the Residential Infill Pilot Program. These modifications will bring positive changes across the city, and I'm excited to see that the pilot has been so successful.

I am truly delighted to see our city take these actions to address the "missing middle" housing shortage. I'm also hopeful that there will be alignment with the Transit-oriented development under discussion, particularly along the new bus rapid transit line on Pacific - won't it be splendid to have everything from condos, apartments, ADUs, multi- and single-family housing all within walking distance to rapid transit and well-paying jobs? Such a dream!

I believe the proposed changes to infill development will help begin to equitably address some of the housing shortage I see in my neighborhood, and if done sensitively will bring additional welcomed diversity to an already diverse area. It will be wonderful to have more duplexes, cottage housing, and infill development that is responsive to the neighborhood's needs. Big thanks to the teams who have worked so hard on these plans.

I'm writing as a homeowner and a City employee: I live on the Eastside of Tacoma, and work for the Environmental Services Department. Please feel free to reach out to me directly if there is anything I can do as a resident to help promote these positive changes.

Thanks again for making Tacoma an equitable, sustainable place to live, work and play.

Cordially,

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From: JC <jc100@harbornet.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 12:43 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Six Month Tideflats Interim Regulation

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Dear Council:

I encourage you to extend the interim regulations on Tideflats and NE Tacoma development regulations so you can complete your work with the due diligence it deserves.

Since moving to NE Tacoma approximately 24 years ago, the greatest decline in the standard of living for me that can be affected by public policy has probably been the increase in 509 and Fife traffic making commutes and access to the freeway in Fife more difficult. I realize you cannot regulate Fife traffic but you can help moderate the growth of commuter traffic in the NE Tacoma - Fife-Tidelands-Tacoma commuter route by taking steps to moderate the growth of retail services and residential development in both the Tideflats and NE Tacoma.

I would also encourage you to consider substituting retail and residential growth with a low impact public benefit, broad sidewalk walking routes through the Tideflats and connecting to NE Tacoma and Downtown Tacoma. Odd as it may seem, there is already a large amount of broad sidewalk infrastructure in the Tideflats that can make walks with dogs in that area pleasant because there is less interaction with other dogs (at their residences) walking through neighborhoods and dog walks in park trails can be complicated by the presence of bikes. The sidewalk infrastructure in the Tideflats is often broad and well suited for side by side dog/human movement. There is also less traffic overall.

I fully understand that the above dog-sidewalk proposal probably doesn't reflect a present large demand, but it could become one if advertised I suppose. The biggest problem at present completing large routes through the Tideflats are the occasional gaps in developed sidewalks. But, such a use would be mostly compatible with the growth of industry you are anticipating and wouldn't draw a large amount of traffic to the Tideflats I don't imagine.

Regardless, thank you for your service to the people of Tacoma.

Jeff Cox

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less complicated for dog walkers than walking in narrow and often

From: cswank@mindspring.com
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 6:29 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Comments on Tideflats Interim Regulations--Six-Month Extension

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Dear Members of the Tacoma City Council—

I am writing to support another extension of the Tideflats Interim Regulations regarding pauses on development of new non-industrial development within the Port of Tacoma, new residential development along the Northeast Tacoma shoreline and on the slopes along Marine View Drive, and development of certain new heavy industrial uses Citywide, and expanded public notification for heavy industrial uses Citywide that require a SEPA determination or discretionary permit.

We know much about the damaging impact of industrial development on air and water quality that in turn harm the health of human and animal species that live close by; and the dangers of any development on hillsides that are unstable over time. That these initiatives are still under serious consideration is baffling to me. Rather than pausing such developments, I would hope the City Council would reject such projects. There may be economic value in new non-industrial development within the Port of Tacoma, and I would support the Council's separation of this particular Ordinance from the others, allowing further study of the environmental impact of such development as specific projects are proposed. The Tideflats are a precious resource for the City, and they should be developed AND protected in equal measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in writing on these interim regulations and for the publication of your upcoming public hearing with sufficient notice so that those of us who live in Tacoma can participate. May your decisions be guided by prudence, principle, and wisdom.

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From: Lila Gilbertson <gils2@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 2:20 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: FW: Homeless housing on 6th and orchard

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Sent from my MetroPCS 4G LTE Android Device

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From: Lila Gilbertson <gils2@msn.com>
Date: 9/22/20 11:46 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: citycleck@cityoftacoma.org
Subject: Homeless housing on 6th and orchard

I do not approve of homeless housing on 6th and orchard.
Lila Gilbertson

Sent from my MetroPCS 4G LTE Android Device

From: Amy Mapes <amyemapes@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 1:34 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homeless encampment on 6th and Orchard

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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing today as a parent, a citizen, a homeowner, and a teacher.

I would like to voice my concern regarding the establishment of a homeless encampment on the corner of sixth and orchard in Tacoma, Washington.

I am concerned for many reasons. My primary reason for concern, is for the schools that are located within a 3 to 5 block city radius. This includes Wilson high school and Covenant high school. Before and after school, in a non-covid reality, teens are often transporting themselves to school and are passing through the busy intersection of 6th and Orchard. I am concerned with having a homeless encampment so close to two different high schools.

All you have to do is sit in your car on a typical school day and watch how many teens are walking to and from school and waiting at that bus stop. This is a high congregational area for teens. I do not feel it is safe to have a homeless encampment so close to two different high schools.

I would ask those that hold the decision making keys to put themselves in the shoes of a citizen who lives within a mile radius of the encampment. Put themselves in the shoes of a parent who has two high schoolers that transport themselves to and from high school in the mornings and again in the afternoon.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

Amy Mapes

From: Sarah Sweet <reignsfromabove@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 1:17 PM
To: Hines, John; City Clerk's Office; Pauli, Elizabeth
Subject: Concerns about Homeless Micro-shelter on 6th and Orchard at First Christian Church

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Dear Council Member Hines, Elizabeth Pauli all City of Tacoma Council members,

I was shocked that the first I heard of the homeless micro shelter site to be built in the First Christian Church on the corner of 6th and Orchard from a News Tribune article last week. I was even more shocked to hear the deadline for comments was today at 4PM having heard nothing about this from the city itself. It was only after much research from other neighbors alerting me to the situation that I became apprised of this information. Living in the Sunset Hills community adjacent to the Church property I simply cannot believe the City would not do any outreach to the surrounding area.

I consider myself a caring liberal through and through and believe everyone has a right to a home and simply building micro-shelters and moving people from one area to another is nothing but a shell game, a band aid that hides part of the problem and doesn't resolve it. What about people who won't be let in due to drug or alcohol addiction? How will the city help them overcome their addiction, get a job and have their own housing? What about the people with mental health issues or veterans with severe PTSD who are on the streets because they have no one to care for them? Will we help them get mental healthcare or into facilities if they are incapable of taking care of themselves even with treatment? But no, all I see are micro-shelters with strict rules that will end up only letting in a portion of the homeless population. I'm not actually worried about the people who will live inside the shelter, I'm worried about the camps that will pop up around it because that is exactly what has happened everywhere else these shelters have gone in.

The same group, the Low Income Housing Institute, who is setting up the camp at First Christian Church has put in micro shelters in Seattle. I have close friends in Seattle and their experience has been that every time one of these micro-shelters goes in, tents and trailers of people who aren't let in also pop up all around the camp. These are often people struggling with drug and alcohol addiction so with them crime increases and used needles begin to show up all around the areas as well as human feces since they are unable to use the micro-shelter facilities. Currently the 6th and Orchard area does not seem to have a homeless problem and this micro shelter is likely to create one.

Here are my other concerns:

- The City of Tacoma is currently experiencing a budget crisis due to decreased tax revenue as a result of COVID 19 closures and reduced business activity. The city is even furloughing employees to help manage it. I understand the city will be paying First Christian Church, a *tax exempt* organization a lease to use their land for this shelter. Doesn't the City have its own land or facilities it could use to save money on this project? Or could we at least pay an organization that does pay taxes to the city so some of this money in a way will come back? If these options have not been exhausted by the city while its own employees are furloughed and being laid off this is a horrible misuse of funds.
- This shelter will be right next to the school bus stop on N. Orchard. This is a drop off point for the two schools in the area, Wilson High School and Downing Elementary School, as well as a Boys and Girls Club next to Downing. Wilson High School is also just down the street on N. Orchard. How will the City ensure the protection of these children from people in encampments around the micro shelter?
- How will the City manage unauthorized encampments around the micro-shelter? In my experience in other areas of the city when calling in an encampment the City is slow to react and the encampment will either just move over a block, or disappear for a few days and reappear right after. How will you ensure this is not the case?
- How will the City ensure proper sanitation both inside and outside the micro-shelter? From what I have read of the plan set forth by the Low Income Housing Institute there will only be one shared bathroom for 40 units. Of course anyone camped outside of the shelter will not be allowed to use it.
- Will you provide addiction and mental health care for those who are not allowed into the micro-shelter, a place for them to live and a path for them to obtain gainful employment and housing themselves?
- For people with severe mental health problems that are homeless because their condition prevents them from holding employment, will you create a safe space or place them in a facility where they will be cared for properly?
- Why is the City not putting in micro-shelters where people are already camping? People congregate in areas for a reason, you're only going to displace them and move the problem from one place to another, and this resolves nothing.
- What is your plan to address mass evictions once the moratorium on evictions is lifted? This problem will only get much worse if people are turned out of their homes en masse.

Most of all I feel betrayed by the city I love so much and the City Council that claims they represent its citizens. I will absolutely **not vote** for council members who hide information and move forward with deals behind citizen's backs while the city furloughs and lays off employees to save money. That is absolutely shameful behavior.

Signed,

Sarah, a concerned citizen and voter

From: Sarah S <somethingsprettyspecial@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 12:50 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: KENT SCOTT
Subject: 6th and Orchard Micro-Shelter

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Hello,

I have lived in the North Tacoma area at N Shirley and 21st for 5 years. This is the first house my husband and I have purchased and are hoping to start our family here. Much to our dismay, over the past couple of years, the area has started to decline in terms of quality of the neighborhood. It first started with the massive homeless sweep in Seattle that pushed thousands of homeless into the Tacoma area. The increase was immediate, especially around the MultiCare Tacoma General campus where I work. As time has gone by those homeless have spread like wildfire in our community and close to my home. At home have experienced car break ins, theft of mail and packages, vandalism and potential break ins that were thankfully avoided due to security cameras, home alarms, and large dogs. At work there have been violent attacks on staff when walking outside on the campus, there have been numerous thefts and break-ins in cars and several safety issues inside our buildings due to homeless.

As a healthcare worker, I am acutely aware of the social, economical and mental hardships the homeless face. I work everyday to help my patients get the care and resources they need to change their situation. However, after reading the limited literature available about the proposed site at 6th and Orchard, I have some real concerns about this site and how it will be managed and limit negative impact on the community. Below are the responses I have gathered from other community members in response to some concern.

I have read that there will be a signed code of conduct, what are the repercussions of breaking those?

- For my understanding, the residents that violate the code of conduct will no longer be able to live at the site. I will pass this question on to Neighborhood and Community Services to get clarification.
- *The Council member is correct. Individuals who cannot adhere to the code of conduct cannot reside at the site. Case managers work closely with all residents to ensure they are adhering to the code of conduct and hold them accountable to it.*

• I've read that there will not be drugs or alcohol on the premises, how will that be enforced?

- I am not sure what tactics they use for this. I do know that every resident has to work with a case manager, so part of it will probably looking for visible signs of intoxication, but I am not sure if they are required to do UAs. I will pass this question on to Neighborhood and Community Services to get clarification.

o The Council member is correct here as well. All residents work closely with case managers and they are required to agree to a code of conduct that clearly states what is allowed on site and what isn't prior to entry of the site. There are also random inspections of units by staff.

To the first question I ask, if they are asked to leave the site what is the plan to relocate them? It is a huge cause of concern to have those who failed to adhere to the site rules, be kicked out and allowed to wander around the surrounding community especially if drugs, alcohol or worse violence is involved. With Covid 19, and the changes to how people are remanded into jail due to virus concerns, what will police involvement be? What assurances can be made to the surrounding property owners that they and their homes will remain safe? This site is in close proximity to schools, daycares, etc which does not seem appropriate given who will live at the site and the potential increase of homeless wandering the streets.

To the second question, how have we made it this far into the planning process and there are not clear policies and enforcement plans for what happens if drugs, alcohol or worse occur on premise? This is a massive oversight in the planning phase and should have been concrete before this proposal went to the council and community for consideration. If something as basic and safety cannot be clearly outlined then there are strong concerns that whomever is running this facility is not fit to do so. A 54% success rate as quoted in the literature is not high and does not invoke confidence in those in charge.

In closing, I strongly oppose this Micro-Shelter site. As a homeowner I fear for the safety of my home and family. I do not believe that enough has been done to reduce negative impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods. Most of all I am displeased with the lack of community notification from council and others to those most impacted so they can fast track their liberal agenda without the voice of the community being heard at every step. North Tacoma, as of now, is a sought after place to live with relatively low crime, good property values and a good place to raise a family. Please let's keep it that way and find a more appropriate site for the Micro-Shelter.

Sincerely,

Sarah Scott

N. Shirley and 21st Resident

From: Mathies, Teresa <TMathies@uchinc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 12:45 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Hines, John
Subject: Tacoma proposes homeless micro-shelter site at Sixth Avenue and North Orchard Street

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Mr. John Hines and City Clerk of Tacoma,

I am writing in regards to the proposed Homeless Micro-Shelter Site at Sixth Avenue and North Orchard Street. The proposal of a 40 unit tiny homeless shelter has me very concerned. I run a 40 unit low income senior facility that shares a property line with the proposed site. My senior population would be at risk if this site was to come in. I am also concerned with 40 units coming in and viability of having no bathrooms on site, what is plan for garbage and debris that always comes with these types of projects. There is always increased crime and drugs that comes with these facilities. Is there a plan to have some kind of increased police presence for the protection of the homeless as well as the current residents. I am not against helping the homeless but I very much have concerns that the current land space that is being thought of is thinking that 40 units is viable to maintain in a safe and sanitary conditions.

I also find it very strange that this has not been given over to the community for some kind of vote. I have 50 voting residents that are very much against this and would love to give their opinion. Thank you for your time and consideration and I would welcome response to my concerns.

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From: Jody Lopat <jody@hlg.lawyer>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 12:36 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: 6th & Orchard Micro Housing - OPPOSE

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Hi there,

I very strongly oppose the planned micro housing on 6th & Orchard in the old Kmart parking lot.

I would like to see the studies that have been done to confirm the local community can handle this.

Has it been determined that having a homeless camp so close to a high school is in the best interest of those students?

Also, Downing elementary is just right up the street. Will the study results be made public about how the crime rates and drug sales sky rocket in similar camps?

For the sake of our children, the health of the local businesses and the lack of funds to add more police to keep everyone safe, including those in that camp,

Please do not put a homeless housing on 6th and Orchard.

Sincerely,

Jody Lopat

From: Maria Remick <remick253@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 12:36 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Proposed homeless village at 6th and Orchard

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Hello my name is Maria Remick am sending in my comments and concerns regarding a proposed homeless Village sunsets in Orchard. I grew up in the North End and purchased my own home several blocks from the proposed site . My concerns are many and varied. We have seen on paper how these look wonderful and then we've seen the reality of places like nicklesville and the Ballard housing and Olympia where the residents are up in arms over what is happening in the village and around the Villages that was not part of the deal here's a few of my concerns

Firstly they mention people will be throughly screened .my question is how do you verify their ID if they have none ? will do a background check for the whole US or just Wa?

With the debacle by this company of nicklesville how would you handle dealing with presents the village or the village itself if it does not work out considering it took seven months to shut down nicklesville , and the residents locked out the company managing?

Under the new federal laws you cannot remove or ask a homeless person to leave unless you're offering them accommodations, If they refuse the ones being offered you have to wait until you can accommodate them to something of their liking, that translates to being held hostage! what are your safeguards in place for such a problem and how would you handle it. The proposed site is on the grass itself butting up.againt the 6th ave sidewalk ,

That is where the kids have to walk to get to school and sit at a bus stop , NOT SAFE . . there's no grocery store nearby if these people are homeless they might have health problems or disabilities that make it hard for them to walk a mile up to Fred Meyer on sth 19th st or 30th Street Safeway.

The services are being offered are supposedly on site ? there's no mention of how they would get to actual mental health facilities , Food Banks , clothing bank hospitals or anywhere else for care DSHS Etc.

Electricity for one lamp and one heater is listed . How would food be stored if they have no refrigeration? That is a health and safety issue. And even if they are having meals inside everyone will have food in those houses and we have a huge rodent problem in the North End right now!

What is the garbage pick up schedule and who will deal with all the trash outside of the village on Orchard and 6th ?

Has any one done a environmental impact study ?

What will be what will be done to prevent fires in the village or accidental fire in the sheds?

Why does the city say it is temporary and 35 units but the church's own letter says

44 unit's staying 3 to 4 years with hopes of permanent solutions for their campus , meaning permanent housing there .

There is currently problems with one homeless man and his lives right there behind the church on the sidewalk of 6th and 15 feet up into the woods for over a year. The one man has had his garbage and clothes from the 500 shopping cart strewn up and down the street and ran into traffic .The police can't get him moved your own council members can't get him moved , this is one individual you're talkin about 44 + their friends on the outside that will come to hang out and live in the woods or their significant others the fact that you can't move one person speaks volumes.

My immediate concerns tend to be for where the children in the neighborhood that attend school at Downey Wilson or attend the Tacoma Boys & Girls Club. I also have concerns for the had confirmed for the resident's of the nursing home that lives behind it, as well as the local businesses that will suffer. As you may or may not know we had Safeway shutdown last week because people would not stop there because of the panhandling and the cars be rifled through other getting groceries and the general climate of that parking area so we lost a store because people would not shop there and their sales were too low as a result. I do not feel this is a good fit for our residential neighborhood and small business district that was hoping to emerge and become a more vibrant part of Tacoma. The residents will be more organized and informed and ready for the next meeting for public input on this proposed site . Thank You for your Time .

From: Chris Lopat <celcorp@harbornet.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 12:31 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Oppose 6th & Orchard Homeless Housing

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose the micro housing for the homeless that is planned for 6th & Orchard. I worry about the kids walking past it on their way to school. Wilson is just a few blocks away.

I worry about the increase in crime and drugs in the area.

I worry about the neighboring houses and cars getting broken into.

I worry about the needles my kids will come across as they ride their bike. Frankly, I will not allow my kids to ride their bikes anywhere in the neighborhood if this homeless camp happens.

I worry about the increased garbage that my tax money will use to clean up the mess.

I worry about additional tent/camps that will pop up around the neighborhood as a result of this one.

I worry about the human feces and urine.

I worry the police force will not be able to keep law and order.

I worry about little public input. We as neighbors were not asked about this. Instead I learned about it yesterday from a Nextdoor site.

Thank you for listening to my concerns. I strongly oppose the micro housing on 6th & Orchard.

Sincerely,
Chris Lopat

From: Chuck Arnold and/or Kathleen Kelley <triosan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 12:21 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: 6th & Orchard Tiny Home Village

Follow Up Flag: Follow up

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Hi. My husband, I and several Northend neighbors TOTALLY SUPPORT putting the "homeless" village on 6th/Orchard.

We have read the pros/cons and documents on this project. We are very familiar with the one that was on MLK, etc.

We are informed. We pay higher property taxes and support that they go for this. We agree placement by a robust bus line, laundry/kitchen facilities, grocery stores, schools and a church is smart.

We reject the panic/fear spreading by others via Next Door and FB. We weighed the con arguments and find them severely lacking in substance and logic, i.e. homeless people don't want to be indoors, this will bring rapists, etc. NIMBY but also false rumor spreading is unacceptable to us.

Best regards, you are doing the right thing ... hang in there!

Kathleen Kelley

Chuck Arnold

Several others

From: Patricia Charron <patriciacharron@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 12:19 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Homeless shelter

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I have lived in the apartments on the corner of 6th and Orchard since around 2004. I stay because I can't find anywhere cheaper to live that gives me space needed for telecommuting for work.

I have seen car accidents, street racing, street fights, domestic abuses, and there is a drug dealer living across the street. Nothing ever happens until it's too late. We all see cops taking breaks (well deserved) in the parking lot of the church while cars race on by and blow through the stop lights. I have had multiple experiences with total strangers knocking loudly on my door at all hours of the night or just walk up to my open window during the summer asking for a cigarette. We already have a lot of scary things happening in our neighborhood

If a homeless shelter is set up at the church, will there be an actual police presence in place so that the tenants of the camp don't get mowed down by motorists that already won't slow down for the kids that are walking to and from Wilson high school (when they get to go back), as well as the rest of our neighborhood? Will someone be there to enforce 10pm sound restrictions?

I'm not saying to not build it, but please don't just build it and not expect it and the neighborhood to not be deeply affected. The senior living facility across from there can't be happy about this either.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: CHRIS DAVIES <CRASHCHRIS1@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 12:00 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homeless at 6th and Orchard

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Hi There, City Clerk. would you please pass this message to the City Council? Thank You.

Dear Members of the City Council,

In regards to moving a number of "Homeless" to the area of 6th and Orchard, I for one vote "it as a bad idea".

The Bible, that is the complete book on Love, says that people who don't work should not eat. The Bible says this because it is also the Total Book on Love; right and what is best for all people. The Bible also speaks of helping the down trodden. I am all for helping the down trodden, when they actually want help - giving up drugs and alcohol. My concern, is that there have been many other such homeless housing projects, which have not produced good results. It has brought more crime, drugs, murder, needles, fecal matter on the streets and more.

Continuing to enable these people to live in this terrible fashion (alcohol and drugs), that most have chosen, is not helpful. The mentally ill, who are part of the homeless issue, need psychiatric help. How do you sort this out? How do you keep this "Homeless housing" from being overrun with people who are not willing to change? But only want to take advantage of handouts? As has happened with other "housing projects".

Additionally, subjecting a neighborhood of hard working, middle class tax payers to the increase in graffiti, needles, garbage, people wondering around with nothing better to do than mischief, {At best }, is a bad idea.

The temptation to suggest that they be housed near the Politicians that have enabled this population to explode, is also a bad idea, so I won't go there.

Thank you for your time, and clear Tax-Payer/family centered thoughts about this.

Sincerely,

Christopher P. Davies
1-253-227-6219
crashchris1@msn.com

From: Susan Shindell <sshindell@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 11:54 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: First Christian Church of Tacoma / Partnership with The Low Income Housing Institute

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Good afternoon,

My name is Susan Shindell and I live on 18th & N. Villard.

I am writing you today as I heard there is a City meeting today and I wanted to voice my approval and appreciation for the City with respect to the Partnership with the Low Income Housing Institute and First Christian Church of Tacoma on North 6th and Orchard.

Not only through life but also through the recent Pandemic I have been fortunate to have a job and home for my self and my son, as he was growing up.

I truly believe that this recently partnership will add value to our community in helping those who have not been so fortunate in life or most recently with the economic effects of the COVID 19 pandemic. Housing is critical for many reasons. One of the most important and positive is to help someone keep or increase their dignity through out a hardship. In addition we all know the big issue of Housing affordability is not only negatively effecting the people in our community, but many across the nation.

I would sincerely like to thank the City of Tacoma, First Christian Church, and The Low Income Housing Institute for their forward thinking & actions, compassion, and care in 'My Neighborhood'.

Respectfully,

Susan Shindell

From: Bunny McBee <giftexpressions@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 11:28 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: homeless camp

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I strenuously reject even the idea of a homeless camp on 6th & Orchard.

From: Ryan Schumacher <ryaneschumacher@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 11:21 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: 6th and Orchard Homeless Micro Housing - Please Reconsider Site Choice

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this email to voice my concerns with the proposed 6th and Orchard homeless micro housing.

Please reconsider this site choice. I believe this micro shelter would be much better suited for downtown Tacoma, near amenities that support the homeless. I am strongly opposed to this site choice as I live within blocks of this site. Please reconsider.

Best Regards,

Ryan Schumacher

From: Sherilyn Aske <askesheryl@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 11:19 AM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Homeless people

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This is my grave concern. Many have drug addiction, alcohol addiction, 25-45% mental illness disorder. How is this safe for a neighborhood to be filled with children playing, mind you in their own neighborhood full of drug addicts with needles on the ground. Next to a bus stop for our children and neighbors. I hear one bathroom for 40 people. This is insane. There will be 40 people soon 340 like Olympia. They at least put this troubled people out in a camp at the edge of downtown, not in the middle of an established neighborhood. I would not want my child to have to grow up in fear!! Never mind the health issues of peoples feces everywhere, just like in Seattle and Olympia. This location needs to be reevaluated for the sake of the tax paying citizens in the neighborhood. Because sadly this sector of people will not be leaving nor will the crime that comes along with our limited police presence. I grew up in the North End of Tacoma, and I'm very sad that crime and the gangs have moved in. Now to further endanger this neighborhood and the children in it at this time is unacceptable. Relocation is the only answer. This is about the community. Yes these people need help!! But not at the cost of our children! This will not be short term, just like what happened in Olympia, hundreds of people. You can't undo this when you start the motion. (There has to be another location for these people to get some help.)

From: Jennifer R-M <mitchellfamily.cjt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 10:49 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Proposed 6th Ave & Orchard Homeless encampment

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am greatly opposed to this idea, for the many reasons that are apparent and more, my REAL questions is:

Does it even matter if I state my concerns, or is this just a done deal that will happen regardless of the communities concerns?

With GRAVE concerns,

Jennifer Regan-Mitchell

MitchellFamily.CJT@gmail.com

From: Tara L <user152050@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 10:29 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Proposal for homeless shelter on 6th and North Orchard

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I am vehemently against the proposal to place a "homeless" village at the church on 6th and Orchard, and question how this can be permitted so close to a school?

Homeless encampments like this have been placed in other communities, and attract undesirable behavior to those neighborhoods. I have seen the negative impact of these communities Seattle. They bring drug use, crime and homeless to the area. Please do not bring this problem to my neighborhood!

If this camp is placed within this highly populated area of Tacoma, I fear for my safety and the safety of my family. I purposefully moved here to keep my kids safe- this proposal will put my children in danger. This project will lower property values and increase property crime. This is not a benefit to the community in any way.

I agree that there is a shortage of affordable housing. But putting a homeless village in the middle of a populated and established neighborhood is not the answer. There are several other areas that are less populated and more suitable to address this issue- right next to a high school is not the answer!

I do not approve of this project, and was not served proper notice. Please do not permit this proposal to move forward at the detriment of our community.

Best,
Tara Hallam

From: JOHN MONROE <moes6162@comcast.net>

Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 10:13 AM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Orchard homeless micro housing

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to whom it my concern putting this there is a bad idea. We have been having truck stolen ,garbage everywhere begging in store parking lots feeling unsafe . And I've lived in the north end all my life . And for the taxes we pay we should not have this in our area . Thanks

From: matthew walker <matthewmichaelwalker@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 10:10 AM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Tiny Home Camp 6th ave and N Orchard

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Greetings,

I live in the Sunset Hill neighborhood and I have great concerns about the proposed homeless tiny camp at the church around the corner. There was no outreach to local residents. I have good reason for concern since I had a similar experience in 2015 with the Low Income Housing Instatute, the same group that is proposing the camp on 6th and N Orchard, the City of Seattle placing 3 homeless tiny house projects in Interbay on Dravus behind the QFC and in Ballard next to the Sloop Tavern on NW Market, while I was living a few blocks away on Dravus and I was a member of the Sloop Tavern Yacht Club. Prior to opening these camps we saw little homeless problem in the areas. These camps were opened up with little public knowledge of the planning and with minimum public input. The camps were like the proposed camp off 6th and N Orchard in that they were tiny home structures and the camp was regulated and had rules about who qualified, no drugs or alcohol, etc. As soon as these camps popped up it was like moths to a front porch light for other homeless folks that didn't qualify or didn't want to be part of the camps because of the no drugs or alcohol rules. Tents, trailers, motorhomes, pallet shelters popped up immediately in the area. Crime skyrocketed, my vehicle as well as my neighbors started getting broken into, drugs and alcohol use was very evident as it was not uncommon to see needles and empty cans and bottles littering the area. My bike commute took me past the camp next to QFC so this was something I saw pre and post camp. Shilshoal marina daily would have homeless people stealing the dock carts and whatever else was not bolted down. I would stop going on walks after dark after crime increased, especially after people started getting stabbed, shot and killed in the camps that popped up outside the established camps. I, and my dogs, would find human poop in the ivy and sidewalks, never pleasant. Go to Ballard and drive down NW Market and Shilshoal Ave and take a look at how these camps helped seed and shift a homeless problem into another part of town. The camps had a hard time staying at full occupancy because of the no drug and alcohol policy. Currently I do not see a homeless problem in the area of 6th and N Orchard.

Besides what I have experience having one of these camps set up from the same group, the Low Income Housing Institute, the camp will be next to the bus stop on 6th and N Orchard. This is a drop off point for the two schools in the area, Wilson HS and Downing ES, as well as a Boys and Girls Club next to Downing.

Has the City of Tacoma taken a look at the data as to where the homeless folks are currently and where the needs are?

I have heard that off 19th and highway 16 there is a large camp and the idea is to have those people move into the N orchard and 6th Ave tiny home camp. I also know that there is a large camp near the old airport off South Tacoma Way and 38th, near

Tacoma Powers HQ (this area does not have as dense a housing population as the N Orchard and 6th Ave camp).

Does the city have land in that area that could be utilized in a better area?

What is the plan when the other homeless folk flock to the area and all the side streets are inundated with motorhomes and blue tarps?

How much is the church, that is exempt from paying taxes, going to profit from tax payers money for leasing the land?

What is the increased cost to the police force when they get swamped with complaints of burglaries or “creepers” stalking children coming and going from school? Has a study been done to address this?

Please feel free to contact me for any questions or clarifications.

Warmest Regards,

Matthew M Walker

206.601.4700

From: Mary Percival <dmpercival@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 10:01 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Orchard homeless micro housing

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This is a bad idea!!!! I have lived in the north end all my life. I feel like we have enough porch theft, vehicles broken in to, garbage everywhere! This will only get worse! We pay high taxes in the north end. Five years ago you never saw homeless people on 6th Ave Orchard - Jackson. I do not feel safe. Please reconsider.

Sent from my iPhone

From: SARAH RAY <rray68@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 9:59 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homeless shelter proposal at 6th and Orchard

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This is a ridiculous proposal! I chose to live in the neighborhood to move away from homeless people sleeping in my yard and breaking into my house. Now you want to bring a community of them into my current neighborhood. If this occurs I want my property taxes reduced since my quality of life and property value will decrease. You also want to locate this right next to a senior housing complex, a school and a neighborhood with elderly residents. I have researched the history of these camps and they are not safe, they are a health hazard, how can 1 port a potty for 40 people be adequate. We already have a terrible waste management issue with the current homeless people in the area. This proposal in no way considers the hard working, and honest living residents that have chosen to live in this part of Tacoma and raise their families. I can only believe there is huge financial gain for the church involved and that is the only motivation. There are many other areas of Tacoma that are not in residential areas that would be more appropriate.

From: Sorum, Doris
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 9:54 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: snuriel@harbornet.com
Subject: FW: Tiny House Project Orchard and 6th

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Dear Ms. Nuriel:

Thank you for submitting your written comment. I am forwarding your comment to the City Clerk's Office inbox to be included with all the other comments, which will then be compiled and sent to the City Council.

Thank you.
Doris Sorum
City Clerk
253-591-5361
dsorum@cityoftacoma.org

From: Susannah <snuriel@harbornet.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 8:41 AM
To: Sorum, Doris <DSORUM@cityoftacoma.org>
Subject: Tiny House Project Orchard and 6th

Hello Ms. Sorum,

On Nextdoor.com it was mentioned that comments about this proposed tiny house village were to go to the city clerk of Tacoma. Is this the correct place for comments?

I will support a tiny house community for the homeless on 6th and Orchard. Although some people are alarmed, this project can LOWER crime and support people who are currently experiencing homelessness. I think we MUST support all the people in the community, and allow for people and families to stabilize and take care of themselves.

Please let me know if I should direct my comments elsewhere or if this is the correct address.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susannah Nuriel

From: Heidi Bone <heidirb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 9:05 AM
To: City Clerk's Office; Sorum, Doris
Subject: Micro Shelter Expansions

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Good Morning Tacoma public servants,

I am writing to express my disappointment in hearing about the proposal to put a microshelter on 6th and Orchard as well as using COVID funds to further expand the shelter in East Tacoma. Setting aside the established fact that the majority of the homeless in our city don't have any interest in becoming responsible citizens and neighbors, when have these kinds of Projects ever helped? They have not. Wherever government funded housing goes up, crime and destruction follow and the people who are paying for it - responsible, hardworking citizens - have their concerns discarded. There are homeless with tragic circumstances they could not control without family or friends to lift them up who will benefit from government aid, but only the willfully obtuse will claim this is the average situation for the transients in Tacoma. These are adults who made choices to live this life.

These microshelters will only serve to further entrench homelessness and dependence on government, and they should not be considered as a solution to helping the truly needy.

Thanks for hearing me out,

Heidi Bone

From: Craig Wright <craigjameswright@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 8:51 AM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Tiny Shelter Questions

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Hello I'm one of 4 generations that have lived here in Tacoma. Your solution to our housing problem is to make these shed communities?

Here are my questions and concerns about the encampment project.

- 1- The homeless community is too close to Wilson High School.
- 2- Why are you ignoring housing code laws for these shelters? (I imagine you are just re-writing the building code you can do this.)
- 3- Why are you using Covid relief money for building a home less encampment and you are not doing something to relive the BUSINESSES that have been massively impacted by the shutdown.
- 4- Why didn't you just ban tents and begin pushing out people who want to destroy our city?

Craig

From: Brian Greenhalgh <bfgreenhalgh@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 8:12 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homeless Micro Housing

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To whom it may concern,

I am vehemently against the proposed action that would make micro housing available to the homeless population in the vicinity of 6th Ave and Orchard st. This action will only encourage an increase in vagrancy and crime that will follow the new residents to my neighborhood. Please upgrade current facilities before constructing new ones.

Sincerely,

Brian Greenhalgh
1830 N Orchard St

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Niedermeier Design <kurt@kngraphicdesign.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 7:18 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Re: Micro Housing

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To whom it may concern:

I very much oppose the proposed homeless camp planned for 6th & Orchard. Safety of our Children and Seniors are my main concern. Kids walk past that site regularly to and from school or to and from major bus routes on 6th and other adjacent roadways. Please take into account these and other negative impacts that result from installing these camps. The evidence of how they affect surrounding communities is undeniable. Crime and theft increase. I do not support this proposal. Please reject.

Thank you,

Kurt Niedermeier

719 S Mason Ave

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From: Debbie Smith <debbie@hlg.lawyer>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 7:12 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Micro Housing for Homeless

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Please reconsider your proposal to have a micro housing for the homeless near Stevens & Orchard we have families with children in this area that is of great concern.

Thankyou,



Debbie Smith

Office Manager

Herrmann Law Group

P: 253.426.1602

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Tacoma, WA 98402



From: Teresa Baker <teresa@hlg.lawyer>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 7:07 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: 6th & Orchard

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Please reconsider the micro housing on 6th & Orchard. There are families with children in the area. This would impact them greatly.

Thank you,



Teresa Baker

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E: Teresa@herrmannlawgroup.com

From: Liam McNamara <liam.mcnamara.pnw@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 6:19 AM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Micro Housing on 6th and Orchard

Follow Up Flag: Follow up

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Good Morning,

I am a homeowner in North Tacoma (near Jefferson Park). I'm writing to voice support for the proposed micro housing on 6th and Orchard.

I believe this is a humane and necessary project for the wellbeing of our unhoused Tacoma neighbors. I support this project and anything that will help people move into more safe and sanitary conditions. In the middle of an unprecedented pandemic and global recession, it is more important now than ever that we take care of each other. I think this will give our unhoused neighbors a chance at a better life and I would be willing to volunteer or donate to this effort. I'm also in support of paying future taxes to ensure people don't lose their homes, and to help people into permanent housing.

North Tacoma has become a neighborhood that is comparatively wealthy to the rest of Tacoma. It is our responsibility to use some of that accumulated wealth to ensure our neighbors in this city do not have to live in unsanitary and inhumane tent cities, if they choose not to. It's not right that up until now these housing solutions have fallen on lower income neighborhoods and that they have had to shoulder the burden alone - it is only fair that we take our turn.

Thank you for working to help unhoused community members make the next step towards a better future. Please let me know if there is any way that we can help.

Sincerely,

Liam McNamara

253-985-5502

4311 N 8th St, Tacoma, WA 98406

From: Diana Covington <ladyofthelake_9@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 12:55 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homeless Micro Housing Planned for 6th and Orchard

Follow Up Flag: Follow up

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Hello,

I live at 7th and South Orchard Street. My parents bought the house in 1966, and I am still here. The neighborhood was once peaceful, aside from the traffic, but I've suffered break-ins and had things stolen from my yard over the past couple of years. These days, I live in a constant state of defensiveness because I never know when or if I will be attacked or robbed again.

I do not expect having a homeless colony across the street from my house will help the security and well-being of my neighborhood in any way. I know there are a few homeless individuals who have fallen on hard times and need a hand up, but by the same token, I also know that many homeless people are that way because they are addicts and/or have mental problems. These people do not want a hand up: they want to be enabled.

I feel violated and endangered by the prospect of having this so close to my home. Please consider another location that is not infringing on our neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Diana Covington

From: Janna Davies <annawaj@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 11:15 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homeless camp on Orchard and 6th Ave.

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Dear Tacoma Council,

I oppose the homeless camp proposed for 6th Ave. and Orchard. This is a family oriented neighborhood. We are already having some issues with the homeless at the stores and streets being a nuisance. I have had a few occasions where a homeless person was approaching me at dark in the parking lot of Fred Meyer. It was very scary, if not for a security guard coming around the corner and spooking them, I am not sure what they were intending. I now feel I need an escort to my car. We have had a homeless person stand in the middle of the street (I believe had some sort of mental illness), and not move out of the way, though a car needed to pass. I would be concerned about the children in our neighborhood, crime escalating, and our property values going down.

I have stopped to speak with a few of these people, hoping to direct them to Rescue Mission or the Salvation Army. Each time they were unwilling to consider that option. Other people I have spoken to have also had a similar experience. Some have chosen this life style. Those I have spoken to, didn't appear to want a hand up, just a hand out. I have offered food, but they only wanted cash.

My husband and I are all for helping those who want to better themselves. Those who just want to live free on the tax payer, we oppose to giving a free ride.

How is it you expect to sort through those who would be willing to make changes to their lives and become productive, and those who are not? How will you sort out the mentally unhealthy? What about our PTSD veterans? How will you identify them, to get the proper help for them? What will be in place to prevent them for drugging and stealing in our neighborhood? How will you prevent them from destroying the neighborhood, turning it into a trash heap?

When you have a real plan for helping those who want a hand up, and not just a hand out, we will be with you. But, to just throw another homeless camp out there, in our neighborhood, bringing: trash, disease (rats

come with trash, etc.), needles, and unsafe streets, we will oppose.

Thank you for considering my reply to your proposed homeless camp at Orchard and 6th Ave.

Sincerely,

Janna L. Davies

annawaj@msn.com

253-732-8493

From: Michelle J <scout03@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 10:17 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Re: "Homeless" housing 6th & orchard

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MJ

> On Sep 21, 2020, at 10:11 PM, Michelle J <scout03@gmail.com> wrote:

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> As a 30 year resident of Tacoma, I've seen the ups and downs this tough city has endured. We've overcome invading out-of-state gangs and economic crashes. We've overcome. That's what good, honest people do.

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> The "homeless" initiative, however, is not a genuine homeless issue. This is about drugs and mental illness. It's an absolute insult to real homeless individuals.

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> Stop this cycle now!! Make personal responsibility popular again. Make illegal drug activity ILLEGAL again. Show real compassion. Think about your real, contributing, TAX paying citizens who chose this city to live a new, safe life and to raise their families in, who pay YOUR salaries.

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> Please, for humans sake, finally figure out what you're doing to our cities and make a real change!!!! Stop thinking with your emotions and think and act logically!

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> MJ

From: Michelle J <scout03@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 10:12 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: "Homeless" housing 6th & orchard

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Please, for humans sake, finally figure out what your doing to our cities and make a real change!!!!

MJ

From: julie rhodes <julierhodes@outlook.com>

Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:44 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Homeless Housing 6th and Orchard

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I oppose the micro homeless housing idea for the 6th and Orchard site. I believe it is a reckless and not sustainable experiment that puts the community at risk for crime, blight, decreased property values.

A better consideration would be to consolidate homeless resources for those in need. Tacoma has a stability center, rescue mission and sources for families which we pay for .

People need access to food, showers, toilets and social workers and community workers and security or police for the site if there is to be any hope of success.

To put a few folks in sheds on church property is not a solution.

Examine Tacoma's projected budget for the biennium. With revenue falling we must try to maintain the centers, staff, and homeless resources that we already have and not shove responsibility to churches and neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Julie Rhodes

1362 Lenore Dr

Tacoma, Wa 98406

From: scott dodge <scooterdodge68@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:23 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: 6th & Orchard Homeless camp

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I am writing in regards to the Homeless camp that might come to this area, this is a community full of Families & Elders, along with children attending schools, childcare's, parks & businesses. This is not the appropriate solution for this area, we will put our community at risk for crime, drugs use, along with many more unfortunate events that will happen, There are other recourses that should be considered, that will be a better solution all around for this community. This is not a responsible thing to allow to happen. Unfortunately this is not going to help, it will only enable the risk of individuals that not only have no regard for their own livelihood, but will put this community in harms way.

Thank You,
Tammy Dodge & Family
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Rainey Post <raineyoz@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 8:47 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: 6th & Orchard Homeless Housing

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I am adding my dissension to the hundreds of north end homeowners. I would not have even been aware of this disastrous proposal had I not seen it on the Nextdoor app. I have been a resident of the north end for 39 years having bought my house in 1981. I have endured the ever increasing property taxes, taken pride in the upkeep of my home over the years, and considered myself fortunate in living here. I am shocked that we were not given a voice in this matter! I refuse to believe that this is a done deal without input from tax paying citizens. This is a project doomed to fail. Who will pay the tab when this happens?

Loraine Post
4909 N 10th

From: Maryanne Ellis <funtimemusic@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 8:42 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homeless Village

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My husband and I are strongly opposed to putting a tiny house village at 6th and Orchard.

Apparently you are not familiar with what has happened with the tiny house villages in Seattle. They are a hot bed of drugs and crime.

There is a senior apartment house right across the parking lot. And just a few blocks up the street is Wilson High School. Many of the students use the bus stop at 6th and Orchard.

It is a bad location. Please reconsider.

Maryanne Ellis

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kimberly Rodriguez <kimberly620@me.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 8:28 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Micro Housing Unit, NO!

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Hello,

I'm writing to voice/inform the City of Tacoma of my desires regarding the micro housing unit scheduled for 6th Av and Orchard St.

As a citizen of Tacoma, I am vehemently against this action. I implore you to NOT move forward with this plan. It is not in the best interest of tax paying citizens and if a census was taken of the residence inn and around at the location of sixth and Orchard I believe that the city Council would find there are very very few residents who would support this.

There are a multitude of reasons in which I would not want a micro housing unit built anywhere in and around where I reside.

I am open to being contacted in order to discuss these reasons. But for immediate purposes, I am stating that this is not something I support in anyway shape or form.

Respectfully,

Kimberly Rodriguez
N 35th ST/N Orchard
(253) 468-2710 cell

From: Del Kirby <kirby12343@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 8:16 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Micro Housing for Homeless

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Micro Housing for Homeless. You will be putting this near a bus route and schools, making children vulnerable for elements they cannot protect themselves from, as well as near a home for vulnerable adults. I am sure there are other suitable places in Tacoma where you will not be putting children and vulnerable adults at risk. What about on S 19th and Orchard. Perfect place to build, and there are encampments already scattered throughout the greenery.

From: mary c <impracticalmary@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 7:58 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Tiny houses 6th and Orchard

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I think that's a great opportunity for the folks lucky enough to get placed there.

There's buses, some retailers and the church. The high school is nearby but poor people are not threatening to kids, although kids can sometimes be threatening to poor people.

I moved from that neighborhood to downtown (where there a lots of encampments that look miserable) so I am not personally affected but wanted to voice my support for the humanity and Christian spirit of the project.

From: Karin Email <peacockkarin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 7:43 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: 6th ave prop

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As a local resident, I live at 1802 North Highland St near Wilson High. I would like to express my displeasure and opposition to a homeless camp being moved into our neighborhood. First of all, I don't believe that this is a good location due to the proximity of local high school (Wilson) and elementary such as Downing.

My son has to walk to school and I am concerned with the high amount of mental health disorders and drug use which many from this community of people live with. Also the high trash and garbage which also presents is not welcome in our neighborhood. Especially drug trash which I see at my work location often!

I agree something needs to be done but when 70% of the population is not asking for living arrangements and want to continue living outside, without contributing to society I am not supporting this. I will protest this.

Thank you for hearing my concern!
Karin Peacock
253-230-0520

From: Khalia Bentson <khaliab83@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 7:31 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homeless Encampment @ First Christian Church - 6th/Orchard St.

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a citizen who lives within a mile of the proposed encampment at First Christian Church on the corner of 6th and Orchard, I would like to go on record as being 100% opposed to this idea based on the fact that there are 3 schools; Wilson High, Covenant High, and Springfield Elm. within walking distance of that church. For the sake of the children who walk through that area regularly and considering the undeniable amount of drugs and crime that run rampant through homeless encampment "communities", I am vehemently opposed to this and will continue to voice my concerns and protests of this if this allowed to happen.

Cordially,

Khalia Bentson
253-314-7512

From: Gabby Fuentes <gabandfig@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 7:20 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Micro-housing 6th and Orchard

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Hello,

I'm a homeowner in North Tacoma (near Jefferson park). I'm writing to voice support for the micro housing on 6th and Orchard.

I believe this is a humane and necessary decision for the wellbeing of unhoused Tacomans and support anything that will help people into more safe and sanitary conditions. I think this will give them a chance at a better life and I would be willing to volunteer or donate to this effort. I'm also in support of paying future taxes to ensure people don't lose their homes, and to help people into homes.

It's not right that these housing solutions often fall on lower income neighborhoods and that they have to shoulder the burden, and think it's our turn.

Thank you for working to help unhoused community members make the next step towards a better future. Please let me know if there is any way that we can help.

Sincerely,

Gabrielle Fuentes

206-679-3752

4311 n 8th St, Tacoma, WA 98406

From: Jaime Williams <jaimelynnewilli@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 6:04 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Micro Housing

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To Whom It May Concern;

My husband and I are very concerned regarding the Micro Housing Project proposed to be built at the Orchard and 6th location. We live on N 10th street in the same neighborhood. We are starting a family (I am pregnant) and do not want to feel our security and family will be at risk.

I completely understand homelessness is an issue that needs to be addressed. As a nurse, I serve the public and know that this population is particularly vulnerable and in need of resources. Unfortunately, with this vulnerability comes substance abuse, mental health, increase in crime and other issues. I realize you will screen the residents of these micro units, but other homeless individuals will no doubt loiter in the neighborhood.

My husband and I were hoping to raise our family in a safe and stable neighborhood, and now we are not so sure this area will remain safe and stable. Please reconsider the location of the Micro Housing Project. The families of this neighborhood deserve safety and security.

Thank you for your time,
Sincerely,
Jaime Williams

From: Ellen Cohen <cohenellenr@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 5:57 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Micro housing @ 6th & Orchard

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please support this new location for much needed appropriate housing for the homeless.

Thank you,

Ellen Cohen

From: Virginia Lane <handelfest@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 5:49 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Housing for homeless

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I applaud consideration and approval of installation of a "village" operated and overseen by the Low Income Housing Institute on the property of the First Christian Church of Tacoma at 6th and Orchard.

It is a constructive way of helping the homeless, offering them some stability, privacy and security, as well as case managers to support their efforts to obtain permanent housing, getting healthcare and looking for employment and educational opportunities.

The number of homeless people exceeds the community's apparent capacity or willingness to provide meaningful assistance and support, or to try efforts that have not been made before. Please do not be swayed by those who simply want the homeless to be out of their sight, or who assume that everyone who is homeless is necessarily lazy, criminal, uses drugs, etc.

The "village" cannot help everyone, but it will help some. The City Council should approve its installation.

Virginia

We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate.
~ Thomas Jefferson

From: Jack Dolan <jackjdolan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 4:53 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: 6th and Orchard

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I'm opposed to putting the housing there after seeing the news story on the one they did in Seattle where car break ins went up and it showed a father picking up needles in his yard so his daughter could hunt for Easter eggs. Put it right next to the mayor or one of the city councils houses !

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Jeff Grover <jeffreyngrover@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 4:01 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Public Comment for Council Meeting 9/22/2020

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City of Tacoma Council,

I recently sent Councilmember Hines a similar email addressing my concerns and objections to the proposed homeless shelter/camp at 6th and Orchard.

My family and I have owned our home on Huson Street for 11 years. I was extremely shocked and disappointed to hear from a neighbor that there is a Homeless Camp slated to go in at 6th and Orchard.

The main reason for my concern is not the camp itself but the lack of communication to To date, I have not received any outreach from the City. No Mailers, No Public Notice, No Public Meeting Invites, No Utility Bill Inserts.

I acknowledge that there needs to be a long term plan for helping our homeless find shelter and encouragement to lead productive lives. But it needs to be a community-driven public process...not something that is forced on a select couple of neighborhoods because a land-use opportunity suddenly came up.

- What does the land use agreement look like with the church? I would like to see it? It is a public record?
- How long is this agreement for?
- What are the long term proposed results and plans for helping our homeless?
- How is it funded? Does the funding come from any form of taxes?
- Who will clean up what is left behind by people loitering around the area?

Nightly, neighbors have their belongings stolen from yards, garages, cars, homes, and porches. Our property crime level is so high in this area, it hard to understand why you would want this housing shelter/camp in a residential neighborhood.

The proximity to the Disciples Terrace Senior Living Facility and Wilson High school is the most concerning.

As of right now, I object to this proposal. There needs to be PUBLIC INPUT, and the City of Tacoma Council should be welcoming it.

Jeff Grover

From: Susan Inman <cobos_us@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 3:25 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Mini housing

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Dear City of Tacoma,

I'm very concerned about the idea of mini homeless housing coming to our area. I live in this area and this idea would not be good for the neighborhood, the high school up the street, and the overall feel of Tacoma. I would suggest a different location and not near a school or neighborhood. My community is very concerned with this proposal.

Thank you,

Susan

[Sent from Yahoo for iPad](#)

From: Joey Bagofdone <joseph.m.hammtree@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 1:43 PM

To: City Clerk's Office; Joseph Hammontree

Subject: 6th and Orchard Micro Housing

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Hello, I am a resident of Tacoma; I say absolutely no to having the shelter put in or near residential areas.

1. Homeless do not even truly use the current housing the city provides so it would just end up being a waste of money and effort.

a. there are homeless that choose the lifestyle they live and most of the times do not want to obey the rules of no drugs or fights.

2. That is a school area with residential that is just a recipe for disaster; Some homeless are individuals that cannot comprehend right from wrong and are a risk to themselves and others.

a. will the city be held accountable for the action of the homeless in that area?

3. There are already issues of homeless being able to camp out in front of residential homes and this would increase when the micro-housing.

4. there are current vacancies in missions start there.

Tacoma is starting to turn around and clean up, we should focus on cleaning up our streets and finding ways and laws to get homeless to relocate elsewhere.

The answer is more towards help and guidance, wellness assistance mental health assistance. Not shelters/homes instead of focusing on enabling the issue we should work towards a permanent solution!!!!

From: jackie pedersen <jpnova24@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 1:11 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Micro housing 6th and Orchard

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Why are these projects so “rushed” and “secret” until the end?

For ulterior reason I'm assuming.

These neighborhoods/people/families have invest in this area for years...blood/money/work. Do you think they deserve a more open process?

I do...this is shameful

Jackie pedersen

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

From: JEFF AND SUE CANTRELL <anotherround@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 12:02 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fwd: Micro housing at 6th and Orchard

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Please present this to tonight's city council meeting, Alice and Jeffrey Cantrell 4809 N. 11th Tacoma 98406

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Micro housing at 6th and Orchard
From: JEFF AND SUE CANTRELL <anotherround@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020, 12:41 PM
To: John.Hines@cityoftacoma.org
CC:

My husband and I have been property owners in North Tacoma for over 40 years and are angry about the proposed "micro housing" near our neighborhood and lack of public/neighborhood input before considering this. We actually registered to vote for the first time this year as we are so infuriated with the direction our nation is going, and this proposal just tops off our decision to stand up and have our input into our neighborhood, state and country. If we weren't pandering and enabling the homeless population maybe they would have the incentive to better their lives instead of looking for a handout! Yes, we do have compassion, but we also grew up and became productive self supporting taxpayers on our own without depending on others to support us. We believe enough is enough, and that Tacoma needs to stop enabling a population that increases crime and substance abuse and that doesn't contribute to our neighborhood, city or state. At the very least, for the few that do want to better themselves and actually need help, this type of housing should be located in an area where services already exist, downtown area near hospitals, DSHS, mental health facilities etc.

We will be voting appropriately and, if our dissatisfaction is shared by other citizens in our neighborhood, as I'm sure it is, they will also. Please reconsider this proposition!