

Subject: Proposed homeless camp

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From: Christine Rogers

To: Julie Fisher

I am writing to object to the proposed location of the new homeless camp, behind the city hall. The property borders our neighborhood and while there is a belief that this homeless site will take care of the drug and crime problem, I don't believe it will. The model homeless site that the New Era referred to had to be moved from its original location due to the police being called so often. You will simply be moving the drugs and crimes out of downtown and into our neighborhood. The solution for dealing with the homeless problem in downtown Sweet Home should not come at the expense of the residents.

Angelita Sanchez wrote a facebook post on January 12. In it, she stated "Just last night we suggested that we house the houseless in our own backyard." The problem with this statement / solution is that it is not in any of your backyards, it's in ours. You do not live at the city hall, you do not sleep at the city hall and you do not have children that play outside of the city hall. Truly put them adjacent to your backyard and then tell me how you feel about it.

Unfortunately for our neighborhood, we aren't a large one so the pushback from us is likely to be considered minimal to you but fortunately for us, we do have wetlands that we are responsible for. We are in the process of sifting through the information that we have available to us. I (and likely others) will be reporting every piece of garbage, every drug needle and every homeless person that is turned away from the camp, that ends up in our wetlands, to every agency that has been deemed responsible for protecting our countries wetlands. I believe the unanimous decision by you to choose this as the homeless camp will not succeed in the end and will be a waste of taxpayer dollars.

If the city wants this homeless camp as the solution, I implore the council members to find a location that does not border a neighborhood and does not border wetlands.

Thank you for your time,

Christine Rogers

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