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Date: May 23, 2016 at 2:54:01 PM PDT

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Subject: Westminster Senior Center

Dear Councilman Bonin:

I just wanted to follow up on our below correspondence from a few years ago. Specifically, I want to stress my continued opposition to the proposed facility. Unfortunately, even after 2 years, it sounds like this issue still has not been put to bed. Therefore, I'd like to take the opportunity to discuss this with you and your district.

In the last 6 months alone, I have experienced the following:

(i) a pair of adult underwear filled with human feces was thrown over our rear gate by a homeless person; (ii) drug paraphernalia (including what appears to be a needle) and obvious mental illness) regularly rings our front gate buzzer in the evening asking for water and a blanket; and (iv) drug users regularly come within close proximity to our home and the homes of at least 4 other families with young children.

The fact that we're actually talking about installing a storage facility for the homeless across the street from an elementary school and some seem to have lost sight of this. It is undisputed that many of the homeless folks in Venice are drug users and/or have mental health issues. Who will be coming into our area because of this storage facility?

For the record, please know that I recently spent the day with my older son volunteering at a transitional housing complex so that we can help with long-term housing solutions. And, of course, I support the work of organizations like Chrysalis. However, turning the Westminster Senior Center into a storage facility for homeless young children. I hope that your position on this issue has not changed as it's one of critical importance to your constituents.

Best,
Jeff Bernstein

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

From: Bernstein, Jeffrey

Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 9:33 PM

To: 'mike bonin'

Cc: Cecilia Castillo; Debbie DynerHarris

Subject: RE: Westminster Senior Shelter

Thanks so much for your note. I really appreciate it and am very relieved.

The other situation took place a couple of years ago and the police were very helpful in getting the matter resolved.

Have a great night!

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

From: mike bonin [<mailto:mike.bonin@lacity.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 8:55 PM

To: Bernstein, Jeffrey

Cc: Cecilia Castillo; Debbie DynerHarris

Subject: Re: Westminster Senior Shelter

Jeffrey-

Thank you for the email and for reaching out and letting me know how you and your neighbors feel. I have good news: there will be no storage facility, and I dispelled the rumors to the contrary at the Venice Neighborhood Council the other night.

There was a proposal submitted to me (not by me) to relocate a storage facility for homeless people from Venice Beach to the senior center. I have rejected that proposal, and will be keeping the storage locker at its current location.

I am concerned about the report of someone opening the gate, entering your property and storing possessions there. Did you confirm this?

Thank you so much for reaching out. If you have further questions, feel free to check with me or the members of my staff I have listed below.

Mike

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 21, 2014, at 1:40 PM, "Bernstein, Jeffrey" <JBernstein@jtwamm.com> wrote:

Dear Councilman Bonin:

I am writing to you about the proposal to turn the Westminster Senior Center into a homeless service center. I live on Breeze Ave and have 2 young children at home and many of my immediate neighbors do as well. We already have problems with the homeless who were mentally ill, have actually opened my front gate and entered the property to find a safe place to store their possessions. I just can't afford to have this happen and jeopardize the safety of my young children.

As someone who has volunteered my time in NYC and LA at homeless shelters, it is important to me that we help the City's homeless. Please keep this in mind as this proposal is being considered. It is deeply important to me and many of your other constituents. Please let me know how I can help with this matter further.

Best regards,

Jeff Bernstein

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