

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I live two blocks away from Eagle Rock Park. Our family has been part of this community for 10 years now. I believe in helping the homeless find housing. We have taken our children to drop off supplies at the tents, purchased meals for them and volunteered with Recycled Resources. However, I do not believe the parking lot is an appropriate site for prefabricated housing of unvetted tenants with no drug testing requirements. It is a public park in the middle of a residential neighborhood where families of the community bring their children to play at the playground, utilize the daycare and after-school care, and provide physical education for the nearby middle school. My two children were verbally assaulted last year by a homeless woman who approached them in the park and threatened to hurt them. A month later she threatened our neighbors' children while they were playing in their front yard. My children now run inside whenever she walks down our street. I drive them to parks in other communities because our own Eagle Rock Park down the street is no longer safe. I was shocked to find out an issue with such a huge impact was voted on and approved without notifying the residents who will be affected by it. I only found out on 3/26 after reading an article about the vote but was never notified in advance in order to provide my feedback.