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Date of NC Board Action: 01/26/2021

Type of NC Board Action: Against

#### Impact Information

Date: 01/27/2021

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Council File Number: 20-0388

Agenda Date: 01/26/2021

Item Number: 8.a

Summary: The Wilmington Neighborhood Council opposes CF 20-0388. Permanent Supportive Housing proposed at 1355 Avalon Bl., 828 W. Anaheim, and 728 Lagoon. These projects were funded under the HHH Innovative Housing Challenge. There were 6 winners of the challenge. Of the 6 winners, 2 of those winners want to build a total of 3 projects in Wilmington. Wilmington is only 9.14 sq. miles with 6 proposed PSH projects, 1 Bridge Home, another Bridge Home proposed, and a Navigation Center. About 30% of our community is designated for safe parking for RVs & cars. The City has already approved a 56-unit PSH project and we already have 2 transitional housing facilities and 3 private homeless shelters. Wilmington has 585 homeless in our community. 51% live in RV's/vehicles factored by the safe streets program and LAMC 85.02. Should all the projects come to fruition we will end up housing no less than 612 people and will still have 30% of our community designated for the homeless to live in their vehicles. That is too much for 9.12 square miles Our community has lost confidence in how the City "cares" for us. They have failed in their promises of cleanups & extra patrols and in their obligation of enforcing the parking restrictions for those living in their RV's. Law enforcement's hands are tied and we are left fending for ourselves. We oppose the placing of Homeless from the Beach Cities into Wilmington by Harbor Interfaith through the Beach Cities Contract because these more affluent communities refuse to house them in their own communities. The Homeless problem is not Wilmington specific; it is a problem that plagues our entire state and the burden should be shared equally. This is not an issue of being NIMBY's and not willing to help the homeless. We have been helping. The issue is now an issue of inequity and the City's obligation to work in the best interests of this already exploited and burdened community to sure the burden is shares. .



## **Wilmington Neighborhood Council**

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Re: Council File # 20-0388

On January 26<sup>th</sup> the Wilmington Neighborhood Council held a Brown Act Meeting and voted unanimously to oppose CF#20-0388 and any related files for the Permanent Supportive Housing proposed at 1355 Avalon Blvd., 828 W. Anaheim and 728 Lagoon. These projects were funded under the HHH Innovative Housing Challenge where there were 6 winners of the challenge. Of the six winners 2 of those winners want to build a total of three projects in Wilmington and we find it concerning that the one of these developers (Brilliant Corners) has refused to meet with the neighborhood council.

Wilmington is only 9.14 square miles with 6 proposed PSH projects, 1 Bridge Home, another Bridge Home being proposed, and a Navigation Center. Approximately 30% of our community is designated for homeless safe parking for RVs & cars. The City has already approved a 56-unit Permanent Supportive Housing and we already have 2 transitional housing facilities as well as 3 private homeless shelters.

Currently, Wilmington has 585 homeless in our community. 51% live in RV's/vehicles factored by the safe streets program and LAMC 85.02. Should all the projects come to fruition Wilmington will end up housing no less than 612 people and will still have 30% of our community designated for the homeless to live in their vehicles.

Our community has lost confidence in how the City "cares" for us. The city has already failed in its promises of cleanups and extra patrols around the current Bridge Home. They have failed in its obligation of enforcing the parking restrictions that are supposed to be in place that forbid those living in their RV's to do so near sensitive areas such as schools, parks daycares etc. Our community has seen people living in their vehicles doing so in those restricted areas and the hands of law are tied to have them removed. Our Community already suffers the burdens from environmental health hazards and now we have the added burden to have to clean up feces, urine, and syringes because the city didn't coordinate or implement a plan to address the

many issues of those residing in their vehicles. In other words, we our community is left fending for itself because of a lack of poor planning.

We further oppose the placing of Homeless from the Beach Cities into Wilmington by Harbor Interfaith and other non-profits through the Beach Cities Contract because these more affluent communities refuse to house them in their own communities. Harbor Interfaith and the Beach Cities are doing this community a disservice by outsourcing their homeless here. Our City officials are obligated to look after our best interests, and in this case, they are failing. The Homeless problem is not Wilmington specific; it is a problem that plagues our entire state. The premise was that the responsibility to help the homeless was to be a countywide effort and the burden was to be shared equally throughout the city and county. This is not the case for the community of Wilmington.

Stakeholders have repeatedly opposed these projects yet the city marches forward. The City of Los Angeles, the beach cities and its elected officials are taking advantage of a disadvantaged community of color by dismissing and breaking its commitments to our community.

This is not an issue of being NIMBY's and not being willing to help the homeless. We have been helping. As we previously stated, we currently have a 100-bed bridge home that even before the pandemic was never near capacity. We have been approved for a 56-unit Permanent Supportive Housing, we have a Navigation Center, 2 Transitional housing and approximately 30% of our community is designated for homeless to live in their vehicles. The issue has now become an issue of inequity and the City's obligation to work in the best interests of this already exploited and burdened community and follow through in making sure the burdened is shared.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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On Behalf of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council