

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: In 2016 there was a proposed homeless site by Councilmember Buscaino in San Pedro near Barton Hill elementary. San Pedro community protested against such a site so close to children resulting in Councilmember Buscaino removing the site as a possible homeless shelter. He stated he heard the communities complaints and will seek other areas. This proposed homeless site being proposed in Wilmington is approximately the same distance from Barton Hill elementary and 227 N. Pacific Ave. (the former proposed site in San Pedro) as is from Banning High School and this current site in Wilmington. The difference between the two are Banning High School, Harry Bridges Span School AND Fries elementary are within two to three blocks distance from each other where school kids from the ages of 6-18 will be walking pass to and from school. This brings about extreme dangers to the community welfare of our residents in the same manner in which San Pedro residents protested their proposed homeless site. So why? Why does Councilmember Buscaino and his staff feel such a site is acceptable in a predominantly low income, immigrant, impoverished, working class neighborhood that is so desperately seeking economic progression and community uplift? What makes Wilmington residents less qualified for high living standards than San Pedro? What makes Wilmington residents less human and less deserving of respect? We too want the best for our community. We too want what is best for our students, our families, our lives. We too deserve the highest form of representation as other communities and by placing such a project right in the middle between THREE community schools is egregious, it is disrespectful. Councilmember Buscaino has stated he moved into his neighborhood for the exact reason no homeless projects are allowed in his neighborhood due to city zoning, yet time and time again he has shown his offensive and contemptuous disregard for the safety and welfare of Wilmington residents. If he doesn't want homeless projects to be erected near him and his family, why does he feel Wilmington residents do? Are we not worthy of the same laws and zoning as his family? Are our lives not worth the same value as him and his family? So I ask the same question to those on this board, are our Brown lives not worthy of the same opportunities as those in upper class neighborhoods? Are we not allowed to have our families feel safe in our own

community? Are we not allowed to have our children feel safe walking to and from school? Are we not allowed to have economic uplift in our community? Would you all approve such a homeless project in your neighborhood, near three schools an Elementary school, a Span School and a High School, near your families? Our community is not against homeless housing or shelters but in a community that spans only 9 square miles, much of it is industrial and owned by the Port of Los Angeles, we do not feel this is the best place to place homeless housing. This is not the best area to place homeless housing. If such a site was not acceptable in San Pedro, it should definitely not be acceptable in Wilmington. Same district. Same Councilmember. Approximately same distance. I ask this board to not approve this project. Not allow for this site to move forward for the safety and security of Wilmington residents, women and children. Thank you.

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Name: Jessica

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Comments for Public Posting: As a concerned citizen of the city of Wilmington we do not need homeless housing in our community. My intentions are not to villainize the homeless but Wilmington is beginning to look like a 3rd world country due to shelters, which a majority of them are not being used. I live a few blocks down the street and there are always homeless people doing illegal drugs in front of children. You are our councilman and Wilmington seems like it has been forgotten. As a member of this community you are failing the citizens of Wilmington.