

Communication from Public

Name: Br. Henry Perez, SJ

Date Submitted: 09/29/2020 10:07 AM

Council File No: 20-1179

Comments for Public Posting: Any and all available buildings should be used for interim housing and the Cole Avenue recreation center of Hollywood should be open for the use of the homeless as soon as possible. At Blessed Sacrament Parish we are working with those unhoused on a daily basis. The lack of emergency housing in our city is the basis of many additional problems that are born from the lack of response to helping those in need to get proper housing. I support using the recreation center for emergency housing.

Communication from Public

Name: pete buonocore

Date Submitted: 09/24/2020 03:55 PM

Council File No: 20-1179

Comments for Public Posting: i live at 611 Lillian Way and i support Councilmember O'Farrell's motion asking the CAO's office to explore the feasibility of re-opening the Cole Recreation Center as a temporary emergency shelter. We need to take care of everyone living in our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Rothschild

Date Submitted: 09/24/2020 06:56 PM

Council File No: 20-1179

Comments for Public Posting: I support Mitch O'farrells' motion to to explore feasibility of reopening of theCole recreation center to be a temporary emergency shelter. We need to take care of everyone living in our city and until we have housing for our unhoused neighbors we need somewhere for folks to go to be safe.

Communication from Public

Name: Sherry Bonanno
Date Submitted: 10/01/2020 04:06 PM
Council File No: 20-1179
Comments for Public Posting: Hollywood Food Coalition firmly supports Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's motion. Please see our attached letter for more.



9/21/2020

Office of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell
200 N Spring St, Room 480
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Re-opening of the Cole Recreation Shelter

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Hollywood Food Coalition, I would like to express our utmost support of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's inquiry into re-opening the Cole Recreation Shelter as a temporary shelter for our unhoused neighbors during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Hollywood Food Coalition has been serving a nightly meal to the food insecure for over 30 years, and we help more unhoused persons on a daily basis than any other agency in the neighborhood. We serve the most underprivileged in our community, and we have witnessed firsthand the devastating effects of this pandemic. When Governor Newsom declared Shelter in Place orders in March, we saw an immediate 63% spike in the number of persons coming to us for a meal. That number has not gone down and still remains high.

On behalf of all of our clients who urgently need resources and shelter during this dangerous time, we urge the city of Los Angeles to re-open the Cole Recreation Shelter. Our most vulnerable population needs support now more than ever.

The pandemic is not over yet.

With gratitude for your terrific work,

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