

THOUSAND OAKS CITY COUNCIL



Supplemental Information Packet

**Agenda Related Items - Meeting of September 28, 2021
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Conor Delaney	Newbury Park	13A	In favor	<p>There will be a lot of NIMBYs on this item. There will be people on the council who do not understand what it is like to be mentally disabled. I believe they know who they are. And they will immediately claim that mental disability should be a requirement.</p> <p>I should remind these that there are many people with homes who do not take the medication they should, or have a normal mental health. Because if you have a home and income, your mental state is of no one's concern. Rather than deny housing for the homeless on flimsy excuses such as these, they should invest in more open mental health for everyone.</p> <p>Have needle exchanges, so people can be treated for these addictions to drugs.</p> <p>The all important 'freedom of choice' suddenly is removed for a homeless person with a drug addiction or a mental problem. People will stand against vaccine mandates to help save our children, but that man MUST go to therapy so he stops making me uncomfortable.</p> <p>Mental illness and drug addiction are not easy fixes. They require a lot of patient and love and caring and gentle prodding, because they live in a different reality you can't BEGIN to understand. Rather than think of ways to prevent these people from getting the homes they need, they should be bringing solutions to the table.</p>
Anonymous	Thousand Oaks	13A	Opposed	<p>By giving people permanent free housing you discourage them from looking for a job. There are currently more job openings than people seeking for work in this country. By letting homeless people stay here you're making our community unsafe. Why isn't there a program that forces them to go into rehab? Why are they not being arrested for trashing the streets and doing drugs in broad daylight? It would be much more beneficial to arrest them and give them an option to work instead of going to jail.</p> <p>I would not feel safe with these people living in my community and I think it's a misuse of our tax dollars. Giving people free money or housing will never force them to provide for themselves. Many of us have left LA because of the homeless crisis. You're bringing this crisis to our community now.</p>

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Kate Krupen	Thousand Oaks	13A	Opposed	Please vote against converting Quality Inn into homeless housing. It will go against what Thousand Oaks stands for - safety for hard working people, their families and our children. Teenagers and children like spending time in the mall, and it will not be safe if homeless move into that area. All nice restaurants will be a place for homeless to hang out and trash everywhere, and become a place of violence. Our mall is suffering enough with the pandemic, don't let more businesses to close. Also, paying high property taxes, I think we need to protect the cleanliness and safety of our areas, not to destroy it. There are a lot of remote places to use for homeless shelters rather than destroy nice and safe neighborhoods. It's just so not fair to people who work hard to be able to afford living here! Please vote against, and find another solution to this problem!
Anonymous	Thousand Oaks	13A	Opposed	Temporary housing for the homeless is a bandaid to the issue. We won't solve our homeless population until we formally address and create mental health supportive services/facilities and accessible rehab facilities. This proposal only brings increased transient activity, crime and drugs to our area.
Kevin Phoenix	Thousand Oaks	13A	Opposed	It's not good for the economy and safety of TO. People will not invest into this area, and rather detour to safer places. Think about current tax paying residents and their safety, rather than political agenda. There are more remote places for shelters rather than the downtown of TO where all the nice restaurants are.
Linda Heckendorf	Thousand Oaks	13A	In favor	Please support 13A
Doug Perry	Thousand Oaks	13A	In favor	You have a unique opportunity this evening to address the continuing rise in homelessness in our community. While dedicated Thousand Oaks churches, synagogues and volunteers have provided temporary homeless shelters on a rotating basis, this is not the answer. State and county funding is now available to help establish permanent homeless shelters that would provide the basis for a transition of these individuals and families to permanent housing and support. Please take advantage of this opportunity to address the increasing homelessness in our community - the time is now!

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Colleen McCarthy	Newbury Park	13A	In favor	<p>As a former Lutheran Youth director in Silicon Valley, when it was our church's time to host the rotating shelter, I wanted the youth to understand Matthew 25:40 - the single verse Mother Teresa based her ministry upon, "...Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me...". I felt that to demonstrate empathy for those who are suffering was and is a necessary value to teach the future leaders of this country. I carried that sentiment through when in the 1980's I was tasked with developing Hewlett-Packard's employee-focused corporate programs; commute alternatives, child care and volunteerism. Taking a chapter from other Silicon Valley leading companies, our volunteer program provided employees the opportunity to volunteer at many different places and for many different causes. But really the most moving and rewarding was the volunteer work done at food banks and county or church shelters. I will always remember my first time in a shelter and realizing that homeless is not just the down and out man or woman on the street - it's also children - our next generation of potential leaders.</p> <p>At moments today it seems we've lost our ability to be empathetic, but I hope that is not so with the city I have called home for 18 years. Please do the correct thing and vote yes on 13A.</p>
Sally and Ken Hibbits	Westlake Village	13A	In favor	<p>Dear Mayor and City Council,</p> <p>I had hoped to be able to speak directly at this evenings meeting, but other meetings are more urgent. However I wish to share our thoughts.</p> <p>We are strongly in favor of this proposed plan to create supportive housing for those in need. This particular location is outstanding, as it is centrally located, near health and social services, away from residences, close to public transportation, and the current building is badly run down. We applaud the efforts by the City to develop partnerships with highly experienced companies and agencies for these types of services.</p> <p>Our main concern is this project MUST be of VERY HIGH QUALITY with a multitude of safeguards in order for the public to support it. With public support other local facilities can be built more easily to shelter other unhoused populations. This needs to be truly a model program.</p>
Jackson Piper	Newbury Park	13A	In favor	<p>Please approve both the Permanent Support Housing and Shelter proposals in order to assist our most vulnerable population - most of whom have always been local residents - with having a safe place to live within the City of Thousand Oaks.</p>