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Hayes, Kathy

From: Jenna Bader <jbadernrg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:59 AM
To: COB
Subject: Agenda Item [E-1] Public Comment by Jenna Bader

Hello, my name is Jenna Bader, I am a Board Member of Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives (AHHA). I really appreciate what you are doing to reduce the spread of COVID-19 for our housed community and I urge you to take immediate action to support our unhoused community at this time.

You received a letter from us on March 27th where we identified 6 urgent requests for an emergency ordinance in response to COVID-19. I would like to discuss the need for items #2 and #3 specifically, which call for an immediate end to displacing unhoused encampments and the creation of sanctioned camps with access to facilities.

While the rest of the County is "sheltering in place", remember there are One Thousand Five Hundred People that are "unsheltered" during this time.

We have identified locations on County property where people can momentarily shelter throughout the County and would like to work with you on immediate solutions that will save lives.

This solution will legally allow our unhoused a place to stay "sheltered in place", have 6' of distance from each other and access to the most basic human needs of a restroom, hand washing station, trash facilities and most importantly a safe, warm and dry place to be while we all work through this health emergency together.

Please consider these solutions immediately as timing is of the essence.

If COVID-19 breaks out in this population, the impacts will cause an enormous ripple effect throughout our entire community. Remember that many people can be carriers without having any symptoms, so to provide shelter only to those showing symptoms is not actually stopping the spread.

AHHA also has a proposal for an Outdoor Living Center that can provide an immediate solution for up to 30 people and want to work with you to implement it throughout the County.

Thank you.

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**Board of Supervisors Meeting
April 6, 2020**

Public Comment

Winchell Dillenbeck

Re: Item E.1 Department Reports / DHHS: Public Health / Update on Local Conditions Surrounding COVCID-19

My name is Winchell Dillenbeck. I am a McKinleyville resident and a Board Member of Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives. I appreciate the efforts of the Board of Supervisors to reduce the spread of COVID-19. While I understand that the County will follow the State guidelines to put an end to displacing unhoused encampments in most situations, it is necessary to implement further measures. Shelters are now locked down under the "Shelter in Place" orders and project "Roomkey" does not reach all of those vulnerable homeless individuals and families. The options for those remaining unhoused are very limited especially for those unhoused couples, those unhoused with pets, those unhoused who do not have storage for their belongings, and those unhoused with some form of mental health issues and drug problems. They have no viable option to self-isolate. Homeless residents are incredibly vulnerable to COVID-19 and it is imperative to slow the spread of the virus to prevent it from spreading to the general population. With the Shelter Crisis Declaration already in place, it is necessary to immediately implement emergency measures to establish safe camps either in existing camps now being used by the homeless, in campgrounds designated by the County, empty facilities, and/or empty parking lots. In McKinleyville, this might include but is not limited to the Clam Beach County Park, Hiller Park, or Ray's Food Place. It is vital to maintain the safety and health of these homeless residents with restrooms, hygiene stations, garbage facilities, medical assistance, food resources and transportation. I urge you to support stronger measures to our most vulnerable

population and support a resolution that will not only protect the homeless but our general population as well. There is ample funding coming to Humboldt County for the homeless crisis in 2020 and there are multiple organizations and nonprofits that are ready to help support the County in its efforts.

Thank you.

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Hayes, Kathy

From: Linda G Evans <lindylou@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:53 AM
To: COB
Subject: Public Comment

To the County Board of Supervisors:

The County Parks could be utilized at this time to help unsheltered people be able to shelter in place. The parks have restrooms set up already and can serve as centralized locations to receive resources and health care for sheltering the houseless. AHHA has been instrumental in helping houseless people and could offer additional support if space at County Parks would be made available for use.

Thank you in advance for considering and acting upon this request.

Respectfully,
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From: carilyn hammer <carilynah@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:38 PM
To: COB
Subject: Safe camps

Please support our Unsheltered folks being safe by allowing county parks for tent shelters.

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CA public school teacher

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Hayes, Kathy

From: Mutual Aid <covidmutualaid.hc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:33 AM
To: COB
Subject: Public Comment-Section E

Board of Supervisors,

Humboldt Mutual Aid is a network of volunteers who are willing to work with the County on solutions to protect our most vulnerable community members.

We support the use of County parks for temporary shelter. County Parks could be utilized at this time to help unsheltered folks shelter in place- they are closed to the public, have restrooms setup and can serve as centralized locations to receive resources and health care support.

We support the recently submitted Emergency Ordinance Request, including **NO disrupting homeless encampments** at this time and bringing temporary restroom facilities and hand-washing stations to these communities OR creating a safe camp for people to shelter in place with these basic facilities so people can safely and hygienically remain in place.

Thank you for reading our public comment during the section **E. DEPARTMENT REPORTS DHHS** part of the agenda.

Kelsey Reedy
Humboldt Mutual Aid



Hayes, Kathy

From: Ahha HumCo <ahha.humco@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Hayes, Kathy; Fennell, Estelle
Subject: Safe parking and camping areas for those without a safe place to be during the COVID-19 crisis related to the discussion with HUFFman

Dear Supervisor Fennell and Members of the Board,

My name is Nezzie Wade and I am the President of the Board for Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives (AHHA). I am also participating in a number of other agencies and organizations working on homelessness and housing solutions. AHHA appreciates all that the County is doing in its response to the coronavirus pandemic.

AHHA has previously submitted (2016) to the Board proposals for Safe Parking Programs and Sanctuary Camps throughout the County. This pandemic has exacerbated the conditions we are facing with a large population of houseless for whom there are no safe options for sheltering in place as ordered by other by state and local authorities. AHHA believes we need to get people into stable spaces as soon as possible. We are asking the County to assist us with making spaces available spaces for our houseless using county parks in particular, and other property owned leased or maintained by the County. We would also ask you to do what you can to work with the state in making excess property available for establishing campground and parking areas as well. We are happy to resubmit our proposals to you now as this seems to be the time action for these alternatives and for your constituents.

We have been following best practices for assisting people to be safe in a camp/parking environment based on CDC guidelines. We have an extensive network of volunteers and supporters who will work with us to assist in providing the support system to meet daily needs such as food and other resources. Allowing people to be accessible for screening and other services is the most important thing we can do for our entire Humboldt Community.

It is essential that we are proactive in mitigating the potential impacts from COVID-19 throughout our entire community. People can be carriers without having any symptoms, so to provide shelter only to those showing symptoms is not actually stopping the spread. Use of County Parks is an important step in the right direction. All parks would have shared facilities for hygiene (showers, restrooms), a common kitchen and meeting room, storage, and a site office. City and County agreements for water, sewer, and trash disposal would be arranged. Up to 30 currently homeless persons could be provided safe community with a designated place at minimal cost. Multiple camp sites of 15 to 30 residents could be served by \$53,548 per site for startup and one year of operation.

Please work with AHHA and our extensive network of volunteers, supporters, and organizations, like the COVID-19 Coalition, in implementing these options by providing opportunities for sheltering in place in county parks and parking lots, or other public lands in which to shelter those experiencing homelessness in our County. Your assistance in accessing funds and resources through COVID-19 resources from the state or federal coming to Humboldt to apply to our local response

Thank You and Wishes of Wellness to you all

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AHHA Mission Statement:

AHHA provides information, education, advocacy and policy development for affordable housing with the homeless in Humboldt County. AHHA will facilitate the implementation of these alternative housing models by networking with private groups, nonprofits, public agencies, faith-based organizations, individual volunteers, and by partnering with the cities, county and others to ensure development and capacity building.

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AHHA-Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives

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Hayes, Kathy

From: Sue Parsons <sparsons4@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:38 AM
To: COB
Subject: Homeless Shelter in Place, county parks

Hello,

I wish to say that I think County Parks could be utilized at this time to help unsheltered folks shelter in place- they are closed to the public, have restrooms setup and can serve as centralized locations to receive resources and health care support, especially from AHHA,

Thank you,
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"A book, too, can be a star, explosive material capable of stirring up fresh life endlessly, a living fire to brighten the darkness, leading out into the expanding universe." - Madeleine L'Engle

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Hayes, Kathy

From: Max <tidysum@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:30 AM
To: COB
Subject: Public comment for today's BOS meeting - E1

This comment is for [item E. DEPARTMENT REPORTS DHHS: Public health](#)

Every supervisor on this Board has expressed an interest in helping our County's unsheltered homeless population. We've repeatedly let this population down, and this cannot go on during a health crisis of this magnitude. I strongly encourage the BOS to demonstrate its interest in helping our homeless by using County parks for the homeless to shelter in place. Thank you.

Max Seibel

From: caroline@northcoastpeoplesalliance.org
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:02 AM
To: COB
Subject: public comment 4/6/2020 agenda item E

Good morning Supervisors and Staff,

In regards to the conversation about how to best serve our most vulnerable populations during the COVID 19 crisis, we at the North Coast People's Alliance strongly encourage the Board to consider using county parks as a place for our houseless population to safely shelter-in-place. They are already closed to the public, have restrooms and can be easily used as central locations to receive resources and health care. This is a good opportunity to use a resource we already have in place to help mitigate the spread of this virus and help some of our most vulnerable citizens. There are many community groups that are working to serve this population and sheltering them safely in central locations with access to sanitation will increase their access to resources and can help with containing and monitoring the spread of COVID 19.

Thank you for having this discussion,

Caroline Griffith

steering committee, North Coast People's Alliance