

Board Meeting: March 27, 2018

Attached are Correspondences received for S14E

March 25, 2018

Orange County Board of Supervisors  
County of Orange  
Hall of Administration  
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd.  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

**Subject: Opposition to tent encampment in Laguna Niguel**

My husband and I both grew up in South Orange County and have lived in Laguna Niguel since 2008. We worked hard for many years to achieve our dream of owning a home in this city. Never did we fathom an ill-conceived decision would be made to place a homeless encampment on land just steps away from the elementary school that our son and daughter both attend (kindergarten and third grade).

While I am compassionate to the plight of the homeless, a tent encampment is not the solution. If it did not work in the riverbeds, why would it work here? We pay taxes to the Federal, State and County government to help the homeless in a humane fashion. Placing them in tents is inhumane – AND this specific site is completely unacceptable. It is located directly across the street from a preschool/daycare center and middle school bus stop; less than a block from a nearly 700-student elementary school; and next to a library where kids come and go all day.

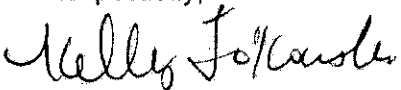
There is a lack of services at this specific location as well as limited OCTA transportation due to the lack of ridership. Therefore, people housed in tents would have no way to travel to other cities to receive services that could improve their situation. Instead, they should be allowed to stay in the hotels they were placed in temporarily to maintain stability for them while permanent housing is constructed. It's time to extend the hotel vouchers using the millions in taxpayer money the County has sat on to help the homeless and start building or renovating permanent housing now.

In addition to jeopardizing the safety of our children and community, putting a homeless encampment so near to high-end hotels like the Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel; Monarch Beach Resort; Montage; and other tourist destinations just up the street will hurt the County's income. Eventually, the whole area would earn a bad reputation, tourism will decline and the County will feel the decreased tax revenue as a consequence. It's not just Disneyland that attracts tourists to Orange County.

Make no mistake about it, this plan poses a significant health and safety hazard. Please use the earmarked County funding to build housing for the homeless so they'll have hot running water and proper bathroom facilities, access to education and job programs, proper meals – and so they'll be safe. Remove this site in Laguna Niguel from consideration, so our community will remain safe from the countless health, safety and environmental issues associated with housing people in tents.

My family and I urge you to vote as a united Board on March 27 to remove this plan to place tents for the homeless in Laguna Niguel.

Respectfully,



Kelly Tokarski  
Laguna Niguel Resident

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**From:** Stieler, Robin  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 7:45 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Maria [COB]; Morales, Susan; Ross, Jamie  
**Subject:** FW: Impact Statement for LN Tent City Proposal

Please add to S14E for the March 27th Board Meeting.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Danielle Man [mailto:Daniellebman@outlook.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 25, 2018 3:31 PM  
**To:** Stieler, Robin <Robin.Stieler@ocgov.com>  
**Cc:** Bartlett, Lisa <Lisa.Bartlett@ocgov.com>; brian@communicationslab.com  
**Subject:** Impact Statement for LN Tent City Proposal

Dear City and County Officials,

My name is Danielle Man and I have been a resident of Laguna Niguel for 4 years. I am writing to you to express my opinion on the proposed tent city in Laguna Niguel. I am wholeheartedly opposed to the proposal to put a homeless tent city in the heart of Laguna Niguel, across the street from a preschool, down the street from an elementary school, and next door to the public library.

Synopsis: Tent City is an inhumane option that doesn't provide services or solutions and endangers residents.

I moved to Laguna Niguel with my husband and then 17-month old child, while I was 7 months pregnant with our second child. We specifically chose Laguna Niguel because of the safety of the neighborhood and city resources like parks and great schools. Our specific home was chosen in part because of its proximity to Moulton Elementary, a Blue Ribbon school with academic accolades and a safe environment. Our house is in no exaggerated terms our dream house. We have worked hard and sacrificed a lot to live in the wonderful community that is Laguna Niguel. If this homeless encampment is allowed in the heart of town, across from a preschool, down the street from Moulton Elementary, and behind the public library, the very safety that drew us to Laguna Niguel will evaporate. We would then be forced to make the heartbreaking decision to leave the town we've fallen in love with, the town we have dreamed about raising our children in.

Putting aside my immediate concerns for my family, I can also express to you that I believe this proposal is inhumane because tents without facilities (like bathrooms) or county services that homeless rely on is cruel and is barely a Band-Aid for the problem. Why are we considering moving homeless people away from the very places they receive county services and literally dumping them in a parking lot in a town that has limited public transportation, no county services,

and no access to jobs or other means out of their situation? How is this a humane option that serves the homeless population? The \$185 million dollars that was somehow missed would be a great starting place to erect brick-and-mortar shelters with facilities and resources that might actually help the homeless (those who want to be helped). Instead we are considering spending \$70 million on tents, without actually addressing the issues. I am at a loss. Truly. Let me be clear when I say that we in Laguna Niguel are not against the homeless. Many of us feel a great deal of compassion for them, particularly for those who are willing to accept help. Many of us volunteer our time and resources to help these very populations. We feel this is an inhumane option to everyone involved. We are asking for compassionate assistance that doesn't put residents' health and safety at risk.

I've seen firsthand what happens in communities that have individuals dumped on doorsteps with no facilities or supportive services. If you don't believe what you've heard about public indecent acts, human feces, hypodermic needles, I invite you to explore the streets of Dana Point and San Clemente at any given time of day.

If anything, this alarming and nightmarish situation has awakened me to my civic duty. I am willing and able to work towards a solution that helps the homeless. I welcome working with homeless advocacy groups on a humane solution that does not jeopardize our citizens. There is due process when deciding where to establish such services. Impacted residents need to be interviewed, and environmental impact studies need to happen. Cities should not be blind-sided by the county. It is disrespectful and makes me question my family's decision to put down roots in Orange County.

In closing, I want my message to be clear. We are seeking compassionate solutions to the homelessness epidemic in Orange County. The proposed tent city in Laguna Niguel is not a humane solution, and it endangers the health and safety of Laguna Niguel residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Danielle Man

Laguna Niguel resident of 4 years, Mom of 2 young children

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**From:** Laila Tehrani <tehranilaw@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 24, 2018 10:52 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** No Homeless Relocation to Laguna Niguel

Hello

My name is Laila Tehrani and I am a resident of Laguna Niguel. I own a home in Niguel Summit. I have a child attending elementary school at Moulton. Here are the issues I have with the possible relocation of the homeless to Laguna Niguel:

1. Proximity to day care and school
2. Drugs /Alcohol - should not be allowed - no tolerance
3. No public transportation in LN location
4. No employment centers near by
5. Fire danger The LN encampment would be within near brush contiguous to Wood Canyon and the LN Aliso Summit trail. Homeless camps are a fire threat- causing billions of \$\$ in lost homes and property; lives threatened and lost. The Bel Air fire was caused by homeless campers, and they have been suspected in other recent fires where the cause is unknown.
6. Health concerns Campers in Santa Ana were burning their poop as fuel. Not only was the spread of disease an epidemic but again the fire danger.
7. Proximity to the library were families with children go to learn and be safe.
8. Security of the neighborhood. Proximity to the homes. Trespassing and theft concerns.
9. Homeowners are not allowed to live in tents in their backyard. We pay HOA dues and are expected to follow the bylaws which indicate strict rules to maintain a certain appearance for the neighborhood. Why do the homeless get to freely live in a tent without rules or regulations.

Thank you!  
Laila Tehrani

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**From:** Stieler, Robin  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 7:45 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Maria [COB]; Morales, Susan; Ross, Jamie  
**Subject:** FW: OC Board of Supervisors meeting - Tuesday March 27th.

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**From:** Nicky Nguyen [mailto:ncnguyen000@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 25, 2018 4:04 PM  
**To:** Stieler, Robin <Robin.Stieler@ocgov.com>  
**Subject:** OC Board of Supervisors meeting - Tuesday March 27th.

Dear Robin,

This is for the public comment section.

The Irvine parcel owned by the county in which the board intends to place an encampment with at least 400 homeless individuals is directly across a park where children play, and within short walking distance of a senior living community. Additionally, within a 1.5 mile radius are elementary schools and neighborhoods with families. The land was zoned for a shelter 15 years ago before any of these things existed. Things change over time and we must be able to adjust accordingly. And we look to our leaders to practice good judgement and planning. They've yet to do so.

Thank you,  
Nicky Nguyen

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**From:** Stieler, Robin  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 7:46 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Maria [COB]; Morales, Susan; Ross, Jamie  
**Subject:** FW: Public comment section relating to the tent encampment proposal for Laguna Niguel

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**From:** lara rad [mailto:lararad12@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 25, 2018 11:21 PM  
**To:** Stieler, Robin <Robin.Stieler@ocgov.com>  
**Subject:** Public comment section relating to the tent encampment proposal for Laguna Niguel

Please don't let this happen in beautiful Laguna Niguel. I recently moved down here from Woodland Hills (san fernando Valley) in less then 2 years, transients took over the beautiful valley where i grew up! The streets are filled with trash, needles, mentally ill transients walking around, constant car and home break ins, where we were scared in our own homes. Ive seen a beautiful city turn into skid row like, and if you allow these so called homeless which aren't homeless but criminals and drug users, laguna will be taken over with more crime, go down to the san fernando valley and look around and see all of them living on the streets and near peoples home, peeing and pooping on sidewalks in front of you and your children. What was the point of cleaning up santa ana riverbed where they found 1000s of needles and trash, so they can do it to Laguna and Irvine?? Doesn't make sense, it was better to leave them there! I moved here to make sure my 4 year old grows up in a clean safe environment like we did once, these "homeless" need to be sent far away and most to mental facilities!

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**From:** amyandkaty1@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 25, 2018 6:28 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Homeless

Please consider the Master planned homeless community the people of Austin, Texas have created. Thirty acres of county property near the great park would be perfect. Please visit <https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=www.mlf.org&data=02%7C01%7Cresponse%40ocgov.com%7C890729631fce4375d65208d592b8da21%7Ce4449a56cd3d40baae3225a63deaab3b%7C0%7C1%7C636576244989486674&sd%7Cata=2OXcqTtWF9WHwnVrNqCPBQOPT3Myqg71rXsy6C9OJEw%3D&reserved=0>.  
Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Chris S <chris714oc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 25, 2018 4:50 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Comments for upcoming Board meetings

County Supervisors,

I fully support the County opening a homeless shelter on the 100 acres in Irvine.

We need a County-wide solution to address the homeless issue, and all 34 OC notices need to be involved if we want to be successful.

I understand you are facing a tough decision that may upset some of your constituents. But this is an easy decision as this 100 acres was originally intended and approved under SB-2 zoning by the city of Irvine to be used as a shelter.

Again, I would appreciate your approval for opening a homeless shelter on the 100 acres of County owned land in Irvine.

Kind regards,  
Chris Schmidt  
92704 - First District resident

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**From:** Kristy McGuire <kristymcguire15@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 24, 2018 4:54 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** OBJECTION to proposed homeless relocation plan

I am writing my Orange County Board of Supervisors to respectfully and strongly disagree with the current proposal to relocate several hundred homeless citizens to Laguna Niguel, Huntington Beach and Irvine.

In regards specifically to the Irvine property, this plan does not provide a safe parcel of land for this oft neglected and ignored population.

I urge you to reconsider this knee-jerk plan and postpone any relocation until a safer, more compassionate plan of action has been crafted.

Thank you for your service to our community,

Kristy McGuire  
Irvine, CA

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**From:** Jose Gina Haresco <joseginaharesco@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 6:56 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Cc:** DOC\_Chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov  
**Subject:** Homeless Crisis Suggestion

Dear OC Board of Supervisors,

My family and I live in Irvine, CA. I have already sent each of you a letter of our opposition to placing the Temporary Homeless Encampment in Irvine. In that email I outlined, mine, and my communities reasons for why that location is not a good solution.

We would like to take the time now to offer up some solutions. We are not opposed to helping the crisis but it needs to be done in a better and more widespread way. The three key areas we feel need to be addressed are: how the county as a whole are doing their part, the kind of shelters and rules that will help the crisis to improve.

Orange County is home to 34 cities. Since this is a county issue it makes sense that every city should do their fair share to help. If you take the situation right now of the 400 persons not in a shelter and divide them equally or by percentage based on city size, each city would take 12-30 of the 400. The idea is, if each city has a small center on hand then there will be a network of humane locations that the homeless who are seeking help can go to once the main shelters fill up. This will also prevent one to two cities shouldering the burden for the entire county and create bipartisanship across all districts and cities since everyone will be expected to do their part.

Distributing the numbers amongst several also make the crisis manageable for each city. It will be easier to house in terms of space needed and in finding a location that provides safety to nearby children and families. If there is a way to allow cities to decide where and how these shelters will be provided and they are able to get some funding to build or fix-up housing, apartments, or centers that already exist then those seeking help will have access to clean running water, sewers, and have proper shelter from the elements. Another advantage is that a smaller group is easier to help with social services and the 12-30 won't overtax the local services or impact the city as a whole financially which will allow property taxes to remain as they are and the system won't loose funding keeping Orange County as it always was.

One last point is the vagrant law throughout the county. All of the above proposed is very attractive. In life we all need to work hard for what we have. The homeless care system we have now and what we are proposing is for those who want to be helped and can follow the rules like the rest of us in society. There needs to be consequences and tough laws for those who do not want to get with the program Orange County is providing. Cities need to have assurances that they are protected and have recourse for those who disregard the system. There has to be a balance. We are all willing to help those who are troubled and need help but there has to be a line for those who won't. Let's be caring to those in our county that want to change and be helped but make it unappetizing for those with other agendas.

Best wishes,  
Jose & Gina Haresco  
Irvine -Great Park Neighborhood - Parasol Park

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**From:** Diana Hogue <blondedh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 6:03 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Homeless

Hi, I am emailing you concerning the relocation of the homeless people to Irvine, Laguna and Huntington Beach. That is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard. I really feel for the homeless but some of them are drug users, rapist and send them to these beautiful, low crime, nice family communities is a BIG mistake. It's just going to infest the cities and open the door to all kinds of crime, especially in Irvine where you want to put them in the open lot where people walk their dogs, ride bike, jog etc. This is like opening pandora's box. The people in these areas work hard to get where they are and live in a safe place but sending homeless people there is NOT the answer to the problem. Spend the \$ on helping them with what ever their need is. There's got to be a better way then ruining these decent family communities.  
Diana

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**From:** charlesleeattorney@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 12:40 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** NO HOMELESS SHELTER IN IRVINE

Dear OC Board of Supervisors,

My name is Charles Lee, I live at 133 Briarberry, Irvine, CA 92618 with my wife and seven year old son. That is literally a half mile away from the proposed homeless shelter on Marine Way. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE! YOU CANNOT PUT A HOMELESS SHELTER THERE. IT IS NOT AN APPROPRIATE LOCATION. IT IS UNSAFE TO THE RESIDENTS LIVING CLOSEBY, IT IS NOT CLOSE TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES THAT THE HOMELESS NEED TO GET BACK ON THEIR FEET, IT IS NOT CLOSE TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR THEM TO GO TO WORK AND GET BACK ON THEIR FEET. WE CANNOT HAVE A DRUG AND CRIME AND VIOLENCE AND GARBAGE AND FECES INFESTED CAMP IN IRVINE!! PERIOD!! PLEASE FIGURE OUT ANOTHER SOLUTION!!

Sincerely,

Charles Lee

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**From:** Odette Hyde <calodette@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 9:42 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Homeless Tents in Irvine

To whom this may concern:

I am writing you to express my genuine anger with your decision to relocate homeless folks to Irvine. Though it may be temporary, the location is adjacent to parks, schools, walking trails, just to name a few.

We worked very hard for decades to be able to move to Irvine. We love the outdoors and everything the city has to offer, as most families do in this area. Having a homeless shelter within walking distance to residences, parks, SCHOOLS and outdoor spaces will undoubtedly endanger the lives of everyone, especially our children.

I urge you to find a SAFER location for this project, away from children and the elderly.

Regards,

Odette Hyde

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**From:** Lisa Jansen <lisajansen06@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 9:33 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Homeless Relocation to Irvine

OC Supervisors,

To those of you who voted to relocate homeless individuals to Irvine, please be aware this will impact your political future. My husband and I moved to Irvine over 20 years ago and raised our family here based on the quality of life. As an Irvine resident, I may not be one of your voters, but I am connected with many who are. Homelessness is a definite issue we need to solve, but not by thrusting them on a city that values safety and quality of life.

I am not one to be political other than consistently voicing my ideals through the democratic process we are fortunate to have in this country. As a successful businesswoman in Orange County, I will utilize my voice to the fullest extent to see that you are politically held accountable for your vote. I urge you to reconsider.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Jansen

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Kelly Pruitt <k9rx8@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 5:26 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Homeless Shelter

Hello Board Supervisors,

I am writing to you to let you know that I am highly opposed to having a homeless shelter at the Great Park in Irvine. I have several reasons for my feelings and viewpoint. First, the Great Park has been paid for by the residents of Irvine, and we should be able to attend events and such there without feeling worried about bringing our children there due to safety concerns of homeless people living there. We have been working on making that park a nice place to play and for kids to be able to run around and explore the outdoors. Now, with your current plan, that won't be able to happen for the children. I have kept tabs on the homeless situation along the Santa Ana Riverbed, I drive by the riverbed every day to and from work. I am aware that not only were around 14,000 needles removed from there when the homeless were removed, but there was also over 5,000 pounds of fecal matter. That is a health hazard waiting to happen. The spread of Hepatitis A is very strong among these homeless encampments, and I don't want this disease along with others to become rampant in Irvine. In addition there was a missing child found when the homeless people were gathered up from the Santa Ana Riverbed. There were also rapes there. Convicted felons were found there. Stolen property was gathered. I have friends who lived by there who reported their bikes, which were chained up at their house, were stolen and found at the riverbed. So this is just my first concern, and I believe it covered a lot of serious threats pertaining to having the homeless live here: Safety, drug use, needles, fecal matter, disease, kidnapping, convicts, stolen property, rape. Hmm, I wonder why I don't want the shelter here?

I haven't even begun to touch on my concern for our property values. I am POSITIVE that ALL of Irvine property values will go down. We will become the laughing stock of the county. Already there are people waging wars on NEXTDOOR Neighbor, saying how spoiled us residents of Irvine are that we need to suck it up. You know what? We paid a lot to live here, and we aren't all rich, let me tell you. Speaking of money, I heard on the radio that the residents of Irvine will be paying to house these people. How is it that we have to pay to house all of the homeless people of Orange County? I don't see how that is fair or appropriate. I can't afford to, I will tell you that. I also heard on the radio that this is not all of the homeless, that some are going to shelters. My feeling is that as long as there are beds in shelters, no one needs an encampment set up. I heard that the ones who will be moved to the Great Park are the ones who refuse to follow the rules of shelters. Sounds like just the kind of people we need living here, around our kids and our parks.

That is enough for now, though there is a great deal more. I am opposed to the Irvine Great Park having an area established for homeless people to live there. What the hell did we put all that money into that park for if that is what is it's intended use?

Respectfully,  
Kelly Pruitt



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**From:** 38 Pathway <yuzhuhome@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 5:16 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Homeless shelter

Dear Mayor,  
I am a Irvine resident, I strongly suggest that do not build homeless shelter in Irvine, it will affect Irvine in every perspective.

Thanks,  
Kaylyn

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** jason rippon <jdrippon@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 3:58 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Great Park Homeless Community

I represent a community of 2000 Irvine citizens that are very concerned about your plan approval to allow a homeless shelter to be developed in the Great Park. You all better pump the breaks and throw this plan in reverse faster than you can read this email, should you wish to be re-elected.

Jason Rippon

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**From:** Deborah <chzpuff@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 4:43 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Homeless Shelters

Dear Supervisors,

I want to go on record as congratulating you for taking positive steps to house the homeless at other sites in the county. As a resident of Santa Ana, I can attest to the multitude of homeless people all over the city. In fact it is true that other cities actually send their homeless to Santa Ana specifically. This has been documented. It is time for other areas to step up and help with the problem.

Again, thank you for taking the steps toward a more permanent solution to this ongoing crisis.

Sincerely,

Deborah Hicks DeBach  
City of Santa Ana Resident

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**From:** Julia Walsh <jwalshlaw@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 12:12 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** ORANGE COUNTY CATHOLIC WORKER, ET AL V ORANGE COUNTY, ET AL -SA CV  
18-0155-DOC (JDEx) - Community Comment

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the relocation of the homeless population recently relocated from the Santa Ana riverbed to tent city encampments in Laguna Niguel, Irvine and Huntington Beach.

The county has the resources to continue to pay for hotel vouchers until the proper process of planning to find long-term solutions to the homeless issue can be completed. It is highly inappropriate to relocate these people to cities that are not prepared and do not have the appropriate infrastructure to handle their unique problems.

In the case of Laguna Niguel, the proposal is to establish a tent city for the homeless across the street from a public library where children gather daily, across the street from a preschool/day care center, and a 5 minute walk from an elementary school. If even one child is harmed because the County has elected to relocate the homeless to this area, it is unacceptable. We know that the same population in the Santa Ana riverbed posed many problems for the surrounding area. Why on earth would the County Board of Supervisors think that moving the homeless from an industrial/commercial area to a residential area was a good idea? We can do better than this for our neediest of citizens in Orange County.

Thank you,

Julia Walsh

Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

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**From:** Sam Chung <samjchung@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 1:21 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** No homeless camp in Irvine

OC Supervisors,

> I'm dismayed by your recent vote to place temporary shelters for the homeless in Irvine. The proposed location is in close proximity and walking distance to several schools and parks and is in a residential area. I encourage you to visit the site and see if you would want a homeless camp to your home or to your children's school.

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> Orange County receives a large amount of property tax revenue from Irvine. Having a homeless camp so close to many residences will decrease their property value thus reducing the taxes the county receives. It will also create a safety concern for the area.

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> I urge you and the other supervisors to change your decision and find a proper shelter for the individuals that need it.

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> Thank you,

> Samira Chung

> Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Sherry Bates <csbates1980@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 10:28 AM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** "Temporary" homeless shelters comments

We are very much opposed to the proposed shelter to be located at Orange County's Great Park. After many years, there are finally a variety of family-friendly venues open at the park. Obviously, there is an existing problem with homeless persons in the county, due in part to a lack of action as the riverbeds developed into Orange County's skid row. A family-oriented Park is not the place to bring the associated issues of drug use, crime, dirty needles, etc. that were prevalent at the riverbed encampments. Transferring these issues to an area that is supposed to be a crown jewel for use by families from all areas of the county (not just Irvine) is short-sighted and just plain wrong. The money the Board is proposing to spend on these "temporary" shelters should be spent on permanent solutions in appropriate areas, not bandaids.

Sharon Bates

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**From:** Carolyn Nguyen <carolyn.nguyen88@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 8:39 AM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Comments for upcoming Board meetings

I am fully against the homeless tent residing in Irvine at the Great Park.

Carolyn Nguyen

Tustin ca 92782  
Resident

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Joanne Walsh <blissin06@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 8:34 AM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Tent City in Laguna Niguel

As a resident homeowner in the city of Laguna Niguel for 28 years, I strongly oppose putting a tent city homeless encampment in Laguna Niguel. This puts undue burden on our police and risks the safety and health of our citizens.

Sent from my iPad



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**From:** caryn rinaldini <carynrinaldini@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 8:22 AM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Homeless encampments

Hello,  
Encampments in Laguna Niguel are not fair to the homeless. It is inhumane to just drop them off. They need resources which LN cannot provide. I don't understand why there was no solution when they were released from Santa Ana. As for Laguna Niguel, is it legal to have potential drug addicts and sex offenders across the street from a preschool?  
Thank you,  
Caryn Rinaldini

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**From:** Kathie Allen <katballen@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2018 5:45 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Relocating Homeless to Irvine

I oppose your decision to move the homeless to Irvine. I hope you find a better solution.

Kathie Allen

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**From:** Shan Wu <oneapple396@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2018 7:54 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Fwd: Urgent: please stop putting homeless people to Irvine

To Thom It May Concern,

I am outraged over the irresponsible action on the part of the County for putting homeless tents next to the Great Park which is my home. I bought this house to enjoy the safety environment , NOT to be next to homeless people. This will not really solve the homeless problem, and will create new safety problems and negatively impact the neighborhood. If this is what you guys insist to do, we will be there protesting every single day at your office as well as the site.

You need to take immediately action to correct this wrongdoing.

Shan Wu

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**From:** Laurel <laurelconrad123@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2018 9:44 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Cc:** clintc@promotionengineering.com  
**Subject:** Opposition to Laguna Niguel homeless encampment.

Hi Laguna Niguel officials,

I want to let you know about my strong Opposition to Laguna Niguel homeless encampment. Please do not let that happen. I am a 15 year resident of Laguna Niguel resident and I am outraged at this irresponsible decision. Please stop this! There must be another location that would work.. like send them back to Santa Ana,,, that's where they from!

Laurel Conrad

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Johnny Dang <johnnydang@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2018 1:55 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Homeless camp in Irvine

To the OC Board of Supervisors,

This is in response to the recent vote that the Board of Supervisors decided to bring a homeless shelter to the land next to the Great Park in Irvine.

I used to live in Santa Ana not too far from the River bed. I rode my bike along the trail through the camp. It was not a pretty sight and I felt unsafe even during the day.

Now, you're putting a camp for unvetted homeless people who do not want to change their habits and improve their own situation. You're bringing needles, human waste, stolen bikes, drug use to an area that is next door to where families are bringing their kids to play sports. With all the new homes and schools being built, this is not safe.

Irvine schools do not have fences like most of Garden Grove, Santa Ana schools. Bringing in a large homeless population is only going to putting kids at risk finding needles and whatever else on campus.

Irvine property values will take a hit for this. I worked hard for years to be able to move from Santa Ana to Irvine so my kids can be in better schools and hopefully have the things I didn't have.

I ask that the Board of Supervisor go through the issue again and create a solution that requires all cities to contribute. Relocating folks from Santa Ana next to families is not a solution. It is reckless and wrong.

Thanks,

Johnny

**From:** Michael Constantin <mconstantin58@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 10:22 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** No to \the homeless tent city in Irvine

To the Esteemed OC Supervisors:

First of all I do empathize with the plea of the homeless and I support the effort to provide them with decent living conditions.

But when I look at the amount of money spent, it does not make any economic sense to provide those facilities in one of the highest cost of living cities in the county.

I haven't seen all the figures (other than the \$70.5M), but I recall that in LA county, the math was over \$20k/yr for every beneficiary.

That seems pretty high to provide some community type of shelter and support services.

But with the money being already allocated, it makes sense to select locations where those funds will go a longer way in helping these individuals.

There is probably land available in lower cost locations.

Irvine is already over crowded, traffic is terrible, and the building continues unabated.

What happened to all the promises of a Great Park? We did not fight against the airport to have this thrust upon us, with no public discourse.

This is not what we voted for at the Great Park. We can organize and fight again.

Please reconsider this, and plan better for the benefit of both your constituents and the people you intend to help.

Sincerely,

Michael Constantin

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**From:** Tom Halverson <tom\_halverson@yamaha-motor.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2018 7:23 AM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Cc:** egennawey@cityoflagunaniguel.org  
**Subject:** Laguna Niguel Homeless Shelter

Hello,

I just heard that a Homeless Shelter was planned very close to where I live, and have lived since the mid-eighties.

I am hoping that this is not true, but if so please let me know who to write or which Supervisors are responsible for such a poor decision.

The area they are considering to do this, if true, is not where you want these people.

I saw first-hand what the river trail turned into and I saw first-hand the types of people there that trashed that area and made it dangerous for the families that lived close by.

The thought of this coming close to where my grandchildren play and will go to school is just incomprehensible.

My neighborhood is on high alert about this and ready to do whatever possible to make sure it never happens.

This starts with the elected representatives responsible so please let me know how to contact them.

Respectfully,

Tom

## Morales, Susan

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**From:** bill ameeri <bill.ameeri@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 1:44 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** NO on Homeless Shelters in OC!

Dear OC Supervisors.

I am a resident of Irvine, and a citizen of the US. I am appalled and saddened with the recent passage of a tent city proposal for the city of Irvine, Huntington Beach and Laguna Hills. It is beyond comprehension that you guys with the exception of Todd would consider such an outrageous plan!! All 3 cities in the proposal are extremely close to schools, parks, daycares, senior care centers and homes. **THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON TO ERECT TEMPORARY HOMELESS SHELTERS IN ANY CITY IN OC.** There are plenty of available beds in all of OC for the homeless population that wish to use them.

Most of the homeless choose not to stay in shelters and will do anything to get out and steal and commit crimes to support their drug habits!! We do not need these people anywhere near our kids and families.

You must stop this temporary shelter plan NOW!

Thank you for your time.

Bill Ameeri

Sent from my iPhone



## Lopez, Maria [COB]

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**From:** Stieler, Robin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 5:12 AM  
**To:** Ross, Jamie; Lopez, Maria [COB]; Morales, Susan  
**Subject:** Fwd: Transitional Homeless Shelter

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Stuart Anderson <[stuart@s-andersonlaw.com](mailto:stuart@s-andersonlaw.com)>  
**Date:** March 26, 2018 at 10:15:14 PM PDT  
**To:** <[Robin.Stieler@ocgov.com](mailto:Robin.Stieler@ocgov.com)>  
**Cc:** <[stuart@s-andersonlaw.com](mailto:stuart@s-andersonlaw.com)>  
**Subject:** Transitional Homeless Shelter

Ms. Stieler:

I am in opposition of moving homeless from Santa Ana River bed area to the identified Laguna Niguel location. Spreading out the problem and adding this problem to the entire county makes no sense. As may have stated, we want to help the homeless, but not this way. Despite the fact that a large majority of these homeless folks don't want help, and have made it a lifestyle (drugs and mental illnesses contribute), my specific issues are as follows:

- 1) Laguna Niguel location is too close to schools- including my son's elementary school.
- 2) There is an issue with sanitation and health conditions, let alone clean-up costs
- 3) The over-all impact on the businesses in the area should not be overlooked.
- 4) Homeless will stream into these areas with likely panhandling and potential petty crime increases etc. all of which will have a negative impact on these stores and other businesses and residents that live there.

There needs to be a systematic over view and cataloging of all those that are in the homeless group, determining their specific needs and wants – with the idea of determining who wants to remain homeless and who needs help getting back on their feet. In those that want to remain homeless, determine drug related issues versus mental health issues (although they can occur in the same category). This will assist in determining the longer term fix for the homeless problem and put the focus and resources to best use.

Sincerely,

**Stuart J. Anderson, Esq.**  
Attorney at Law

Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

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## Lopez, Maria [COB]

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**From:** Stieler, Robin  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 4:39 PM  
**To:** Morales, Susan; Lopez, Maria [COB]; Ross, Jamie  
**Subject:** Fwd: Public Comment for County Board of Supervisors' March 27th Meeting

For S14E

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Diana Casasola <diana.casasola@gmail.com>  
**Date:** March 26, 2018 at 3:50:36 PM PDT  
**To:** <Robin.Stieler@ocgov.com>  
**Subject: Public Comment for County Board of Supervisors' March 27th Meeting**

Hi Robin,

I am writing to you so my comments/concerns are included in the County Board of Supervisors' meeting being held on March 27. I am a Laguna Niguel resident and have major concerns regarding the Supervisors' decision to turn the county property in Laguna Niguel into a temporary homeless shelter. My family and I live in the El Niguel Terrace community, which is adjacent to said lot. I have 3 children, ages 9, 5, and 1, and their safety, health, and well-being is my number one priority. My husband and I decided to move our family from LA County looking for a healthier and safer environment for our children, and we found that in Laguna Niguel. My kids enjoy playing outside and going on walks to the library and nearby businesses. One of my children is also special needs, who has difficulties understanding many of the complexities of life.

Having lived in LA in the past, I have a vivid understanding of what will happen to our quiet and kid-friendly community, shall the county moves forward with this decision. I find it deeply disturbing and disappointing that our Board of Supervisors is even considering the Laguna Niguel property due to its close proximity to areas with so many children (houses, schools, library). The homeless community needs help, there is no doubt in my mind about that. However, there are several issues within the homeless community, such as mental health and drug use, that put the health, safety, and well-being of children at risk.

I have been in a constant state of stress since hearing about the Board of Supervisor's decision last week. Our home is only a few feet away from the proposed property. It terrifies me that a few bushes will be the only barrier between my children and individuals that could have a mental illness, be child molesters, and drug abusers.

Please eliminate the property in Laguna Niguel as a proposed site for a homeless shelter.

Sincerely,

Diana Casasola

## Lopez, Maria [COB]

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**From:** June Hamze <Jhamze@twc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 8:20 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** The homeless

I am a homeowner, taxpayer, and voter and I live in West Anaheim and have been in the same home for over forty years. I cannot believe that you that we have voted for and pay your salaries have thrown us under the bus. I understand that the homeless issue is out of hand but, if you continue feeding this problem it will grow more each day. These people are drug addicts, bums, mental cases and so on. I do not hate them, but I also do not want them in my home. How about you? Let make a deal...You take one and I will take one. It is not fair that you decide to send them all to someone else's community and none to yours. Do your job and speak up for us or step away and let someone who has the courage do it. You asked for these jobs And we expect more from you.

June Hamze

**Lopez, Maria [COB]**

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**From:** Maria Banelos <marytere1318@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 7:27 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** I support the homeless shelter in Irvine

It is time for Irvine to step in and help the homeless - yes to a homeless shelter in Irvine.

Maria Banelos

**Lopez, Maria [COB]**

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**From:** Jennie Rivera <jenniebrivera@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 4:25 PM  
**To:** Stieler, Robin  
**Cc:** COB\_Response; Bartlett, Lisa; brian@communicationslab.com  
**Subject:** Comment for Board of Supervisors Meeting on 3/27/18 - Laguna Niguel Tent Encampment

To Whom it may Concern,

Please direct the following comments to the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 27th for the public comment section relating to the tent encampment in Laguna Niguel.

I am a Laguna Niguel resident and mother of two small boys and I strongly oppose the placement of a tent encampment in Laguna Niguel's city center. My older son currently attends the elementary school just up the street from the site and my younger son will begin attending next year in Kindergarten. We moved to Laguna Niguel almost two years ago and chose the city based on the family-friendly feeling, cleanliness and limited crime. Now all of those reasons are in jeopardy. We live within a mile of the site and will no longer feel safe in our community knowing that the homeless population is so close to our children, outdoor recreational areas, and homes.

There are other, more sensible options for the homeless population in Orange County. I ask that you remove the Laguna Niguel site from consideration and invest your budget dollars in permanent housing and solutions.

Sincerely,

Jennie Rivera

## Lopez, Maria [COB]

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**From:** Annie Brown <AnnieBrown@iusd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 4:24 PM  
**To:** first.district@ocgov.com; Fishel (Adams), Audra; Steel, Michelle; Bartlett, Lisa  
**Cc:** Spitzer, Todd; Tello, Al; COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Irvine Unified School District Open Letter to the OC Board of Supervisors  
**Attachments:** County Board of Supervisors Letter 3.26.18 (F).pdf

Dear Board of Supervisors,  
Please see the attached open letter from the Irvine Unified School District regarding agenda item 14e for BOS-3-27-18.  
Thank you,  
Annie Brown

Annie Brown | Public Information Officer | Irvine Unified School District





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March 26, 2018

Orange County Board of Supervisors  
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Suite 465  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Orange County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) Board of Education, District staff, and our more than 34,000 students and their families, we applaud and support agenda item 14e for BOS-3-27-18 that would rescind placing as many as 400 homeless individuals in close proximity to 10 IUSD schools that serve our youngest and most vulnerable residents. The IUSD's priority is the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and community. We work closely with the City of Irvine, the Irvine Police Department, our development partners and the Irvine community to closely monitor and approve where our schools are built and the types of businesses and developments that are located near all of our schools to help create the safest environment possible for children.

Placing a tent city in the heart of Irvine, near schools and only steps away from the Great Park, where many of our students attend after-school programs and camps, play in sports leagues, and gather with friends, is counterproductive and, frankly, counterintuitive to keeping children safe. This process needs to be about effective planning, collaboration and consideration for all Orange County communities and families to identify a humane, productive and permanent solution to this countywide crisis.

We support the City of Irvine's efforts to collaborate with the Board of Supervisors and other cities to develop solutions that will provide support to individuals in need, while valuing the interests of communities and the safety of our children. As you thoughtfully plan and move forward with next steps, IUSD encourages you to include school district voices and other key community stakeholders from across the County, who can provide a valuable perspective.

As civic leaders, working for the betterment of our communities and those we serve, we can and must do better than haphazardly transplanting homeless individuals to areas so proximal to school children and family parks, but also far from medical, mental health, job resources, and substance abuse support services that are



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critically needed. IUSD encourages the Board of Supervisors to consider all children and school districts throughout this process.

IUSD adamantly opposes any actions that create an unsafe environment for children and families, and we will continue to support the City of Irvine in its leadership efforts to better resolve this complex issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Terry L. Walker".

Terry L. Walker  
Superintendent of Schools  
Irvine Unified School District



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**Lopez, Maria [COB]**

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**From:** Kenneth Johnson <socalifdad@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 4:18 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** 1. No tent city in Laguna Niguel, 2. Please follow the lead of Los Alamitos

1. Please do NOT endanger our small community with a tent city for the homeless.
2. Please follow the lead of Los Alamitos in Opting Out of California's Sanctuary City laws. Please follow Federal Immigrations Laws AND our U.S. Constitution.

Thank you.

Kenneth Johnson  
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

## Lopez, Maria [COB]

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**From:** Naz Hamid <naz4iusd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 6:28 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Board meeting tomorrow

Honorable Orange County Board of Supervisors,

I am a resident in Irvine, CA, and I have lived in Orange County for fifteen years. My children have grown up in this city and I also work for a company with a large presence here.

I'm writing to you today about your deliberations and decisions for our homeless community tomorrow. Some may find their existence dangerous or unsavory, but may I remind you that during our economic downturn, it was our friends and neighbors who became homeless. It was our community that suffered and we pulled together to make sure no one would become a victim to a personal tragedy. I've looked at the data on the community under discussion (<https://www.unitedwayoc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Orange-County-Cost-Study-Homeless-Executive-Summary.pdf>) and feel that they are people who deserve respect and dignity. They need someone who can extend a helping hand. Please, I urge you to work with local organizations, such as, OC United Way, Illumination Foundation, and Families Forward, among others, to create and implement a plan for housing first, and to provide the wrap-around services they need to get back on their feet. These services include, but are not limited to, mental health and substance abuse treatment, job training, and access to affordable housing.

Please, we cannot place them in tent cities like they're refugees. We cannot harden our hearts to their plight. We must not allow any more to slip through the cracks. After all, money is cyclical, and that may very well be any one of us at a future point in time.

With kind regards,  
Naz Hamid  
Irvine resident.

**Lopez, Maria [COB]**

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**From:** Stieler, Robin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 8:56 AM  
**To:** Ross, Jamie; Lopez, Maria [COB]; Morales, Susan  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment Section Re Tent Encampment Proposal for Laguna Niguel

**From:** Phillips, Lisa <Lisa.Phillips@sedgwickcms.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 8:51 AM  
**To:** Stieler, Robin <Robin.Stieler@ocgov.com>  
**Cc:** Bartlett, Lisa <Lisa.Bartlett@ocgov.com>; brian@communicationslab.com  
**Subject:** Public Comment Section Re Tent Encampment Proposal for Laguna Niguel

Hi Robin,

My name is Lisa Phillips. I reside at \_\_\_\_\_ in Laguna Niguel.  
I'm not able to attend this morning's meeting but wanted to go on record opposing the proposed tent encampment for Laguna Niguel.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Phillips

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## **Lopez, Maria [COB]**

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**From:** Nita Desai <dnita@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 9:11 AM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Re:S14E date 3/28/2018

Hello,  
Thank you for reading this email.  
Just like you all, I am also concerned about the "Homeless" camp and locating them.  
I have met someone who has designed a place for a minimal cost, to make a home for these unfortunate families.  
I really would like to present this idea for the site in Irvine. This idea has been used in La Paz Mexico. I would like to have an opportunity to introduce the designer in person.  
While people want to build a shopping center and put additional housing, what I am suggesting may be worth considering.  
I have no idea how to present this idea within this short time as I found out about the meeting.  
Any opportunity you can provide would be very helpful to make a permanent place for Homeless people.  
Sincerely,  
Nita Desai

**Nita Desai**