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TO: Todd Gloria, City of San Diego Mayor
Dr. Jennifer Campbell, Councilmember District 2

Subject: Proposed homeless shelter at H Barracks site

The PCPB has been approached by several neighbors who have expressed deep concerns regarding the recently enacted San Diego Comprehensive Shelter Strategy, specifically the proposal to establish a 700-bed homeless shelter at the H Barracks in Liberty Station's east end. While we understand the importance of addressing homelessness in our city, we believe that this plan poses significant challenges and risks to our community. We respectfully request that you reconsider this proposal, taking into account its potential unintended impacts on the Point Loma and Liberty Station area, and explore alternative locations.

Concerns have been raised over public safety and youth impact and with limited SDPD resources in the area this may lead to a higher need for service within Liberty Station and the surrounding communities.

The proximity of this proposed site to the airport runway increases the risk of danger at this site from airplanes utilizing the runway. Most importantly, having people in a tent that is close to the noise level without noise abatement is not humane and exasperates existing health conditions and poses additional health risks.

1. **Public Safety and Youth Impact:**
 - Nine schools, two playgrounds, and soccer fields within half a mile.
 - Limited SDPD resources may lead to higher crime rates.
2. **Lack of Services and Health Risks:**
 - Insufficient nearby services, grocery stores, and public transportation.
 - Proximity to the airport without noise abatement may exacerbate health conditions.
3. **Negative Impact on Tourism and Local Businesses:**
 - Liberty Station is a destination for all San Diegans. It is a source of pride for our city. It will be significantly altered with the additional crime, drugs and other challenging circumstances that come with 700 homeless in the area.
 - Negative impressions for visitors encountering homelessness.
 - Potential harm to Liberty Station's identity and local businesses.
4. **CEQA Compliance:**
 - Urgent need for adherence to CEQA guidelines for lead, asbestos, and airplane noise.

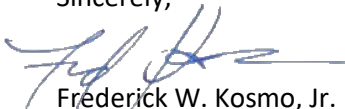
In addition to these concerns, there is a vital issue regarding the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance. It is imperative that the city follows all CEQA guidelines when addressing the lead and asbestos abatement and airplane noise at the H Barracks site. This includes a thorough environmental impact assessment to ensure the safety and well-being of both the housed and unhoused populations in the area.

The PCPB urges the city of San Diego to explore alternative locations within the city to support the unhoused with services and a path to permanent housing. This urgent reevaluation, considering community concerns, is crucial due to potential significant impacts on public safety, community well-being, and the city's overall health. We ask the city for a comprehensive dialogue involving all stakeholders, prioritizing safety, and seeking solutions that serve our community's best interests.

While we recognize the importance of supporting our homeless community, it is essential to balance this with ensuring the safety, dignity, and well-being of all San Diego residents. We request an immediate reevaluation and insist on a dialogue that includes all affected parties.

We oppose the proposed project until the concerns are addressed to the satisfaction of the Point Loma Community. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to a productive dialogue. The letter was unanimously approved with a vote of 12-0.

Sincerely,


Frederick W. Kosmo, Jr.
PCPB Chair