



Letter re: Bridge Home locations / for edit and corrections for meeting packet

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Dear Councilman Joe Buscaino,

It has been nearly three years since the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council first acted on the Homeless issue. You may recall that this Council was the first in the entire city to create a homeless committee prior to one being created at the LA City Council. Of all of the areas in your district the Homeless crisis seems to be most significant if not visible in the Central San Pedro Council's area as it impacts both businesses and residents. We now find it curious, that with Mayor Garcetti's new initiative "A Bridge Home" that you have endorsed, that your office has not consulted with us.

Several of the sites now being considered are in our district area and we feel that it is a great oversight on the part of you and your staff not to come to our council for advice and consent on this significant issue.

Unlike other neighborhood councils around Los Angeles City we are not generally opposed to this emergency shelters and at times have had members working with other elected officials on addressing the homeless issue in precisely the same manner that you have now come to the conclusion as being a solution. Our board members and constituents have a great deal of interest in addressing this homeless crisis in a human and practical manner as many of the social service non-profits are in fact located in our district.

We believe that it is long past the time to deal with mounting humanitarian crisis head-on with an immediacy that is due the size of the problem. However, we also know that it must be addressed in a manner that is considerate of community values and concerns that allows for public input and consent before final decisions are made as to locations.

It is within the jurisdiction of the mandate of the LA City Charter for neighborhood council that an issue as significant as this be brought before the neighborhood council where the Bridge Home locations are being considered before any decisions are made or city funds budgeted for placement within our district.

We demand that an immediate report on the progress of these plans be provided within the next 30 days to our full council and that our homeless committee be apprised of all actions being taken by your office on a timely basis before decisions are made.

Thank you in advance for your immediate response.

Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council