

Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

Proposed Community Impact Statement

Council File 19-0002-S1

Title: Crimes Targeting those Experiencing Homelessness / List of Protected Persons / State Hate Crime Law

Summary: The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council is appalled at recently reported crimes against people experiencing homelessness.

That these individuals were targeted specifically due to their homelessness is particularly troubling, and the CeSPNC agrees with the City's assessment that this constitutes a hate crime. Such hate crimes against the homeless include, without limitation, making threats, physical assaults, violent attacks, and repeated harassment, which violates their civil rights.

Given the particular vulnerabilities of the homeless population, this added protection of the hate crime designation is appropriate.

The CeSPNC supports City and State action to specifically include housing status in relevant hate crime legislation, and to protect persons experiencing homelessness.