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Subject: FW: Homeless issue in our community

From: Lindsay Strull <lindsaystrull@yahoo.com>
Date: August 10, 2021 at 9:33:18 PM PDT
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Subject: Homeless issue in our community

Good evening,

I am writing to voice my concern as it pertains to the homeless issue in our community. I fully support any and all efforts being made by the council to keep our city safe. As the mother of middle school aged children that will be walking to and from a bus stop each day, I feel it is imperative to put measures in place ASAP.

My daughters had a very scary incident with an unhoused individual while eating lunch with classmates at the Gelsons shopping center after school last Spring and we can not let this happen again.

Thank you for your time.

Best,
Lindsay Strull

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Subject: FW: Agenda Item 11

From: jennifer bott <jenniferbott@icloud.com>
Date: August 11, 2021 at 6:14:11 AM PDT
To: Alicia Weintraub <aweintraub@cityofcalabasas.com>
Subject: Agenda Item 11

Dear Councilmember Weintraub,

I'm writing to voice my support of tonight's agenda item #11.

My family and I recently relocated from Studio City to Calabasas. The homeless situation in Studio City had become untenable. My daughters and I were routinely harassed and intimidated just strolling in our neighborhood. It got to the point to where my older daughter no longer felt safe walking home from school—which was about 2 blocks away from our former home.

Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to our city and its residents.

Best regards,

Jennifer Bott

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Subject: FW: New Business Item 11 -

From: Bill Flores <wfloresucla@yahoo.com>

Date: August 11, 2021 at 12:04:28 AM PDT

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Subject: New Business Item 11 -

Dear Calabasas City Council,

Calabasas has remained a beautiful city not by chance, or luck, but because our elected officials have diligently safeguarded the residents against an infusion of homeless people. Unfortunately many of the other Los Angeles cities have not done the same and have allowed the homeless to overrun major streets.

I strongly encourage passing the new ordinance banning camping. People do not have a right to camp any where they want and for anyone to argue the opposite is absurd.

I believe the two-pronged approach, which would allow the unhoused to have a bed is a balanced approach.

Bill Flores

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Subject: FW: Meeting tomorrow - support for item 11

From: Naomi Schlosberg <naomilynns@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Meeting tomorrow - support for item 11

Greetings-

I would like to show my support for item 11 at tomorrow's meeting. We value the beauty and safety of our Calabasas community and want it to stay that way. I have school aged children and I should not have to worry if it is safe for my kids to walk home from school or be bothered individuals in their right of use way. We do not want to see our neighborhood end up like parts of Woodland Hills where you cannot walk down the street as it is littered with trash and unsafe. We value the safety, health and property value of our community.

Thank you,
Naomi Flores
23179 Park Pinta

(A) Consideration of a contract for interim housing and support services to unhouse persons
(B) Introduction of Ordinance No. 2021-394, adding Calabasas Municipal Code Chapter 9.38 "Use of the Public Rights of Way and Protection of Schoolchildren, Bus Stops, Critical Infrastructure and Wildlife Areas," and Adoption of Resolutions designating Critical Infrastructure and School Routes

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Subject: FW: Item 11 City Council Meeting August 11, 2021

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Subject: **Item 11 City Council Meeting August 11, 2021**

To the members of the Calabasas City Council:

We support the proposed ordinance.

It is imperative that the City of Calabasas be proactive to prevent the spread of the epidemic of homelessness we see in neighboring areas through our community. The danger is imminent and serious.

The homeless need resources and help, there is no question. Passing this ordinance is essential to the protection of health and welfare of ALL.

Olivia and Andrew Cohen-Cutler
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Subject: FW: Agenda item #11

From: Bonnie Muler <bonniemuler@gmail.com>

Date: August 10, 2021 at 8:49:51 PM PDT

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Subject: Agenda item #11

Dear Members of our City Council,

I have been a resident of Calabasas for 14 years. In the last 2 years I have seen a dramatic increase of homeless people in our neighborhood; making my family and myself feel unsafe. Last summer, a homeless man broke into a vacant home on my street and resided there for several days until a neighbor saw him outside. The police came and dropped him off less than a mile away where he robbed a CVS. To live in Calabasas and feel that I can't have my daughter walk to our local school bus stop is completely unacceptable.

Additionally, I am an employee at a retail store in the Commons. Over the last year we have had to call security half a dozen times to have homeless people who were refusing to wear a mask and acting belligerent removed from the store. Obviously this is bad for our business and it makes residents and visitors in our community feel vulnerable and extremely uneasy.

I do not know the details of the proposed ordinance, but I do know that something needs to be done so that our city doesn't become like some other parts of the valley.

Thank you for your time.

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Bonnie Muler

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Subject: FW: Importance of passing Ordinance No. 2021-394, adding Calabasas Municipal Code Chapter 9.38

From: Barry Polan <bpolan@gmail.com>

Date: August 10, 2021 at 9:13:43 PM PDT

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Cc: Jayne Polan <jpolan@lvusd.org>

Subject: Importance of passing Ordinance No. 2021-394, adding Calabasas Municipal Code Chapter 9.38

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

My name is Barry Polan. I have been a resident of Calabasas since August of 2012. I love this city and cherish the quality of life that this wonderful place has provided to my family.

When my family moved here from Woodland Hills, my children were 3 and 5 yrs old. Moving my young children to this community was the best and singly most impactful decision that my wife and I have made toward their well being. It is with this in mind that I feel compelled to write you regarding Ordinance No. 2021-394.

Politics aside it's hard to debate the fact that our state and county has seen a rapid deterioration in the of quality of life tied to the number of unhoused forced to camp on the streets of Los Angeles. It does not have to be this way in our amazing city.

From Venice to Woodland Hills, we have failed these citizens living on the streets, as well as the impacted local residents and families in these communities.

Everyone suffers when homelessness is unmanaged. Communicable diseases, such as COVID-19, "diabetes, heart disease, and HIV/AIDS are found at high rates among the homeless population, sometimes three to six times higher than that of the general population (www.endhomelessness.org, 2021).

We owe it to all of our residents, housed and unhoused to not follow in the failed footsteps of our neighboring municipalities.

By working with the local Sheriffs to offer transportation, a warm bed and meal at a nearby shelter, we are taking responsibility for the problem, as well as maintaining Calabasas as the special place that it is.

It is with this in mind, that I respectfully implore this Council to take action by passing Ordinance No. 2021-394, adding Calabasas Municipal Code Chapter 9.38. Thus ensuring the ongoing safety and wellbeing of our local residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Subject: FW: unhoused persons

From: Dawn Goldfarb <dawn@dawngoldfarb.com>
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Subject: unhoused persons

Hello,

I have been a resident of Calabasas for the past ten years and I feel so fortunate that our city officials have done such a fantastic job of keeping the homeless population from moving into our city. As the homeless crisis continues to escalate in Los Angeles I think it is imperative that all necessary legislative action is taken to maintain the safety of our streets and wildlife areas.

Thank you for your time,
Dawn Goldfarb

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Dawn Goldfarb
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Subject: FW: City Council Meeting Agenda - Agenda Item # 11 A & B

From: Marianne Lemon <limonibon@gmail.com>

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Subject: City Council Meeting Agenda - Agenda Item # 11 A & B

To the Members of the Calabasas City Council:

First, as a Calabasas resident, I want to thank you for your representation and the work you do on behalf of our beautiful city.

In reviewing the City Council Meeting Agenda for this evening, I noticed Agenda Item # 11 A & B.

I am writing on both matters and to express my support for:

1) entering into a contract for interim housing and support services for unhoused persons

-and-

2) Support for Ordinance No. 2021-394, adding Calabasas Municipal Code Chapter 9.38 "Use of the Public Rights of Way and Protection of Schoolchildren, Bus Stops, Critical Infrastructure and Wildlife Areas," and Adoption of Resolutions designating Critical Infrastructure and School Routes

I am supporting both initiatives above because I believe in doing our best to offer real and compassionate help for those experiencing hardship, while also recognizing that our city and its residents need to be prioritized and protected too—for physical safety, health safety and fire safety.

Over the past couple of years, I have witnessed a significant increase in activity in our community that is cause for concern, including public defecation on more than one occasion just below the patio of King's Fish House, a dispute between two unhoused men taking place in both directions of traffic in front of the fire station, people camping/living in the dry brush dense hillsides throughout our city, etc.

The encampment that is growing daily just east of our city— west of Fallbrook on Ventura Blvd— is an illuminating example of a tragic and untenable situation for everyone involved — the surrounding businesses, homeowners, pedestrians and

the unhoused and the addicted people living in the encampments. No one is thriving in that current environment and in fact, it is just the opposite. We need to be concerned for those who are struggling by offering real help, but we also need to be concerned for our businesses who are struggling to survive post-Covid (and who are still required to pay taxes) and the surrounding homeowners who are also being adversely affected.

I sincerely hope that the Calabasas City Council will do both for our city—offer interim help for those who need it, but if refused, protect the public spaces and rights of way and the interests of the residents and business owners of our city.

Sincerely,

Marianne Lemon

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Subject: FW: Unhoused Task Force

From: Christina Chapman <ChristinaChapman@live.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 9:19 PM

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Subject: Unhoused Task Force

Hello,

Thank you for your time & research with offering services to support our unhoused population in Calabasas.

I am a human rights activist in LA County and one of our growing focuses we support is advocating for our unhoused population from street sweeps in the larger populated cities in LA County.

I generally sit in on every city council meeting to stay in touch with what is happening in our city but find that I have never felt the need to raise my hand or write in.

This particular topic caught my attention & I took myself off mute without much preparation but wanted to write in & communicate that it is our due diligence to offer extensive wraparound services & options before criminalizing the unhoused.

Here are some top line public comments I would like to ensure I communicate:

1. I would like to propose the city hire a city social worker as our needs are projected to grow.
2. I would like to propose a social worker/non-sheriff employee respond to unhoused calls.
3. I would like to propose we establish a safe parking lot area.
4. I would like to propose we contract beds to support unhoused citizens experiencing mental health/substance abuse concerns.
5. I would like to propose contracting services to support unhoused citizens that are not experiencing mental health/substance abuse concerns but are experiencing financial hardship.
6. I would like to propose lowering violation penalty fine maximum & adding additional attempts from 1 request to a minimum of 5 requests before the unhoused citizen is detained by the Sheriff if no other crime is being committed.

I look forward to problem solving this together as a community so the both the housed and unhoused citizens of Calabasas are supported in living a comfortable life.

Have a great day!
Christina Chapman (She/Her)
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