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Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 5:02 PM
To: City Council Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 3.1

This is Eileen Bill, resident of Santa Rosa for 40 years.

We greatly appreciate the City of Santa Rosa's efforts to establish support for those who are unhoused. Since the inevitable closing of current supports, it is extremely urgent that there be viable solutions. Current reports are that Los Guillicos and Sonoma State are very restrictive and are almost prison-like settings. These unhoused are not criminals - just like you and I, they need a safe place to sleep at night and to take care of personal needs. It is very unsettling to not know where you will go next. This dread is experienced by all who are moved out of current locations. Our Safe Parking program supported by Homeless Action and Dave Berto had to be closed today due to construction to be started on the site. This community of Safe Parkers is already at risk. Please do all that you can to develop rapid and safe alternatives! Thank you!

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From: Richard C. Ersted <rcersted@ircoc.com>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 9:46 PM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Cc: Kuykendall, Kelli; Guhin, David; Garth E. Pickett; Kevin Hill; Schwedhelm, Tom; Fleming, Victoria; Sawyer, John; Olivares, Ernesto; Tibbetts, Jack; Rogers, Chris; Dowd, Richard
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sam Jones Hall Shelter: Possible 8K SF Prefab Building: Sonoma County APN 035-141-013
Importance: High

Mayor Schwedhelm; Vice Mayor Fleming; Council Members Sawyer, Rogers, Olivares, Tibbetts, and Dowd,

I've just now seen the image published this evening by the Press Democrat; a copy is attached. As you likely know, the image was not a part of the document packet posted to the City Council's Legistar site. In response, on behalf of my partners, I raise the following questions and concerns:

1. Will any of the City site work require approval of State Fish and Wildlife Service or the US Fish and Wildlife Service, given (i) the land lies within critical habitat for the Sonoma County population of *Ambystoma californiense* (attached find a screen-shot of the City's GIS map, showing APN -013 lies with the *Environmental > Tiger Salamander* overlay), and (ii) during discussions regarding our property, the State and Feds have noted redevelopment of concrete surfaces within CTS critical habitat requires mitigation for possible impacts to CTS, including to presumed migration routes over and across such concrete. Here, at the City's parcel, two (2) well-known, long-standing CTS breeding pools are located quite close by, each on APN -013. Each breeding pool is shown clearly on the State of California Natural Diversity Database. Placement of the new prefab structure will certainly alter CTS out-migration from such pools, given the presence of suitable estivation habitat in several locations around the rear parking lot. Does the City have State and Federal approval here?

2. On the east side of the drawing, the access road is clearly marked *Private Road*. Santa Rosa Associates II depends on this road to provide access to (i) the City of Santa Rosa Fire Department and Police Department, (ii) private, third-party contractors, and (iii) the US Army Corps and other State and Federal agencies. As a result, this road must, without exception, remain clear at all times. Fire safety is dependent on full use of such road at all times. To ensure a high likelihood of same, we need the easterly property line of APN -013 fully fenced, with a gate installed to provide access to the new prefab building and related, reconfigured parking lot. Without the fence, we believe many will park between the *Private Road* and Sam Jones Hall and between the *Private Road* and parking spaces east of the prefab building. We're concerned such parking may extend into the *Private Road*, hindering or preventing access, including, but not limited to, during a fire;

3. Will the location comply with Fire Codes?

A. Specifically, the west and south sides of the prefab building are located relatively close to the existing fence lines, restricting fire equipment access;

B. Given the drawing scale, the location of required building fire exits is not clear; and

C. Is water service here at -013 sufficient for fire protection service to the prefab building? Does such service meet applicable Fire Code?

4. We're concerned with management of the new expanded facility, believing, strongly, that the City should only contract with an experienced, knowledgeable operator. Over time, two or three very small start-ups — *Homeless Action!*; *Sonoma Applied Village Services*; and *Squeaky Wheel Bicycle Coalition* — have made several presentations to either the City of Santa Rosa or the County of Sonoma to design, build, and manage certain facilities. There's now ample proof, however, that none have the necessary appreciable experience or knowledge to manage such facility or its design, construction, or management. In addition, there's no evidence of any capital on hand at any one of the tiny groups. If the City proceeds here at APN -013 or elsewhere with a shelter expansion or new

shelter, we strongly recommend the City contracting with Catholic Charities or St. Vincent de Paul, or another experienced or knowledgeable operator;

5. If the City chooses, instead, to contract with *Homeless Action!*, *Sonoma Applied Village Services*, or *Squeaky Wheel Bicycle Coalition* at this prefab building, my partners and I believe such contract will be subject to several concerns, all or nearly all of which may be of significant interest to State or Federal funding sources; and

6. If the City builds the new prefab building, it's crucial the City ensures no further illegal camping within the Corporate Center Business Park and other areas within southwest Santa Rosa. In the Corporate Center Business Park and adjoining Northpoint Business Park, illegal encampments, with un-permitted disposal of human waste to City storm drains, have now stretched back, with one exception, more than two years. This must end.

In a broader sense, there are additional, substantive political concerns with this Sam Jones Hall expansion; questions:

A. Is it fair and equitable to expand the Sam Jones Shelter, when other sites are available for City use elsewhere outside southwest Santa Rosa?; and

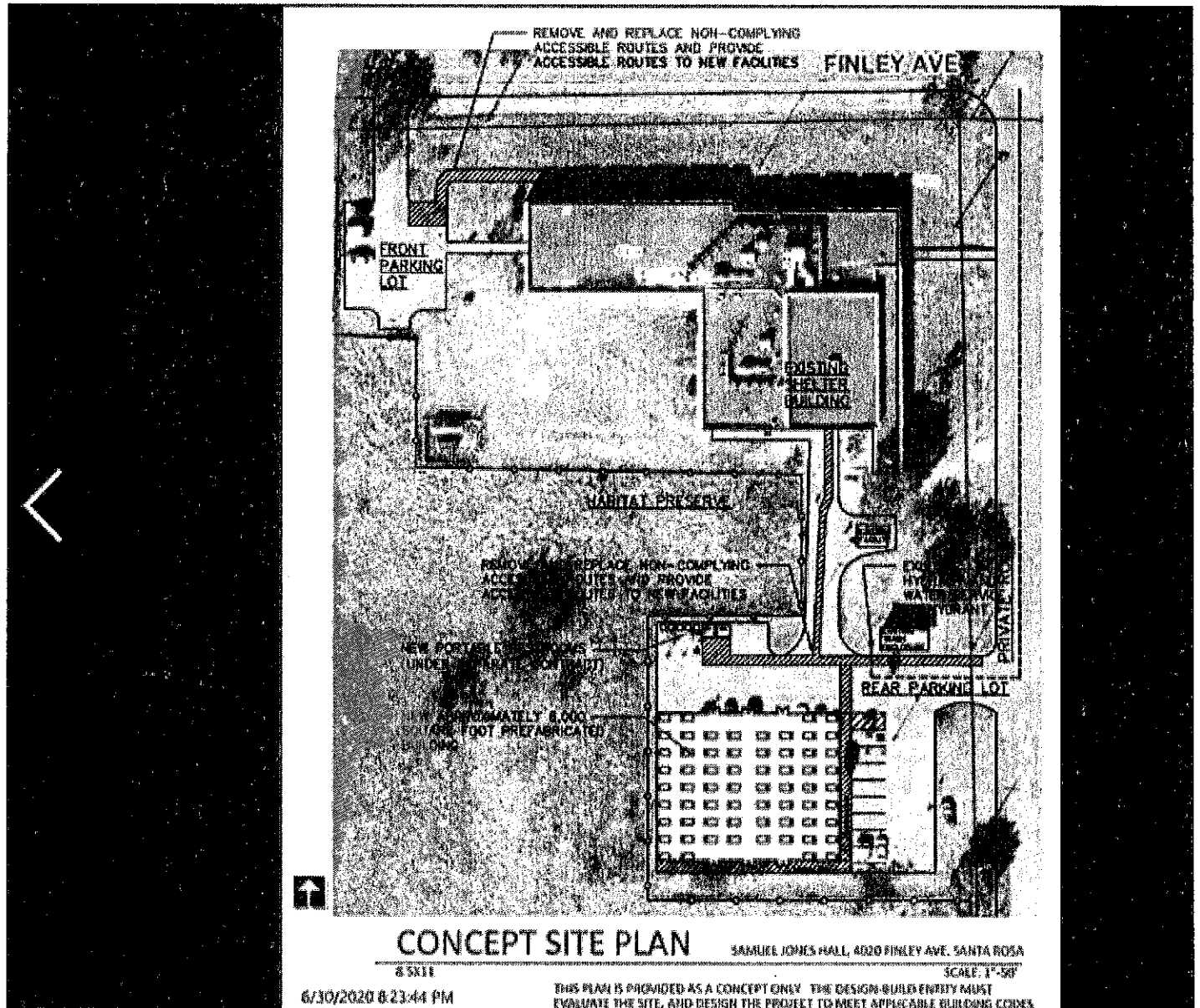
B. Is it fair and equitable to expand in southwest Santa Rosa, when this particular area has been significantly impacted by the encampments at Camp Michaela, Dollar Tree, the Joe Rodota Trail, and Corporate Center Business Park?

As background, my partners and I collectively hold fee title to approximately two hundred eighty (~280) acres at and adjoining the former Santa Rosa Naval Auxiliary Air Station, the single largest contiguous private land holdings in the City of Santa Rosa.

Thank you very much for your review of the foregoing.

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Santa Rosa plans new shelter for 60 people at Samuel Jones Hall



SLIDE 1 OF 2

A concept map dated June 30 of a new 60-person shelter site planned by the city of Santa Rosa at a parking lot at Samuel L. Jones Hall in southwest Santa Rosa.

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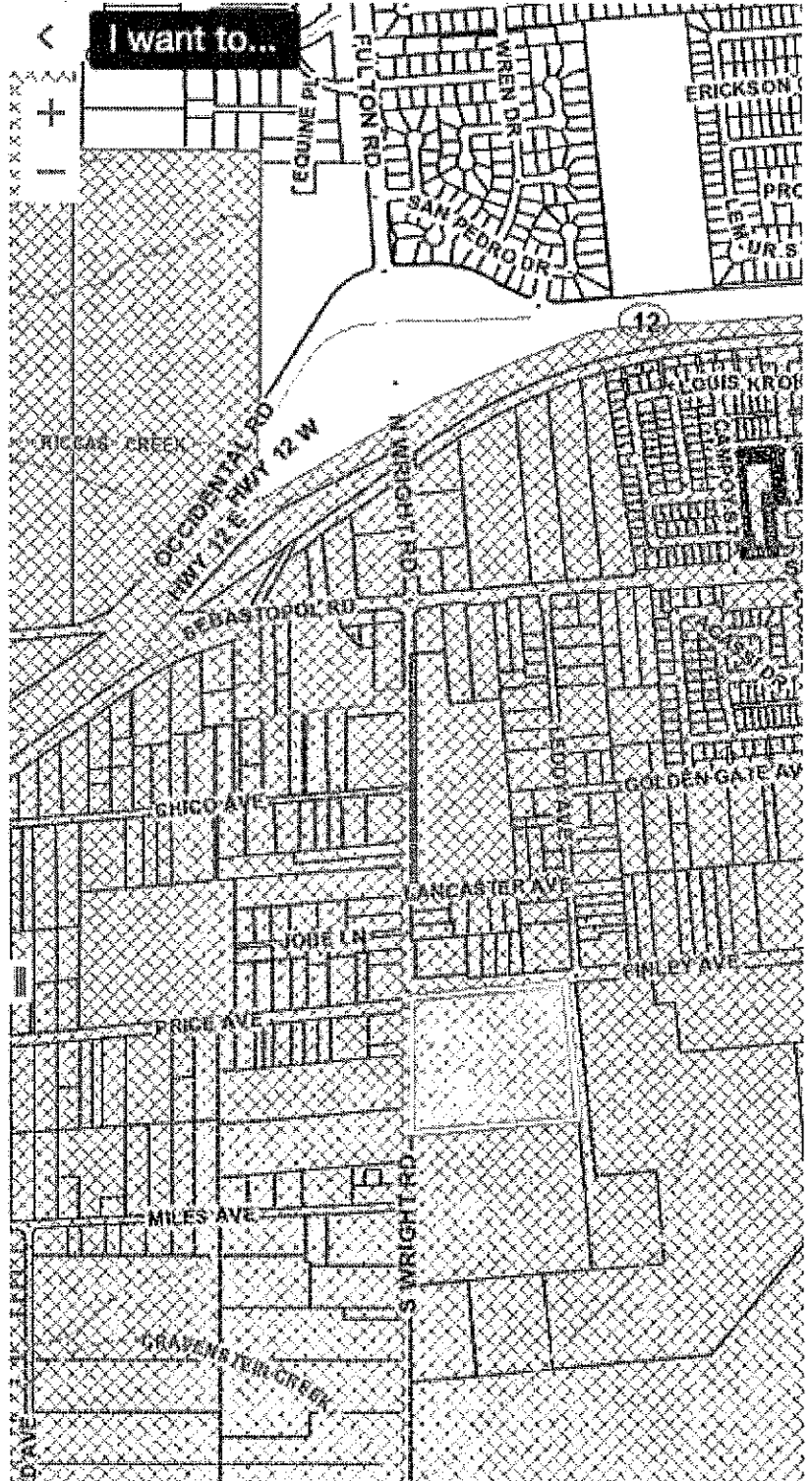
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From: Lindsey Kerr <lindsey.kerr@fumcsantarosa.org>
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Cc: Socounitedincrisis@googlegroups.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment - Item 3.1 Study Session
Attachments: SoCo UiC Letter to City Council.pdf

Dear Members of the Santa Rosa City Council,

Today, you have the opportunity to be a force of positive change for those experiencing homelessness. Your staff has been hard at work preparing recommendations that will alleviate the suffering of unsheltered people in Sonoma County. We urge you simply to approve these recommendations.

These past few weeks have been difficult for unsheltered people. Approximately 90 people were cleared from the underpasses under US-101, even after some had tested positive for Covid-19. We fear that, by the time you read this letter, another 40 people living in their vehicles will be scattered from the Corporate Center Parkway area. The people who were displaced were not guided to alternative places to stay, and then, additionally, with the closure of the Joe Rodota Trail, they lost another place where in the past they have sought safety in numbers.

Not only do these actions go against prior promises from county officials, they go against the county staff's initial wisdom in this unprecedented time. In the Short and Medium-Term Strategies to Address Homelessness" document, county staff wrote, *"COVID-19... has magnified the importance of a bold, robust, and timely response to addressing homelessness, especially for those unsheltered individuals who are most vulnerable and at risk for COVID-19."*

We need bold and compassionate leadership now. We need to end this human scattering and re-gathering that comes at great cost both in money and trauma. We need places where homeless people can find basic safety and security, so that they might heal from trauma. Today, you have the opportunity to step out with bold and compassionate leadership.

You are considering a Safe Parking program with a site in every district. Your staff has already identified sites in four of the seven districts. The staff has also provided a chart of costs for various types of Safe Parking programs. Over time, this Safe Parking program could bring safety and nightly security for up to 480 Santa Rosans (a sizeable portion of our unsheltered population) with a minimal investment of city dollars. The staff has recommended this project as a Tier Two priority. We ask that you not only approve it, but also move this project to Tier One standing.

As a community, we have been slow to recognize the urgency of the needs of unsheltered folks for far too long. It has been a mark against who we are as a city and a county. Today, you could be a part of changing that. We are grateful for all of the work that has gone into bringing these efforts this far. Our hope is that you will see this work through by approving these two incredibly valuable recommendations.

Sincerely,

Rev. Lindsey Bell-Kerr on behalf of

Sonoma County United In Crisis

Graton Day Labor Center

Health Professionals for Equality and Community Engagement

North Bay Jobs with Justice

North Bay Organizing Project

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Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with God - Micah 6:8

