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To: [Wasserman, Mike](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Simitian, Joe](#); [BoardOperations; contact@burbanksc.org](#); [commissions@sanjoseca.gov](#)
Cc: [Steve E.](#); [jprincon71@yahoo.com](#); [michael bruce gmail](#); [Martin W Penney](#); [De Anna](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fairgrounds for The Homeless
Date: Sunday, August 11, 2019 2:56:44 PM

Dear Member of the Board of Supervisors, Burbank Community Association and Neighborhoods Commission,

Using the words of my neighbor as he has expressed my urgent concern regarding the homeless.

I am joining my neighbors in STRONG support of finding interim solutions to the homelessness problem in our area, and in encouraging the use of the Fairgrounds as a transitional site as we resolve some of these problems with more long-term solutions. I am particularly concerned that this option is about to be foreclosed prematurely at the next meeting of the Board.

I am concerned about the continually increasing homeless population within our county. We need additional housing options **in addition to** permanent, supportive housing. Transitional housing including all-day safe parking is a much-needed element in the mix of solutions to reduce homelessness. On Tuesday the board will be voting on Supervisor Chavez's referral #98021A which excludes considering the use of the Fairgrounds for transitional housing and all-day safe parking using Measure A funds. Please defer the vote for this referral. There has been an inadequate time for public review and lacks transparency. Additionally, please add as an agenda item for your next Board of Supervisors meeting the submitted proposal to use the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds for transitional housing and all-day safe parking.

People who are displaced by abrupt increases in rent, who are employed, or who are suffering a temporary displacement because of a gap in their employment are of particular concern. Transitional housing and safe spaces for them and their families to sleep and engage with support services are my FIRST priority. This is an epidemic in this area, and MUST be addressed.

I look forward to engaging in finding both a short term answer, which may well involve use of the fairgrounds, as well as a set of longer term solutions. I also await any alternative proposals to using the fairgrounds, and I have heard none. Closing out a reasonable option without a reasonable alternative is not acceptable.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Most Sincerely,

Gail Wilder-Stewart
San Jose, 95128

From: [Laura Saso](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: In reference to Agenda Item 11
Date: Friday, August 9, 2019 4:30:50 PM

Correction on the referral #

Dear Board of Supervisors,

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Laura Saso <lauraventura66@yahoo.com>
Date: August 9, 2019 at 4:18:49 PM PDT
To: BoardOperations@cob.sccgov.org
Subject: In reference to Agenda Item 11

I would like my letter to become part of the Public Record, in regards to agenda Item 11 for The County Supervisor meeting on Tuesday 8/13
Thank you.

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Thank you,
Laura Saso