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Meeting of January 23, 2021

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Tracy Oehler

From: noreply@cityofventura.ca.gov
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 4:55 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: -EXT- Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Form

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Name	Anonymous
Address	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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Email Address	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Select Legislative/Hearing Body	City Council
Meeting Date	1/23/2021
Select a Topic:	Public Comments
Recommendation	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Written Comments	I would like to see a citizens' oversight committee of the police department. I'm pro - law enforcement and don't think their funding should be cut. However the quality of police services seems to be dropping. I think citizens need more say in their priorities, the messaging they make to the community, and the quality of their services. This allows another avenue for citizens to have confidence in their police department.

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Name	Connie
Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Select Legislative/Hearing Body	City Council
Meeting Date	1/23/2021
Select a Topic:	Public Comments
Recommendation	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Written Comments	I recently have seen the cleanup that was done at the Ventura River Bottom by Ventura city and Ventura police officers. I am disappointed that the city participated in this act of displacing and further criminalizing our homeless. The city needs to find a better solution to help keep Ventura beautiful while also helping uplift our most vulnerable population. Ventura needs to offer safer living conditions for our homeless, along with access to mental health services and rehabilitation services.

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Name	Claudia Armann
Address	
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Select Legislative/Hearing Body	City Council
Meeting Date	1/23/2021
Select a Topic:	Agenda Item Number/Topic
Agenda Item Number/Topic	14A
Recommendation	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Written Comments	It's good news that many new apartment complexes are being built in Ventura. Unfortunately, the rents are not affordable to low-income workers. In 2004, the City of Ventura passed an inclusionary housing ordinance requiring that 15 percent of new rental units in the downtown area be designated affordable. A lawsuit invalidated those policies, but our State Legislature

responded in 2017, passing a law authorizing cities to once again establish inclusionary housing policies for rental projects. Many cities in the Los Angeles region and Bay Area, as well as Goleta and Santa Barbara, have enacted such policies. Ventura has delayed doing so. This is not a difficult policy to draft, it just requires political will. Given the crippling housing crisis, to be exacerbated by the pandemic, it should be a priority to set aside the maximum number of affordable units in every project in the pipeline. Today, I ask you prioritize an inclusionary housing policy for rentals in the early part of 2021.

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From: Jeffrey Kroll
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 12:23 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: -EXT- Goal Setting- Land Use Goals Item #2

Hello, First let me introduce myself , I am Jeff Kroll President/CEO of Shangri La Care Centers Inc(2010-2019) ...Some of you already know me , for I appear often at Ventura County Cities (Ojai , PH , Oxnard and Ventura ect.) meetings . Having been in this industry for many many years pushing for the safe regulated market . And as one of the local and state approved Cannabis retailers here in Ojai. Shangri La Care has been in business for over 10 years now . And starting in 2018 with the State of California rules here in Ojai and with the City of Ojai and state approval of our regulated retail store . I started back in 1999 after I was given a very grave diagnosis about my health , and got involved with cannabis and science and studies all over the world. I would not go so far as to say I am an expert in the cannabis , for it still is evolving in many areas, research, ordinances, applied taxation, public perception , and many many falsehoods about cannabis. My health condition vastly improved and I am here today alive and well , in great health There has been more scientific papers written about cannabis than any other plant material ...over 18,000 studies world wide . I think I have read pretty much all the important ones . Having parents who taught me the skills to feed my insatiable curiosity.

I even was a part of the City of Ventura Study group that was a four month long study by the then City Attorney Ariel CardoneI even have all my working notes from 2010-2012 on those meetings . I am writing this email to offer my experience and guidance as I have for several other cities. It should be noted also that I helped with not only Ojai , but Port Hyheme and most recently ,The City of Oxnard . It should be noted that SLCC was not one of the applications submitted to either Port Hyheme or Oxnardbut have been waiting for the right fit. I have been following the opening of many cities and their problems and challenges and have a mountain of advice that I am willing to share with the rollout of your cannabis possibilities in your cityI am a huge supporter of the the income that can be produce to assist cities deal with budget goals , just look at Port Hyheme who when I started with them , they were 2.7 million dollars in the hole and was having a hard time paying their own city water bill and canceling many city sponsored events to make ends meet. Today things are looking much different now and it was directly because of their cannabis acceptance and the income stream . With that said , I know that all cities are challenged right now because of Covid-19 , loss of business revenue , taxes, and the past Thomas Fire ect .

I know all of you have accepted the roll out future of cannabis within your city, as you have with delivery so the challenge is, how does one compete with 9 permits in Port Hyheme , 3 in Ojai , and soon 16 retail shops opening very soon in Oxnard . I have some very important advice to give the City of Ventura in it's development of cannabis type permits , that could put the City of Ventura as having an edge over the expanding cannabis industries from other areas. It's something that the City of Oxnard did not do and started backwards , and they were having problems with their rollout , and having to do a reset . If the City of Ventura would include these goals and write into their ordinanceit would put the City of Ventura in the forefront of capturing the lion share of the cannabis revenue for its goals within the city limits.

With the new Federal changes in the administration and the renewal of truth, respect for others, compassion , the writing could not be more clear.....things are changing , just in the last three daysI like all of you as well , a feeling of relaxation , not waiting for what shoe will drop todayis a feeling I have not had in yearshopefully it will continue and we can get some things done . On the near horizon the Federal Safe Act and the MORE act will be decided , opening up banking as our state is doing with a bill before them at this very moment . Very soon cannabis could be considered as an agricultural crop as hemp has .

As you may or not not know , at state level , we permit holders are part of an expanding study group as stakeholders and very soon ,a path to a much easier time with the permitting state level process, merging all three departments into one by the end of this year ...a cost savings , and a lot more.

Looking forward to the meeting in the morningZoom works for me
Thank youJeff Kroll



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From: mireya garcia
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 3:19 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: -EXT- Public comment - Meeting January 23,2021

Hello City Council, my name is Mireya Garcia. I am concerned about a post from the city of Ventura's page showing the "clean up" of homeless folks. I would appreciate it if the Board would explain what kind of resources were provided for the homeless folks as they are more vulnerable to COVID-19. It could be said they are being placed in shelters, however shelters are either packed or not taking in new people due to the pandemic. So where are they now and what are we doing as a community to help them?

My second question is with the topic of budgets for the new year, please share with the community what the Ventura County police department funds look like ? Thank you.

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From: Norene Charnofsky ·
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 3:36 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: -EXT- Agenda Item No. 14-A/City Council Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021

To Esteemed City Council Members,

The Community Park at Kimball and Telephone Road is a wonderful asset to the city of Ventura, even in its unfinished condition. It provides a world-class swimming center, ball fields, track fields, and a paved walking/skating/bicycle riding pathway. However, it could be so much more valuable to the community with the addition of a second entrance/exit, a childrens' playground, picnic tables, and sometime in the future, hopefully, a Library and/or Community Center. Especially in a Pandemic time, many of us have come to realize how important our outdoor areas are to our health and safety.

The fact that Community Park is still not completed, especially the lack of a second entrance, is a sore point with the East Ventura Community. I myself went to a Middle School Track Meet to see my Grandson's school compete against several other schools. With only one exit available, it took 45 minutes to exit the Community Park. Many people think that the Park would be used for youth activities to even a greater extent if the "traffic problem" were not so aggravating.

Last evening (1/21/21), at the monthly meeting of our East Ventura Community Council, with more than 90 people attending via the Zoom platform, it was apparent that working on the Community Park is high on the list of priorities for city action. Five Councilmembers were present, as well as City Manager McIntyre, and we are appreciative of your attendance. I believe you must have heard clearly the community's desire to have funds allocated, **if at all possible**, and work started for the completion of a second entrance, and additionally, for a childrens' playground, picnic tables, and even plans for an eventual community center/Library, as had been proposed in past years. As you plan for the coming year, hopefully you will take East Venturans' concerns into account.

Many thanks for your attention to this matter, and for your service to our wonderful city!

Sincerely,
Norene Charnofsky
(East Ventura homeowner for 24 years)

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the number of STVRs in Pierpont has ranged from 64 - 88, with the current number at 74. While the total number citywide is gradually increasing (total is now 140), the largest growth occurred in non-beach areas. Further much concern is expressed about STVRs disrupting the neighborhood and not following the rules. However, the number of documented nuisance complaints year after year is so low as to be almost non-existent. Please quantify problems if any, then decide if changes are needed.

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Select Legislative/Hearing Body	City Council
Meeting Date	1/23/2021
Select a Topic:	Public Comments
Recommendation	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Written Comments	For 12 years, Ventura has had an STVR ordinance that has worked fairly well if measured by the very few verified complaints the city receives each year. However, there appears to be a movement to replace the existing ordinance with a completely different model. I recommend improving the current ordinance, rather than starting over.

Some suggestions for changes to the existing ordinance that

would have real impact:

1) ENFORCE THE RULES. If there is no enforcement, there is no point in having an ordinance.

2) Crack down on bad actors with substantial fines and revoking permits.

3) Clarify items like parking limits, daytime occupancy limits and "no parties", all of which would benefit the neighborhood.

Most STVR owners have operated successfully and respectfully for years. I respectfully ask City Council to address concerns through revisions of the current ordinance, rather than a wholesale change to an entirely different model.

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