

PUBLIC COMMENT

Meredith Hart

From: Trevor Gotsman <tgotsman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 1:00 PM
To: Meredith Hart
Subject: -EXT- Safe & Clean Subcommittee

Honorable Safe & Clean & HOPE Subcommittee

Thank you and all for serving the least of the greatest need, and showing us your labor.

Sincerely,

Trevor Gotsman

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Meredith Hart

From: John Harrison <jharrison108@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 10:13 PM
To: Meredith Hart
Subject: -EXT- Re: Safe & Clean, Affordable Housing, and Homelessness Subcommittee reminder

I have a comment for the upcoming virtual meeting. I volunteer with the Ventura Land Trust cleaning abandoned homeless camps and/or cleaning up camps where the homeless have been asked to leave. My questions are:

1. What are the rules/laws governing homeless camps on public property. I thought they could not be asked to move unless there were shelter beds available in the area and they refused to go there.
2. I also read something on a city of Ventura site talking about the Ventura River bottom/estuary that said it's illegal to camp along or around the river area regardless of shelter bed availability. Which is correct.

I do have empathy for the homeless, but I also feel it's important to protect sensitive environments such as the Ventura River/Estuary that has so many native plants and wildlife.

3. A person that I think was homeless, told me that the fire department started a controlled burn in the Emma Woods side of the river in order to get the homeless out. I had another homeless person tell me that there was a "pyro" living down there who was setting the fires. Can you set the record straight on this? (I did see a homeless man sitting on the gravel near the bike trail near the trestle who was burning face masks on a piece of cardboard; so I'm thinking the "pyro" explanation for all the fires might be more close to the truth.

When I went on a patrol/clean up with Katie Daniels of the Ventura Land Trust, we came across a group of homeless campers, one of whom was cooking pancakes on a homemade griddle heated by flames from a propane tank. This could be another source of fires down there. Don't know what the answer is.

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"Politics without principles, Education without character, Science without humanity, and Commerce without morality are not only useless, but also positively dangerous." -- Sathya Sai Baba

On Tuesday, May 25, 2021, 04:43:19 PM PDT, Meredith Hart <mhart@cityofventura.ca.gov> wrote:

Hello,

The upcoming Safe & Clean, Affordable Housing, and Homelessness Subcommittee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1 at 2:30pm. This meeting will end at 3pm sharp due to back to back public meetings. Please [click here](#) to see the agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 1

INCLUSIONARY HOUSING UPDATE

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From: noreply@cityofventura.ca.gov
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 11:56 AM
To: Meredith Hart
Subject: -EXT- Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Form

Public Comment Form

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Select Legislative/Hearing Body	Safe, Clean and Homeless Committee
Meeting Date	6/1/2021
Select a Topic:	Agenda Item Number/Topic
Agenda Item Number/Topic	1. Inclusionary Housing Overview
Recommendation	Support Recommendation
Written Comments	I support efforts to develop a more robust, clear and objective inclusionary housing program to further the goals of inclusivity and equitable development in Ventura. The IHP is named in the City of Ventura Housing Element as a policy objective and program #13, but it is too narrowly defined and is not significantly helping to address the affordability gap in the

community. A new IHP should apply to all residential development, include an in-lieu option, provide incentives such as setback reductions etc, and income targetting should mirror greatestRHNA needs. The IHP ordinance should clearly state that the primary goal is increase supply of affordable housing; secondary goal is to have affordable units offsite or generate funds or land for City or nonprofit to build affordable units. I recommend the City of Goleta's inclusionary housing ordinance as a potential model; this ordinance requires 20% but a reduction to 15% is considered for projects with exceptional community services.

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