

From: [karen bey](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Comment for 10/5 City Council Meeting Item 7B
Date: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 8:39:28 AM

Hello,

I would like to submit a written comment below for the City Council Meeting tonight, related to item 7B on the agenda as follows:

It seems that the City has already started the process of buying properties for the Road Home Plan. The Surfside Apartment complex on Central Ave looks like a recent purchase, and in a previous city council session, John Knox White said the Big Whites at Alameda Point are next.

Both properties are located on the West End.

The Road Home Plan should be a shared community responsibility - the obligation of providing housing for the unhoused should not be solely placed on the West End and at Alameda Point.

The city owns other properties east of Webster. The Carnegie Library should be considered -- as well as the Foster House.

The Road Home Plan document opens up other questions and concerns for me:

- What is the decision-making process for the selection of these properties?
- There seems to be no transparency in the process.
- There seems to be no community input in the process.
- What properties have been purchased to date? Where are they located?
- Are there any properties currently in escrow? If so, where are they located?
- Is there an inventory of public lands being considered?
- Is there an inventory of private lands being considered?
- Are there restrictions recorded with the purchases? If so, what are they?
- For private lands, is there a neighbor notification requirement – should there be?
- Who will manage or operate these properties? Is there an RFP process?
- What is the funding source for the acquisition or leasing of these properties?
- Is there an accounting of the funds spent to date, and what are the remaining funds available?

Thank you for your consideration,

Karen Bey, Alameda West End Resident

From: [Ben Mickus](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Comment for 10/5 City Council Meeting, Item 7B
Date: Monday, October 4, 2021 2:46:22 PM
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Hello,

I would like to submit a written comment below for the City Council Meeting tonight, related to item 7B on the agenda (recommendation to approve the Road Home plan)

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The stated goal of the program to "secure a housing future for all Alamedans" is admirable. The first strategy identified to implement this is to "access and use available public and private land for housing" of Alameda's homeless population. But the LOCATIONS of properties the City is considering for this program do not represent all of Alameda--not even close. Of 10 potential properties being considered for this program, only 1 is east of Webster Street. Please review the map below, which is also available at the google earth link:

<https://earth.google.com/earth/d/1XHPsndsnfrf0rw03qPoon8hF02EzdyP9?usp=sharing>

Instead of using all of Alameda's land to address this problem, the City is making it very clear that all of Alameda's homeless population will be housed on the West End. This leaves the majority of Alameda's neighborhoods unaffected by this program, while putting an extreme concentration of homeless facilities on the West End.

In addition, another of the stated goals of the program, increasing transparency, is not currently being met, since the process by which the city is acquiring properties, and the locations of the properties is all quite opaque right now. Hopefully this can be improved going forward.



List of properties currently being considered for Homeless Facilities:

- Alameda Point Collaborative - Midway Shelter, located at Alameda Point - 677 W. Ranger Ave. Alameda Point
- Bessie Coleman Court - Supportive Housing, located at Alameda Point - 2520 Barbers Point Road - Alameda Point
- Village of Love, a Safe Parking Program, located at Alameda Point - 431 Stardust Place - Alameda Point
- Alameda Daycare Center, located at Alameda Point - 431 Stardust Place - Alameda Point
- Safe Shelter Program/Fema Trailers, located at Alameda Point - Alameda Point (no address given)
- North Housing Parcel, located across from Alameda Point - 90 units - 501 Mosley Ave, near Alameda Landing
- McKay Wellness Center, located at Central Ave. and McKay - 90 units - 1245 McKay Ave (Central Ave and McKay)
- Marina Village Inn - Project Home Key Hotel - 51 units, located at Marina Village - 1151 Pacific Marina, Marina Village
- Transitional Housing Community Cabins, located at Alameda Landing - 2350 Fifth Street (The Bottle Parcel at Alameda Landing)
- Surfside Apartments, located at 434 Central Ave. - recently purchased by the City - 434 Central Ave

Thank you for your consideration,
Ben Mickus
Alameda Resident