

**From:** [Thomas, Will](#)  
**To:** [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Written Comment for Agenda Item 7B for City Council Meeting - 12-21-21  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 21, 2021 5:45:32 PM

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Ms. Weisiger,

Good evening, my name is Will Thomas, I am submitting this written comment regarding Agenda Item 7 B. I am currently serving as President of the Rotary Club of Alameda. I am writing this email on behalf of the Rotary Club of Alameda to express our support of the Midway Shelter.

The Rotary Club of Alameda is pleased to support Midway Shelter through various fundraisers and drives. I'm proud to say Rotary provides a big, regular dinner donation to Midway residents. We recently had our members cook and drop off Thanksgiving dinner to the residents of the Midway Shelter. We share the concern that Midway's condition could pose a hazard to residents, staff members and visitors. Midway is a very important place in Alameda. The funding you have approved means that Midway will be preserved and will have a safe and useful life for many years to come. Our club looks forward to continuing our support of the Midway Shelter and hope to be able to provide many more Thanksgiving dinners to the residents of the Midway Shelter in their new facility.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours in Rotary,

**Please note, my email address has changed**

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**From:** [Deni Adaniya](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncil-List](#)  
**Cc:** [City Clerk](#); [Varela, Liz](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Midway Shelter funding  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 21, 2021 5:13:33 PM

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Dear Mayor Ashcraft, Vice Mayor Vella, and Council Members Daysog, Spencer and Knox White,

My name is Deni Adaniya. I'm a 19 year resident of the City of Alameda, an affordable housing professional, and since early 2015, a member of the Board of Directors of Building Futures.

I am writing in strong support of the City of Alameda investing \$1.8 million into the Midway Shelter to replace three of the four portables at the shelter site that are well beyond their useful life and pose a hazard to both clients and staff who reside and work there.

As you know, the Midway Shelter provides a crucial service and safe haven to homeless women and children, many of whom are fleeing for their lives from domestic violence. Given its long 28 year history of providing loving and high quality support services, Midway has been the recipient of continued support from the City, for which we are grateful. Now is not the time to turn your back on Midway and the families it serves today, and every single day of the year. This funding will be critical to extending the life of the facility until Building Futures' is able to relocate the shelter to its eventual new permanent home at the supportive housing community at Alameda Point, a prospect that is, unfortunately, 8-10 years away.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

-Deni Adaniya

Vice President, Board of Directors, Building Futures

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*"Every storm runs out of rain."  
~Maya Angelou*

December 21, 2021

TO: The Mayor and City Council of the City of Alameda

FROM: Jeff Cambra – Past President of the Rotary Club of Alameda 20-21

RE: Agenda Item 7B

Tonight, I write to you as an individual in support of your adoption of the resolution amending the capital budget and increasing the appropriation by \$1,911.00 for the replacement of three portables and decking at Midway Shelter.

When I became president of the Rotary Club of Alameda, the first community service project I brought to the board was to support the twenty five women and children of Midway Shelter by becoming a monthly dinner donor.

Specifically, I wanted the Club to provide a home prepared traditional multicourse Thanksgiving dinner for the residents. Over half of Midway's residents are children, and the shelter provides housing and meals for these families when the alternative is being unhoused.

I have seen the three trailers that this funding will replace and can attest to the condition of the units. While they are "adequate" for housing, it is clear that these structures are beyond their useful life. The residents of Midway Shelter deserve to have the best housing possible at such a critical time and as they make the transition into permanent housing.

Thank you in advance for your support of Midway Shelter

Respectfully,



Jeff Cambra, Past President 20-21  
Rotary Club of Alameda