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**Cc:** [Manager Manager](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Items 6A, 6B and 6C on City Council Meeting Agenda - Support for More Housing  
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Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to voice my support for the staff recommendation to repurpose Marina Hotel to permanent housing, in item 6A. I think the staff recommendations for the other sites are well intentioned, but feel that placing mini-homes in random locations without nearby support effectively segregates houseless Alamedans and doesn't connect them with the existing community.

There are some organizations actively working in Alameda County to create communities as part of mini-homes (both transitional and permanent). Goodness Village is working with the city of Livermore and Alameda County to provide permanent mini-homes but also offer social services, classes and land for residents to grow food and potentially start up businesses. <https://gvlivermore.org/>

Firm Foundation Community Housing works with the faith community to provide mini-homes in collaboration with the host church - which again allows for residents to access services but also feel connected and not isolated. <https://www.ffchousing.org/>

I also strongly support item 6B.

Lastly, I urge you consider the following for 6C and the Federal Relief Funds -

1. more funding allocated towards emergency housing, protecting renters and creating a fund for more stable housing, e.g., working with a local land trust that can purchase existing multi-family housing and work with the existing tenants.
2. aligned with housing needs - more funds for social and mental health services as it is not only houseless Alamedans who need support during this stressful time. Allocating funding to pilot a UBI program
3. in response to climate emergencies and providing needed resources to Alamedans through trusted community organizations - provide funding for more than one Resilience Hub on the island. Alameda Makers Farm is the only Resilience Hub in Alameda and there's room for more decentralized hubs where residents can access food, emergency supplies, energy sources.

With your support on these items, we have an opportunity to keep our neighbors and fellow Alameda residents on the island and have a foundation of resiliency. Too many people have had to leave Alameda - folks who have raised their kids here, grown up here, volunteered with Scouts, Little League, in our schools. Please don't miss this chance to keep our community together.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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