

**From:** [Lauren](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comment on Item # 2021-1131  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 6:46:13 PM

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City Council members and staff,

It is of great concern to the residents of the Marina Village Home Owners Association that you are considering moving forward with negotiations to purchase the Marina Village Inn as a potential site to house the unhoused in Alameda, without a public outreach and stakeholder engagement process with the surrounding residents. Why would you consider assuming the cost of purchasing the Marina Village Inn, if the intended future use hasn't been vetted with the adjacent community members, as this potential use has VERY SIGNIFICANT impacts on the immediate neighborhood. The potential use that you are considering for this Inn, needs to be evaluated through the CEQA and a thorough and transparent public engagement process to consider impacts related to public safety, fire, human health, infrastructure, and equity.

**From:** [Catherine Pauling](#)  
**To:** [Lara Weisiger](#); [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Malia Vella](#); [John Knox White](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Trish Spencer](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Today - support for Marina Village Inn purchase and more  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 5:20:33 PM

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Dear mayor, council and staff,

Once again thank you for recognizing and acting on the need for housing further worsened by COVID. The decision to have a more permanent transitional housing location is smart. Stabilizing people early in a crises is far more effective than watching a predictable downward spiral. .

Additionally as a person on fixed income and facing a lot of stress, I truly appreciate your plan for a mental health center at Alameda Hospital for respite and resources before someone needs a police intervention or hospitalization.

Along the same line, there is a need for a Resiliency Hub in central Alameda. As a member of ARC, I see too many people not learning of the relevant information and resources early enough to use it. Online listings alone are not working. People are being displaced without being counted or receiving aid available to them. A staffed one stop center could make a real difference.

Finally, I wish to encourage consideration of land trust purchases of rental complexes that tenants could ultimately own and truly stabilize their housing.

Again thank you for not just acknowledging needs but acting to find and put in place solutions.

Catherine Pauling  
Alameda resident

**From:** [Cheri Johansen](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Malia Vella](#); [John Knox White](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Lara Weisiger](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Item 6 A on Council agenda 7.20.21  
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Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor, Council and staff,

I plan on reading this statement from the Alameda Progressives, but I would like it to be included in the record also. Thank you.



I am speaking tonight with the voice of the Alameda Progressives, who commend City staff for the proposals in 6A.

However, we believe the Marina Inn transformation is the most viable and a logical extension of its use during the covid crisis. We urge Council to approve the necessary expenditures to convert the Marina Inn to a permanent facility. We strongly recommend that this facility or the approved facility(s) include a Resiliency Center- a sort of ombudsman of services and information.

A Resiliency Center where both residents and members of the Alameda public have access to counseling for transitioning from the streets, or from a crisis to continuing be viable members of the Alameda Community. The resources would include:

Financial assistance available to them

As well as Banking and financial management

Behavioral and physical health services

Transportation

Legal services

Nutrition and food access.

The Center would provide showers and laundry facilities.

The Center would avail itself of the resources and volunteers in the Alameda Community- the faith-based, business and the public.

The Alameda Progressives would urge the Council to provide space for Community gardens at all the suggested locations.

In this time of crisis thousands of our neighbors are but one disaster or paycheck away from losing their home. Many of these are single mothers with children. Many are elderly. The heart of Alameda on both sides of Grand has always been compassion. The Alameda Progressives urge you, at this moment in time and opportunity, to take this step toward eliminating homelessness in our Community.

Thank you

***Cheri Johansen***

*Healthcare is a Human Right,*  
*Justice Done Right*

Alameda Progressives, Steering Committee  
Alameda Justice Alliance Council  
Alameda for Bernie Sanders, Volunteer Coordinator

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**From:** [Chuck Longley](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Buying Marina Village Inn to House the Unhoused  
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Chuck Longley here. My wife and I live aboard our vessel at Marina Village Marina that is perhaps 200 yards from the proposed purchase location of the Marina Village Inn. I want it on record that I vehemently object to the idea of purchasing an Inn in this location to house the homeless. It is not politically correct these days to object to anything that has to do with the homeless because the objectors are most often labeled as racists or not compassionate regarding the disenfranchised or disadvantaged. Truth is, most everyone I know would object to locating a homeless encampment, in a resort setting, right next to and among a high rise residential apartment complex, yacht club, and marina with many people whom live aboard their vessels. Really, what is Alameda City government thinking????? Regardless of what is often portrayed by proponents, homeless housing enclaves are ALWAYS accompanied by increased crime, garbage, and drugs - ALWAYS!!!! Not some, not a few - ALL. So would you want that located next to your house in your neighborhood????? - you might publically say yes - but you would always be thinking NO - any sane person would. It has nothing to do with the humanity of caring for the homeless - of course every person deserves a roof over their head - this is not the place - the neighborhood - nor the right environment for it. DO NOT DO THIS!!!! COME TO YOUR COLLECTIVE SENSES!!!! DON'T CAVE IN JUST TO APPEAR SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE!!!!

Concerned Citizen  
Regards, Chuck Longley  
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**From:** [Ashley Gregory](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for Agenda Items  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 4:36:33 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am writing in support of agenda item 6-A and agenda item 6-C. Addressing the fundamental issues of housing, economic stability, climate vulnerability and mental health ultimately benefits everyone in Alameda.

As a mental health professional residing and operating in Alameda, it is clear to me how getting to the root causes of stress leads to an increase in overall wellbeing for all.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Ashley Gregory

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**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [John Knox White](#); [Trish Spencer](#)  
**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.ffhousing.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,

Jeanne Nader

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Marina Village Inn .. concerned party  
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To all ....

I am learning that the city of Alameda is negotiating a homeless shelter , ie and that one of the locations of strong interest is the Marina Village Inn. I would like to understand how this location has been chosen . Is there not a location already establish out on the point ? What is it's capacity and is there not room for expansion? I understand that the homeless do need a place and this is a tough discussion for every city to work thru.

I belong to the Yacht Club, and have to admit that I don't believe that I will find visiting the Yacht Club as SAFE as I did. So, maybe it is time to think about joining a new Yacht Club in another area. And may I mention, I am not the only member that is thinking this way. Both Yacht Clubs have served the city, and the community over many years in fund raising and income in one fashion or another. I also have a boat locally here in Marina Village and pay PROP TAX. I am now questioning the safety for me and my boat being in the vicinity of a shelter.

I and many believe that we have seen an increase in car theft , car vandalism, theft among the marina boaters and offices broken into and see this with the increase of homeless at the webster street tube.

On one page we see Alameda expanding with new condo's and then the next, we hear of increasing the homeless housing. Are these folks Alameda islanders' , or are they coming in from other cities?

How will the city increase security and who pays for that ? The city has done a great job developing a walking and bike path along the water front for enjoyment. This only appears to be less SAFE, lately ? And just thinking of the budget on maintenance, security, onsite manager and ongoing operations..... is this how our tax payers \$\$\$ is being spent.

I may have this wrong but I thought I understood that during this past Covid time the Inn has been used for some shelter . Which we though was related to the police, fire department calls and increased activities of anger in the parking lot . It is getting harder to convince our friends with boats to come to Marina Village and enjoy our beautiful , and safe island. Where their children can run after butterflies along the walkway stretching thru Marina Village and the Yacht Clubs. Many question the idea just after taking Webster Tube onto the island .

I am a Yacht Broker here at Marina Village and work really hard for my customers before , during and after the purchase. Finding a slip is the first big point and then helping them with their boating needs, is the fun side of this business. Supporting and recommending local mechanics, installation of equipment, purchases at West Marine and Svendsens, repairs at the Boat Yard at Grand, new canvas for their boats are just a few to mention. And having the boat here locally starts this process as a win win for all !

I would like my message heard by those that listening and hope for some kind of response. I understand with the Covid that the City meeting is held by a ZOOM meeting , otherwise I would have been there with many friends that feel the same.

Thank you for your time

Dinah Goodsell

**From:** [Marilyn Amorino](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Marina Village Inn  
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Hello,

I have my boat docked at Marina Village Gate 8. We love the area and feel that is a safe area both personally and for our boat and vehicles. Recently, there has been a bit more crime, car break ins, etc. and we feel that the city's plans would only add to this problem. We are not happy about the city considering buying the Marina Village Inn. Many of our dock neighbors share our feelings. We want to keep the area a safe area for all who utilize this entire area. Due to this possibility, we are looking at all options regarding where the best place is to have our boat docked.

Marilyn Amorino

**From:** [Marilyn Rothman](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] City council 7/20  
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Agenda item 6-A

I urge the City to acquire Marina Village Inn for transitional or permanent supportive housing

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**Marilyn Rothman**  
Alameda homeowner

**From:** [Amanda Cooper](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for acquisition for Marina Village Inn  
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Hello-

As we know, a lack of affordable housing is an ongoing crisis in our area. The need for transitional and permanent and supportive housing is ongoing, and the city has a wonderful opportunity with the purchase of Marina Village Inn to add to our limited housing stock for these programs. I am writing as a neighbor to offer my support for this purchase by the city and the transition of the Inn to transitional and permanent supportive housing. I believe I am part of a quiet majority of Alameda residents who would welcome new neighbors, wants everyone to have a home, but don't necessarily speak up as loudly as those who oppose projects like this one. I hope our voices are heard.

-Amanda Cooper

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**From:** [sandra.c](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 1151 Marina Village Inn  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 11:15:08 AM

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Hi City of Alameda,

As a resident of Alameda, I'm very concern of the possibility of converting MV Inn to house the un-house population. How is the City going to enforce rules and manage the facility to ensure the safety of the surroundings residents and business's clients?

There have already been an increase of crimes in Marina Village area in the last years. I'm concern for the safety of my kids and my family to walk along the marina village broadwalk.

Thanks  
Sandra Coong  
Alameda Resident

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sandra Coong](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Regarding: Marina Village Inn- 1151 Pacific Marina  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 10:58:34 AM

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Dear City of Alameda,

We received a number of comments on the possibility of the City purchasing Marina Village Inn and converting the Inn to house Alameda unhouse population. Below are the comments we received from our boaters, please include this

1. As I will not be able to participate in this please participate on my behalf. If this goes through it will increase the level of garbage, drug paraphernalia, and crime which has already increased. It may change my feeling of the area as one of the nicest marinas to one of crime, and garbage driving us to another location thus driving down the values of the surrounding area.

Thanks

Tom Watts

- 2) This is very concerning to myself and my family. Safety is our number one priority. Having a large motel converted to housing homeless right next to the marina will bring increased crime, violence, break ins theft, and biohazards such as used needles to our wonderful marina. I reach out to you so that you and also the owners of the marina may attend the zoom meeting with Alameda County to discuss this and show them that this is not the place for a homeless shelter.

If this motion goes through we and I are afraid a number of other boaters will be forced to move from marina village to a safer marina.

Best Gabe Van Gompel

Thanks,

Best Regards,  
**Sandra Coong**

**Marina Manager**

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**From:** [Joerg Bashir](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Marina Village Inn Homeless Housing Meeting  
**Date:** Monday, July 19, 2021 5:16:35 PM

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Hello,

I may not be able to attend.

When will the crime statistics for Alameda be published on the crime map again? That would help us make better decisions.

I have two children under 10 that play at Encinal Yacht Club and we have a tiny boat at Gate 8 of Marina Village Yacht Harbor. Right now this is a very safe place. I would love to host vetted safe homeless families that need help, but ensuring security is paramount, not only because of my children but because of how highly important the safety of the harbor and vessels is there. Maintaining a boat and ensuring it is safe for taking the family out is both expensive and time consuming and ensuring that no one is able to tamper is key.

-Joerg