

From: [Seth Clark](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Message in Support of the San Diego Rescue Mission's New Campus in National City
Date: Sunday, November 14, 2021 5:58:09 PM

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To the National City Planning Commission,

Greetings and Salutations, I wish I could be there in person, but other duties are keeping my body away. Yet, my heart and mind are committed to imploring you to allow the San Diego Rescue Mission to become a new part of our community and help bodies and souls along the way. Having known their work for years, I am consistently reminded of their strengths as a provider of care to some of the most vulnerable in our metro region. On top of having a history of quality work with people in need, this organization is a self-funded entity that would bring with it a no-cost-to-taxpayers way to help our city address the growing issue of people and families not having adequate housing or any shelter at all. Moreover, the location they seek to move to is one that is in a valley tucked away from nearly all residents of our fine city, which should also allay concerns about bringing "those people" into "our community." That said, even if the San Diego Rescue Mission wanted to move onto my National City street, I would absolutely be in favor of saying "yes" to their presence. Please do the same.

Peace/Paz,

Rev. Dr. Seth David Clark

Lead Pastor, [The First Baptist Church of National City](#)

Director, Pastoral Team, U.S., [The Border Church / La Iglesia Fronteriza](#)

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Ama et quod vis fac. ~ Augustine of Hippo

From: [Verna Clark](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: San Diego Rescue Mission
Date: Sunday, November 14, 2021 6:28:59 PM

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To the National City Planning Commission,

I would like to show my support for the San Diego Rescue Mission coming to National City. I have volunteered on and off for more than 20 years with the Rescue Mission. They are a well organized institution and self funded. The help they provide to is much needed in our community. If you go to the downtown location you would see a well maintained and clean building. It is not a place where people loiter outside. For the greater good of our community please say YES to this project!

Verna Clark

From: [Joan Rincon](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Nov 15 Planning Comm, Item # 7, The Rescue Mission Proposal
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 6:45:26 AM

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I support this project. I think we could look long and hard for a site that is better-suited for this function, and not find one. It is a rare mix of "lots of space" and yet accessible to mass transit (bus route 13) after a short walk, and that route connects with the blue line trolley, the orange line trolley, and the businesses on the Plaza Boulevard corridor, enabling a program participant to handle any appointments or needs anywhere in the County that is served by mass transit.

-Joan Rincon

From: [Patricia Croizier](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Public comment Conditional Use Permit modification for the former South Bay Community Church located at 2400 Euclid Avenue to add a Transitional Housing Facility (Case File No. 2021-13 CUP)
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 11:11:02 AM

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November 15, 2021

Dear Members of the Planning Commission and City Council,

This letter is submitted in opposition to the proposed conditional use permit for the location at 2400 Euclid Avenue as a homeless shelter and service center.

We are concerned about the nature of this center, of the breadth of humanity seeking solace from these institutions; of which some individuals will be at their worst, suffering in the throws of mental health crisis' and substance abuse. While we can find empathy for the plight having personal and profession experience with these conditions, we find our compassion directed to the children of the neighborhood at this time.

The proximity of this location to the elementary school will lead to our children becoming exposed to unknown danger. They will be subjected to an increase in the litter of personal items and refuse, litter of human wastes, and litter of illegal substances and paraphernalia out into the surrounding areas. This location is directly in the path of my children's walk to school, twice a day they will be forced to experience the negativity that cannot be contained by property lines. Promises will be made and security provided but these assurances will apply only to the property in question, not to the sidewalks, to the streets or to the surrounding neighborhoods.

NCPD and the Sheriff will have to pick up the slack for the increases in property crimes due to this development, which is already a struggle noted by the community forum discussions regarding response times and the tangled webs of jurisdiction on this side of town.

We have been faced with decisions like this in our town before, decisions on protecting of the current way of life vs. potential progress. On the west side, properties were rezoned to prevent polluting businesses from continuing- despite the revenue and service loss to the city in favor of the citizens health, and here on the unincorporated side no parking signs were placed on Euclid under the 805 overpass after it became overrun by the homeless living in vehicles and bringing the blights mentioned above to the area. We realize the difficult decision before the commission and council. Which group to show compassion for? We urge you to consider the degradation this will bring, the safety of the neighborhood this location is in, and the children who go to school here.

Sincerely yours, Charles and Patricia Croizier

From: [William Frye](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); [Planning](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for Planning Commission Public Hearing Regarding CUP 2021-13 (Transitional Housing Facility)
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 1:21:50 PM

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Hello,

As a lifelong resident and business person within National City, I would contend that homelessness is one of the most unaddressed issues currently phasing us. To know that the San Diego Rescue Mission, which has a proven track record of efficacy in addressing this very issue, is willing to expand its operations and function within our city gives me immense peace. They are not only responsible organizationally, but help people well physically and ultimately share a message of hope that seeks to change the hearts of the clients that they serve! Please consider and take action to address this issue of homelessness by approving the Conditional Use Permit in the coming time so that the Rescue Mission can get to work doing what they do best.

Thank You,
William Frye

From: [moon](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Public Hearing Agenda Item 7, Planning Commission
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 2:50:21 PM

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Planning Commissioners:

Re: Resolution taking action on a Conditional Use Permit modification for the former South Bay Community Church located at 2400 Euclid Avenue to add a Transitional Housing Facility (Case File No. 2021-13 CUP)

I 100% support the CUP for a transitional housing facility. It would help with the increasing numbers of citizens without shelter that is becoming critical in our community. It is in a good location, with public transit and stores.

It would also make a fine place to put a safe parking area for families temporarily living in their vehicles. It could provide laundry, showers, and perhaps internet service for those folks. This might also help the overflow of RV's currently parked on Euclid in the unincorporated side.

Thank you,
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From: [Zachary Gomez](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: AGENDA #7 - Planning Commission 11/15
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 2:54:22 PM

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Good evening commission,
I'm Zachary Francisco Gomez, 4th generation resident.

I'm asking that the Planning Commission approve this project to give the community an opportunity for temporary shelter and services but would encourage council to require the applicant to offer a minimum percentage of permanent housing for our unhoused community. Humanity & Housing first!

The Union Tribune says "The proposed National City shelter will provide on-site meals, laundry services, a computer lab and a storage area for guests. The CUP states that a case manager will meet with guests within two days of their arrival and will create an action plan to lead to programs and housing opportunities.

The gymnasium at the school will be converted into a sleeping area for men under the plan, and classrooms will be used for women and children. A back room will be converted into a day center with couches and a television that will be used by shelter guests."

"Rescue Mission President and CEO Donnie Dee refers to the project as a navigation center because it will be more than a shelter, with guests meeting regularly with case workers to help them get connected to programs and housing opportunities. The CUP states the shelter will provide a short-term stay of 30 days, and extensions will be considered on a case-by-case basis."

Lastly, I hope the commission, council and applicant would allow unhoused people to be part of the development, implementation, and evaluations/assesments of policies, programs, and services - they should be able to give complaints and/or compliments about their experiences independently and without retaliation or penalties. Inclusion and general "customer feedback" should be implemented as best Practices...

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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Thank you for your time.

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