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With all the illicit activity transpiring in my neighborhood, you would have to live here to understand what my neighbors and I are struggling to cope with. After reading my comments, and making the effort of fully grasping its content, a determination will be made. At the end of the day, you will all go home to your quiet neighborhoods, not knowing just how many Pasadena Residents will be affected, either positively or negatively by your decision.

It is my understanding there is Safe Parking for Individuals and Families in various areas of Los Angeles County. For Pasadena, this proposed "Safe Parking Program for Unhoused Individuals and Families" is considered the first one of its kind. This is a huge challenge for the City of Pasadena.

My neighbors and I are aware the referenced parking is for tenants that have lost their ability to stay in their homes, and are now forced to live out of their cars. We are cognizant this is a devastating chapter in their lives.

Please note, we don't stray from the fact that Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is portraying a noble act by offering evening parking to these Unhoused Individuals and families. Unfortunately, with the many other illicit activities transpiring in our neighborhood, the word SAFE would need to be eliminated from the Church's proposal, because sadly, my neighborhood itself does not have a "Safe" environment.

My neighborhood is situated within a four block radius from: (1) the Lake Avenue Metro Gold Line, (2) Marv's Place, (3) The Diane and John Mullin Hope Center (4) the recently opened ... January 15, 2024 ... Cold Weather Shelter at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, and (5) what the neighbors refer to as, "The Drug House" located on Locust Street. Please refer to Police Reports with data of three ... maybe even a fourth raid by The SWAT Team to that particular home.

I was informed that, if I attend the Public Hearing this coming Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 6:00 pm and addressed my concerns regarding the Parking for Unhoused Individuals and Families, I would be given three minutes to address them.

I realized it is literally impossible to even begin to address what is currently transpiring in my neighborhood within the allowed three minutes we will be given to speak, so I am hopeful that, whoever is assigned to read the written submissions regarding the proposal from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church related to "Safe Parking for Unhoused Individuals and Families", actually reads it in its entirety, in order to get a global snapshot of what is unbeknownst to the people assigned to make the final decision on the approval

or denial of this proposal.

Let me begin by addressing the following:

* THE LAKE AVENUE METRO GOLD LINE:

Only 0.3 of a mile from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Metro brings into our neighborhood a random, but steady flow of homeless and mentally disturbed individuals.

The presence of the referenced individuals leaves behind:

- > Human defecation on our lawns
- > Urine along home walkways and/or pathways, bushes, and just wherever they feel the need to urinate
- > Soiled adult diapers
- > Vomit that needs to be washed away
- > Used needles
- > Condoms
- > Discarded, used clothes
- > Half eaten food
- > Empty bottles of liquor, beer and other beverages
- > Neighbors and pedestrian have come across nude individuals having sex in an open, private parking lot belonging to a Medical Building in the area. The referenced parking lot is adjacent to "The Magnolia" Apartments at 999 Locust Street. These described sexual activities have also been encountered in plain public view on Locust Street, near Lake Avenue.

* The Diane and John Mullin HOPE CENTER:

Opened October 3, 2023

Since its grand opening, with the attendance of Mr. and Mrs. Mullin, my neighbors and I have noticed, and commented, on the frequent presence of either, the Pasadena Police and Fire Men/Ambulance. You have access to the Police Reports and can verify the frequency the Police and Fire Men have actually had to attend The Hope Center's urgent needs for services.

When this well intended Hope Center was presented as a project that would be overseen by the Salvation Army, I personally told the Salvation Army Officer that was present at that neighborhood meeting, they needed to run a tight crew, and we wanted names and phone numbers of the people that would be in charge so we could get a hold of, should the need arise. To date, the neighborhood has not been worthy of receiving the requested information.

It has started to become common, and a routine, to spot visits of individuals waiting outside The Diane and John Mullin Hope Center. Mind you, the referenced individuals never go into the building. Tenants come out, there is an exchange of small bags with a followed hand shake. In that hand shake there is another type of exchange. My neighbors and I are not experts, but it is not hard to assume these visiting individuals are delivering drugs to to "certain" tenants that now have drug dealers of choice.

From what I have just described, it does not appear the Salvation Army has got a good grip of what has been brought into our neighborhood, nor does it have appropriate Security Staff that can ensure tenants are not taking in illicit substances.

Our neighborhood has never been informed as to how the Salvation Army selects its tenants, the behavioral requirements they must maintain, nor the length of time these individuals will stay, be trained or rehabilitated and determined ready to provide for themselves.

* Cold Weather Shelter at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Church sign



This sign, outside Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, announcing the "Shelter Opening January 15". It is operated by two Churches/Friends In Deed. It is my understanding Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is being paid \$275,000.00 and a Pasadena Jewish Church is getting \$350,000.00. Great monetary incentive for the churches. I could be wrong, but I am sure you have a way of verifying this information

I was present at the Council Meeting held on January 4, 2024. I arrived at 4:00 pm and was told the doors to the Council Chambers would open until 5:00 pm. I did not leave City Hall.

We were allowed to go into Council Chambers at 5:15 pm and informed Council was discussing non-public issues, that it would be running late, maybe 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm. It was 7:45 pm when we were informed the first item to be discussed would be the Winter Weather Shelter. Thatp because Council was running late, speakers would have a minute and a half to speak ... instead of three minutes originally offered. I had been waiting to speak for three hours and forty-five minutes and had left my 95 year old mother I care for, almost four hours. How much can you say in a minute and a half?

Even though there was clear opposition from neighbors to have The Winter Shelter open at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, the same day of that Council Meeting, the the church obtained approval to open the Winter Weather Shelter.

Since the opening of the Winter Weather Shelter, there have been imultiple incidents, some have been reported, others have not. Please request report from The Pasadena Police to obtain an accurate number of incidents reported.

In general, the most recent anomalies have been reported by neighbors directly to the Police. On January 27th of this year, two camping tents were placed in the parking lot adjacent to "The Magnolia" Apartment Building, across the street from the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. The individuals were being loud, smoking mariguana and having a blast. Tenants from the referenced apartments were disturbed, and understandably bothered by the noise and the dinguishable scent of mariguana. A few days later, Saturday, February 4th, five individuals were outside the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, ranting, screaming. Even tjough they were a2sked to stop, they would not stop. The existing Security for the Winter Shelter tried to make the five subject leave, but they only moved futher down and continued to be very loud. Security had to call the police

After the Winter Weather Shelter guests leave the premises of the church, there is always one or more individuals that linger around the neighborhood. The church is only responsible to vacate The Fellowship Hall and premises of the church. The neighborhood is them left in a very vulnerable, unsafe place. Having to cope with the church guests that have decided to linger and roam our neighborhood.

Tuesdays are our designated "Trash Pick-Up Day". It is so hard to see these church guests get into our trash bins, find discarded food, take it out and start eating it as if it was a delicacy. It is heartwrenching!

* The Overnight Parking for Unhoused Individuals and Families

The neighbors and I noticed, over a year ago, the overnight parking of vehicles at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Mind you, if I am not mistaken, the Church submitted its request for provisional parking permit only last year in June. So the church was allowing this overnight parking without a permit, and without having the coutesy of notifying the surrounding neighbors.

It appears the church does what it wants, which clearly brings my neighbors and I to request the following. If the proposal From Trinity Lutheran Church happens to be approved, the City must require the church to submit valid Insurance coverage, should any neighbor result hurt from the guests the church is embracing under the umbrella of Winter Weather Shelter, Parking for Unhoused Individuals and Families, or any other guests the church invites on premises and strays into our neighborhood.

It is currently raining and I am unable to go take pictures of other issues resulting from some of the addressed topics. I will send those pictures tomorrow morning, before the meeting starts.

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rine in pathways of homes.

