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To: [City Council](#); [cityclerk](#); [citymanager](#)
Cc: [Info@cabinc.org](#); [Alicia Martinez](#); [Nick Calubaquib](#); [Rosemary Anderson](#)
Subject: Solutions not Obstacles Please
Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 12:55:20 PM

To the City Council, City Manager

I apologize for not writing my letter of support sooner regarding Item 11a. on the City Council Agenda this evening. I am not able to attend the meeting but want to voice my support for the proposed Recurso de Fuerza.

I am a participant on the City of Watsonville Task force on Homelessness and I have been serving the homeless and vulnerable populations of Santa Cruz County for three decades and know the heartbreak and challenges of those served and those who are looking for better ways of helping.

With the increased criminalization of homelessness and the continued sweeps of homeless encampments, we only succeed in moving the problem from one place to another without any lasting or meaningful resolutions.

Recurso de Fuerza is a solution oriented project, moving the City of Watsonville one step closer to being a partner in solutions for homelessness and a model for others. Without the consent, the project stands to lose the funding and the City losing potential future State funding if we do not demonstrate data driven solutions in response to State mandates. Maria Elena communicates the mission and solution based project beautifully in this article.

<https://lookout.co/recurso-de-fuerza-watsonville-council-should-vote-yes-on-tiny-homes-project/>

This article highlights the City of San Francisco landlords evicting tenants and adding to the homeless population, putting already vulnerable people on the street with no shelter or support. We do not want to see our City or our County acting in a similar manner.

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https://patch.com/california/across-ca/they-tried-pay-their-overdue-rent-their-landlord-wouldnt-accept-it?utm_source=share-link&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=share

Thank you for your consideration and for voting to move this critical project forward.

Respectfully,

Rosemary Anderson
District 7

From: mark@rivamarble.com
To: [City Council](#); [cityclerk](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Agenda Item 11.a of March 11, 2025 Watsonville City Council Meeting
Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 3:39:10 PM

Members of the Council,

I am the operator of a stone fabrication shop near the Westview Presbyterian Church property where the homeless shelter is being planned. There are some issues that I would like the Council Members to be aware of before they vote on the Appeal request.

The area near the Church is close to the Pajaro River, which is always attracting homeless campsites, which adversely affect the neighborhood. Establishing more and more homeless support services in this area seems to attract more and more homeless people to concentrate around here. I have followed neighborhood news about the efforts of Catalina Torres, the Appellant, to address the City Council on behalf of our neighborhood, and I am in support of her efforts.

She has presented information that shows that the Church needs to get a use permit for their operations before the homeless shelter can be given permit clearance. I believe that is correct and I request the City Council uphold the Appeal.

Kind Regards,

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From: [City Council](#)
To: [Eduardo Montesino](#); [Vanessa Quiroz](#); [Maria Orozco](#); [Kristal Salcido](#); [Casey Clark](#); [Jimmy Dutra](#); [Ari Parker](#); [cityclerk](#)
Subject: FW: Item #PP2024-8380 Tiny Homes Project Appeal
Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 4:50:47 PM

From: Richard Gallo <rg198995076@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 4:50:17 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: City Council <citycouncil@watsonville.gov>
Subject: Item #PP2024-8380 Tiny Homes Project Appeal

Dear City Council members,

I am a volunteer Residents United Network (RUN) member. I am a person with lived experienced and a former Advocate in helping seniors, veterans, domestic violence survivors, families, and people with disabilities out of homelessness.

I am emailing in support of Navigation Tiny Houses be allow to serve the unhoused community.

Part of the problem is the City failure to build affordable housing in our communities especially low and very low income housing.

You cannot discriminate against the unhoused all because of neighbors fear of what the Church is trying to do.

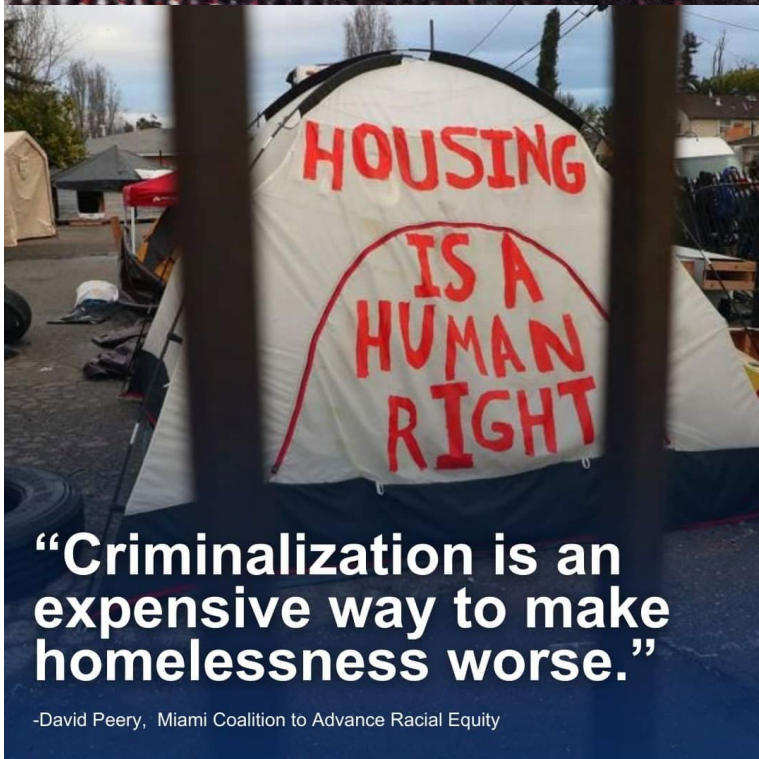
As long as the Church set ground rules and invite partner organizations that serves the unhoused community in helping them get out of homelessness. Most of them are workers who can't afford to live in their communities because of being priced out on low income wages. Others are people with disabilities on disability benefits.

You have roughly 673 unhoused individuals in City according to your 2024 report.

Kudos to Church for recognizing the need and the City needs to support this on behalf of unhoused community in your community.

You have the moral responsibility to do so on behalf of your unhoused community. They got to go somewhere and the Tiny Village is one place out of homelessness to housing from there.

Residents United Network (RUN) is a Statewide coalition in supporting all types of affordable housing in our communities throughrout California.



“Criminalization is an expensive way to make homelessness worse.”

-David Peery, Miami Coalition to Advance Racial Equity



Mental Wellness is possible

With regards,

Richard Gallo
(Pronouns: He/His/Him)
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