

David Cutaia

From: David Cutaia
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 2:21 PM
To: David Cutaia
Subject: FW: CDBG Comment on Proposed Action Plan Amendment - 9/7 Council Meeting

From: Nancy Tillie <Nancy.Tillie@sbclinics.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 4:56 PM
To: Stuart Kasdin <skasdin@cityofgoleta.org>
Cc: Paula Perotte <pperotte@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: Thank You for Supporting Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics!

Dr. Kasdin,

Our staff really appreciated having you celebrate National Health Center Week 2021! It was prideful for our organization to receive a Resolution and our two staff honorees felt really acknowledged for the work they do. The City of Goleta has been so very active in health related matters, even before the Pandemic, so that set the City's priorities well for Goleta's residents during this unprecedented period. This has been a challenging period and those on the front lines have been noble in serving the community. Having both you and the Mayor participate in events with our organization over the past 7 years, since we opened our clinics there, has demonstrated you also believe in healthy people are necessary for a healthy community. I would also be remiss not to mention our gratefulness for the being recipients of City of Goleta Community Development Block Grant funding over the past 5 years.

With that in mind on Friday, August 20, 2021, we did receive the City's Community Development Block Grant Year-End Report and Reallocation of Funding Public Input Request. We were delighted to read the report of Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics serving "the largest number of people at their Goleta Medical Clinic, assisting 2,087 unique Goleta residents." It appears that the \$190,000 in Reallocation of Funding may already be spoken for, however the suggestion is to "use the funding to assist people living in encampments, the streets, and RVs to get needed services and housing." Assistance for housing is an excellent priority, and I would like to mention that services, including healthcare, medical, dental and behavioral are a necessary part of being able to stay in a shelter and retain housing. You might be interested in knowing that the Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics served 712 unique individuals with 93117 zip codes who meet the criteria of being without a home, during the first 7 months of 2021. As you contemplate the reallocation of funding, I would request that careful consideration be made about housing and services, not forgetting healthcare continuing to be a priority for the City in conjunction with other services that will be needed to assist those who are shelter challenged at this time.

Thank you again for recognizing important community needs and being judicious in the process of fund reallocation.

Appreciative regards,

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From: Becky Davis <becky.davis@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 11:02 AM
To: Claudia Dato <cdato@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: Community Development Block Grant

Dear Ms. Dato,

"The City is also seeking public input on a substantial amendment to the 2019-2020 CDBG Action Plan that would reallocate \$190,000 in CDBG-CV funds from an Emergency Rental Assistance Program to homelessness outreach and assistance. There are currently millions of dollars available at the State and County level for rental assistance, so the City proposes to use the funding to assist people living in encampments, the streets and RVs get needed services and housing. The City also proposes to reallocate \$12,500 in CDBG-CV funding to a food program for low-income seniors."

I am not in favor of moving \$190,000 in Community Development funds to homeless outreach, unless those homeless are originally from this area, or have lived in this area for at least 5+ years. I am in favor of helping our own longer-term residents with rent, with food, with needed repairs, but SB/G is such a pleasant environment compared to most of the country, that we regularly draw in homeless from across the country, and I'm against helping those from outside our community before we help those from inside our community.

I now live half time in Goleta, and half time in another state, because Goleta literally zoned us out of business, and CA was so hostile to our small business that it no longer made economic sense to persist there. We intend to return to full time living in Goleta when we sell our small business and retire within the next few years.

I've lived in Goleta for 50 years, as has my husband, and my (now deceased folks), and my brother and his wife (who was born here), etc. We're all tired of those who built the town and who have labored here for decades being forced to go elsewhere, while those who don't have the same roots or work ethic are given government encouragement, help, and assistance. My siblings were never able to buy, and will have to move away when they retire to make sure they have enough to live comfortably on, and they've spent their entire lives contributing to the Goleta community.

I know way too many children of such workers who can't even afford to rent a room after they reach maturity, so they depart too. Continuing to make the community denser with those from elsewhere, and helping those from elsewhere, while losing those from here, is not the sort of policy that a responsible government would support.

Thank you for your consideration of my viewpoint, regardless of what finally transpires.

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