

12-6-2023 - Reno City Council Meeting - Item # J.1 Public Comment

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Dec 6th public comment

1 message

Abby Olivares <abbyolivares0613@icloud.com>
To: publiccomment@reno.gov

Wed, Dec 6, 2023 at 8:12 AM

Good morning city council of Reno my name is Abigail I am a student at Procter R Hug high school and I would like to talk about the homeless population that we have in the city. As of April 18, 2023 there is said to be a homeless count of 1,845 people. But often times there are more people who might be homeless for a few months or weeks or even days and might not have been on account but overall that's still 1,845 people accounted for who don't have security, who don't have a home unless you count a tent under some bridge because they were fortunate enough to find one. some of whom may be unhealthy and don't choose to get healthcare because of the expense of it or addicted to drugs and dealing with the daily judgment when begging for money for not doing anything to get a job and for letting their life get so bad.

Reno does have opportunities for homeless people to have somewhere to stay to for the night or to go and look for Job opportunities but some of said places do cost money for them to be able to stay. we have 80 communities that are going to supposedly help end homelessness but if that is so why is their still more than 1k homeless people

.i believe we are not doing all that we can to help these homeless people but it is also understandable that some of these people may not want to help themselves but I strongly believe its because of the fact that they are used to being

homeless for so long that it's easier for them to stay that way but we should do the very best to get the ones who do want that opportunity to get off the streets and just simply don't know where to start so How much are we actually doing to help them we should be going out and making sure the homeless are All informed of all of the different opportunities Reno has to offer or we could even take a handful every other week and try to get them cleaned up enough for a job interview and not leaving them until they have any said job and ensure that they are at least steady. or we could even have a place where they go and learn the jobs where employees are needed like teaching them to Do construction/ or how to be a simple warehouse worker, there are 100+ businesses in needed of workers and these people could be taught to do the job so easily but how are they going to start if their is a discrimination based on homeless status which overshadows the applicant's education, skills and years of experience in just one moment, homeless people not only in Reno but across the nation find themselves excluded from the workforce when the potential employer find their adress or lack of one. By simply saying we are trying to help is not enough if there is something that wants to be done their needs to be action or initiative like the food banks those are such great opportunities for the homeless to get food not only them but also some less fortunate families

we should be making sure they are all informed of their opportunities. What can they do if they don't know. Some homeless people as I've seen by just cruising around downtown or to eat some pho there is always at the very least 3 homeless people you see just right in front of that restaurant and the most

I can do is give them some money and hope that they use it for something good. you can see many of them who some would say are tweaking and making random actions or yelling across the road at no one or just laying there with the most minimum amount of clothes that at that have holes and are extremely dirty or stained and often times some of them I've seen with a type of sickness like infection because they have no way of cleaning themselves so if they get a cut or bite of a sort due to where they sleep the dirtiness continues to build.. Some of the ones who are tweaking asking for money begging for money even use it for alcohol cigarettes or other uncontrolled substances and since drugs can often make You forget certain feelings or things like the fact that your hungry and cold or some might say they make you feel better they make u feel happy that money that they beg for they choose to put it towards those drugs because that is easier than getting enough money for a meal and clothes and warm blankets and jackets and inflation is still happening wether someone is homeless or not even people with jobs can struggle to get food on their table. To help the less fortunate people we need to have more action more motivation to keep pushing and making a goal to get every homeless that we can and that that want to off the streets and have somewhere to call home. We should care about the homeless mental health and overall well being enough to try our best and even harder to ensure them a better like and lower the 1,845 people. Thank you for your time I yield mine.



Mental Health Awareness

1 message

Bryan Palafox <bryanpalafox89@gmail.com>
To: PublicComment@reno.gov

Wed, Dec 6, 2023 at 9:18 AM

Good morning ladies and gentlemen. My name is Bryan palafox, I am currently 17 years old and a senior attending Hug High school. I would like to address mental health this morning. People are suffering daily from anxiety, depression, suicidal thoughts, etc. Recently Nevada as a state has dropped from 10th place to 12th in suicide rates. We say this so proudly yet there is still so much to improve on. These are only the numbers though right? I myself am a photographer and have started a project called "Better Yourself". This project is to help men express themselves because in a society like today's expressing yourself is seen as weak and being vulnerable. Every man I have talked to, to be apart of "Better Yourself" they have all said they're scared of what others will think and if anyone will even pay attention. What can we do as a community to show that expressing yourself is empowering and that it isn't seen as weak? We should be able to communicate and talk to one another without the feeling of embarrassment. I believe we can make our community better as whole but it all depends on us to make the change. What we can do is make more organizations to help with mental health. I also believe we can have advertising and show people there is help and recourses. And for younger groups we can help in schools and give resources to those in need. Senate bill 204 80th legislature has been in effect since 2019 but I have heard little to no talk at all of mental health awareness at school. There's a lot to do but we can all start today and make a change. Thank you.



Horses

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To: publiccomment@reno.gov

Wed, Dec 6, 2023 at 8:17 AM

Good morning!

We received this email at Reno Direct, which we believe is best suited for public comment. Please see below.

Constituent information: Cathy Cook cathy.cook.nv@gmail.com

On Tuesday 05, December 06:42:30 PM PST, 'cathy.cook.nv@gmail.com' wrote:

I want to voice my concern with the horses. Although we live in Hidden Valley and have had our share of horse issues over the years, it has now moved over to the Double Diamond area. Obviously something needs to be done soon. Too many are being hit by cars and killed. I understand a lot of various government agencies are involved but there has to be a solution. The growth of our community has taken a toll on these poor animals as well as residents.

I have lived here all my life (over 70 years) and it's so sad to see the lack of empathy, cooperation and solutions. Not sure what the answers are, but I would hope it can be resolved in a positive way.

Thank you

Cathy Cook

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To: Reno Notifications <notifications@reno.gov>, Public Comment <publiccomment@reno.gov>, cathy.cook.nv@gmail.com

Hello Cathy,

Thank you for your comments. This comment is being received after 4 PM the day preceding the Council meeting, therefore it will be sent to the Reno City Council for review and will be part of the official record in closing public comment item J.1.

Best,

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Reno City Council
Regarding Item D-1 Affordable Housing Policy

December 6, 2023

Dear Reno City Council Members.

Since 1999, we have completed over 3,000 affordable housing units in Reno and are currently under construction on the Vintage at Redfield, Vintage at Washington Station, and Orvada affordable projects totaling 471 units in Reno. As the largest affordable housing developer in Reno, we have a deep understanding of the barriers to get more affordable housing projects developed and built in our city.

The ability to get new affordable housing projects started has become more and more difficult over the past few years. Extremely high land costs coupled with ever-increasing interest rates and sky rocketing construction costs have driven total project costs up to the point where affordable projects no longer make economic sense. In addition, the time and cost burdens required for entitlements and permitting have increased substantially, which adds additional costs and time to a project's feasibility.

Your continued support of the sewer fee reduction this past year is critical and has allowed us to proceed with the Vintage at Washington Station, Vintage at Redfield and Orvada affordable projects. Unfortunately, we and other developers, have had to walk away from several potential affordable sites due to the burdens of entitlements, density constraints and lengthy permit timelines.

The policy changes recommended by staff will speed up the process, allow more density and save costs which will increase the affordable housing supply to benefit Reno residents who are struggling with extremely high rents.

We strongly support and urge you to support these affordable housing policy changes.

Sincerely,

Greenstreet Development Inc


Dane Hillyard
Jim Zaccheo

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Hello, my name is Jackie Kelly. I'd like to Lodge a complaint on the condition of North McCarran between Virginia Street in the Clear Acre freeway entrance both east and west bound. It's just a port representation for our University, and the road condition is absolutely terrible, and it's part of my car. So anyway, I just wanted to bring up to somebody's attention because it's obviously not getting any any better. So, thank you. My number is 775-709-0040 73 if you have any questions, thank you.

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New form response notification

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Reno City Council Online Public Comment Received <cityclerk@reno.gov>

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Your form has a new entry. Here are all the answers.

Your Name (First and Last)	Monica DuPea
Council Meeting Date	Dec 06, 2023
Agenda Item	D1
Do you wish to speak in person at the meeting?	No, written comment only (please submit your comments in the field below)
Your Comment (if you are speaking, it is not necessary to complete this field)	<p>Dear Members of the City Council,</p> <p>I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts on the proposed updates to the Zoning Code, particularly the provisions aimed at providing incentives for housing in infill areas and affordable housing projects. While I commend the effort to streamline housing construction processes and create more opportunities for affordable housing, I would like to express a pressing concern regarding the broader context of our housing landscape.</p> <p>First and foremost, I wholeheartedly support the recommendations to make housing construction less cumbersome, as outlined in the proposed updates. The notion of offering density bonuses for affordable housing projects and allowing projects meeting AMI's in the 61%-120% range to benefit from these incentives is indeed a step in the right direction. Furthermore, expediting the building permit process for affordable housing projects is a practical move that can help address the pressing need for more affordable housing options.</p> <p>However, it's crucial that we don't lose sight of the bigger picture. While creating incentives for housing construction is vital, the true priority should be addressing the funding and allocation of resources to build housing that is genuinely needed by our community. My concern stems from the observation that we may be inadvertently overemphasizing the construction of one specific housing type, namely "affordable housing," without considering the diverse needs of our residents.</p> <p>We run the risk of saturating our housing market with luxury accommodations while neglecting the pressing demand for middle-income housing options. If we continue down this path, we may soon find ourselves in a situation where we have an abundance of vacant high-end housing units and a scarcity of housing that meets the needs and financial capabilities of a broader demographic.</p> <p>Therefore, I urge the City Council to prioritize a balanced approach to housing development. We must allocate resources and incentives not only for affordable housing but also for housing that serves the middle-income segment of our community. A diverse range of housing options, including duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes in various zoning districts, can contribute to a more inclusive and sustainable housing market.</p> <p>In conclusion, while I support the proposed updates to the Zoning Code, I urge the City Council to maintain a vigilant focus on the allocation of resources and the diversity of housing options. Let us work together to create a city where everyone, regardless of their income level, can find suitable housing. Thank you for your</p>

attention to this matter, and I look forward to a future where our housing policies reflect the needs of our entire community.

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Ward 5

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Well, hello again for the 100 billion time. Yep. You guessed it. I am calling because more bird scooters R Block. I have pictures to prove it. I've been collecting them and saving them for that day when I can publish all the pictures, too. The court that is Prosecuting City officials who are completed and blocking sidewalks with horribly built and horribly designed micro Mobility machines made by an ethical company who actually is under investigation for some very shady business. But of course Renos doing business with them because they're just a shady. No offense. I hope you're not taking offense to this is just a fact if the fax offend you you should maybe check yourself before you wreck yourself instead of attacking the fax. It's really common sense. I'm surprised I had to even bring it up and explain it to you. But you know not everybody went to college or paid any attention when they were in school or have never read books or are just completely stupid from day one. So I'm just wondering City of Reno. Are you ever going to do anything to stop the scooters from blocking sidewalks? Or do the citizens have to do what's necessary to protect the disabled and the elderly and anybody else. Like I always say who are using those public sidewalks according to the NRF codes. You are not allowed know for profit business note non profit business is allowed to put their stuff permanently or whenever they want on a sidewalk if you have and in your equipment on a sidewalk, you're literally telling the public you don't want it anymore and you cannot use public sidewalk. That's why they're public. So you City officials are You guys are some corrupt mother's as they say, you know, don't take offense to this. But what else would you call it? If you call it's something else call me. Let's have a discussion. I'd love to hear your feedback. I'd love to hear your excuses of

why you're complicity in this blocking of sidewalks and why you've done nothing about it and why you pretended it's not a problem and why you have spoke the way you have spoke in. Readings for decisions are being made knowing that these scooters are abusing the public or only a certain demographic which you don't care about because of Nevada and Reno our number one for doing the least for disabled people. If you don't believe me come live in my shoes for one day, you'll end up crying yourself to sleep because you are such a weak pathetic human being you couldn't you wouldn't be able to handle one day in my life. But if you'd like to come check it out. Give me a call. 775-354-6867. I'd love for Summa City official to come and have a sit down talk about the illegal behavior that City officials are conducting and that they've been participating in for a long time. Now, it's disgusting. You guys are evil criminals and you need to stop. or go to jail, so Yeah. You have heard about the top salad man. It ain't good thing.

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