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To be read at the 05/05/20 City Council Meeting, Agenda Item #9:

The family neighborhood of the Barrio, near Jefferson Elementary School, is the exact wrong location for the Windsor Pointe apartments for homeless with Serious Mental Illness and Seriously Emotionally Disturbed youth. The surrounding community is furious. The City has continued to dismiss major neighborhood concerns and it's known that you're misusing funds restricted for veterans on this non-veteran-restricted project. You've also ignored major flaws in the developer's promises, including the following:

- **Security:** Security promises by the developer do not help the surrounding neighbors when tenants leave the premises. This would not be a lockdown facility and tenants could come and go 24 hours a day.
- **Tenant Screening:** The tenants cannot be screened for previous criminal incarceration and they can also be junkies and drug addicts. The developer has claimed there would be some kind of criminal background check but their No Place Like Home funding requires, and I quote: "Sponsors must accept tenants regardless of sobriety, participation in services, or history of incarceration"

The developer also purports there will be an enforceable no drug use "house rules" policy. However, the No Place Like Home funding also requires, and I quote: "Tenants shall not be required to maintain sobriety, be tested for substances, or participate in services or treatment."

- **Prioritization for locals:** The City's legal counsel required the original Resolution be amended to bind the developer to prioritize local homeless only "to the best of its ability" because State fair housing laws prevent that kind of housing discrimination and local homeless prioritization will not be possible. So this is not likely to alleviate the local homeless problem at all, as social workers from all over the county can send their homeless here. To be blunt, you'll be making the homeless problem here even worse.

Regarding the misappropriation of veteran-restricted funding, it was established at the April 21st meeting that this development will in no way be restricted to veterans and Cori Schumacher confronted you on the misuse of that funding. We all know what the term "restricted" means. Shame on you for not taking her lead to take corrective action. Shame on you for not caring more about our community. And if the Council is willing to dismiss the Barrio constituents, there's a whole retirement community in District 3 that are also very upset and this anger is gaining momentum amongst veterans and non-veterans alike.

If this development was really meant to help people, you'd fund a less expensive location that would service far more people. This reeks of special interest or, at best, lazy, fiscally irresponsible government. Homeless people don't need to be housed on prime real estate at the beach.

Please remember that you work for the voters and we do NOT want Windsor Point built near our kids. We will fight this tooth and nail.

Reference materials for all of these points can be found at CarlsbadAgainstWindsorPointe.org. Note that the City Council has already been provided this information several times to no avail.

-Angry Barrio Neighbors