

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Our preschool is located at 11179 Lucerne Ave, 200 feet from the Inside Safe Shelter located at the Vista Motel at 4900 Sepulveda Blvd. This is extremely dangerous and completely unacceptable. Since Inside Safe moved in last year we have had 6 break ins, we have lost over \$1000.00 in stolen material from our play yards and have spent over \$5000.00 to further secure our property to no avail, we had more break ins this past weekend, two in one night!! This has to stop, the Inside Safe Shelter should never have been placed near a preschool. We are demanding that the Inside Safe Shelter at the Vista Motel be permanently closed before a child is harmed. In July an unhoused man perched up on our gas meters and peered over the fence during outdoor play time at our preschool. Kids were singing with their teacher, running around the yard, and digging in the sandbox when this man threw a 1lb bag of rocks that hit a teacher in the back. What happened after this can only be described as a war zone. The teacher was yelling at the children, "Get inside, go, go, go, let's go everyone inside, go, go, go, go, go...." This has to stop, the Inside Safe Shelter should never have been placed near a preschool. We are demanding that the Inside Safe Shelter at the Vista Motel be permanently closed before a child is harmed. I am pleading with our elected officials, please act before a child is harmed. It is our duty as the adults to oversee the health and safety of our youngest citizens. We understand that our city is facing a difficult challenge to house our vulnerable unhoused community and our neighborhoods have to take responsibility and participate in the solution to solve this humanitarian issue. I am simply demanding that our city works to also protect our youngest citizens and prioritizing our 80 students, their parents (160) and our 20 teachers safety over the 22 beds the shelter is providing. The city must look at our preschool as a "safe zone" and as a "densely populated" location. This has to stop, the Inside Safe Shelter should never have been placed near a preschool. We are demanding that the Inside Safe Shelter at the Vista Motel be permanently closed before a child is harmed. Thank you for your time.