

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to the proposed homeless shelter at 21300 Devonshire in Chatsworth. This would be the 3rd location in our immediate area --we already have the former Travelodge as a Project RoomKey and another shelter is projected to break ground just south of Devonshire on Topanga later this year. All of this has been allowed to happen during Covid when public community meetings such as the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council were cancelled and our community has not been able to voice our opinions in a fair and constructive way. This four-story facility will have 99 studio apartments and a two-bedroom residence for the building manager. The cost of building these shelters (this one and Topanga Devonshire) is astronomical and not a good spent of our tax and Prop HHH money. Why not take existing empty building throughout the SFV and turn them into shelters at a much lower cost??? I don't think you can argue against the fact that having 3 shelters within walking distance of each other in our town will change the feel of our community. We already have tents along the wash/horse and bike trails and people living bus benches in that same area. On top of all of this, do these homeless people already in the community get first rights to any of these shelters? Again, all of these projects bypassed the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council's land use and homelessness committees as they moved directly to consideration at City Hall and a City Council vote without any input from our community. Is that the American way?? It is very disappointing and infuriating to see how we, the taxpayers/citizens, have no say in any of this. I hope you think about the taxpayers and citizens of this community point of view and rights and cast a NO vote for this proposed development. Thank you for your consideration,