
From: Chris Flatmoe <cioandsurf@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 6:57 PM
To: BOSComments
Subject: public comment and ITEM #8 FOR THE APRIL 28, 2020 FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

CAUTION!!! - EXTERNAL EMAIL - THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK

My Name is Chris Flatmoe and I hope you are well. We need your help please. A short time ago I started an online petition asking state and county leadership to please reopen state parks to boating. We are already up to 485 signatures and 93 shares. Listed below are just a few reasons to open lakes in Fresno County and the URL to this petition is here:

<https://www.change.org/p/governor-gavin-newsom-please-open-california-state-parks-to-boating>

- Recreational boaters usually live in the same house (families) drive to the lake in the same car and spend time in a single boat.
- Recreational boating is truly a social distancing activity; families are in their own boats and never come within 10 feet of another boat. In fact, you more likely to pass within 6 feet of a hiker on a trail than you are to come within 10 feet of another boat.
- For those Californians that are unable to hike, recreational boating is a great alternative allowing all of us to get outside, soak up some sun and breathe in fresh air – all while practicing social distancing.
- There is also a significant economic impact of lake closures on hundreds of small businesses. For example, local marina's depend on recreational boating to survive. Local marina's sell gas and goods from small stores. By following the established standard set by banks, local marinas can easily institute "one customer-at-a-time" protocols that will ensure social distancing.

Please Board help us open our lakes!

Thank you Board Members
Chris Flatmoe

From: Leslie Martinez <lmartinez@leadershipcounsel.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 8:19 AM
To: BOSComments
Subject: BOS Comments - PUBLIC COMMENT

We recognize that these are challenging times. Challenging times, however, must not preclude or otherwise discourage meaningful public participation in local decision making, including in adopting and implementing policy and resource allocations. Several counties, including Madera, Tulare, and Kern, are allowing contemporaneous public comment during their meeting. This practice allows for real-time participation and it assures the public that the County is seriously taking into consideration public input when making decisions. We respectfully request Chairman Mendes immediately direct staff to set up a telephone line to allow for contemporaneous public comment over the phone.

In the last several weeks, Leadership Counsel and several local nonprofit organizations have urged you to take action and adopt a tenant protection ordinance that goes above and beyond state and the California Judicial Council actions. Actions are taken by the state and the judicial council merely delay evictions from happening in the short term. Nothing will stop evictions once delay protections have expired. We have heard from your constituents that they have and will continue to struggle to make rent, pay for utilities, provide food for their families, or have enough resources to cover the costs of falling ill. We have attempted to communicate with staff on several occasions to no avail. We respectfully urge you to direct staff to add a tenant protection ordinance to the agenda for your next meeting. We are ready and willing to work with you, CAO, County Counsel, and others to ensure that robust protections are in place to protect all Fresno County residents from short and long term economic impacts of this pandemic.

--

Leslie Martinez (she/her/hers)
Policy Advocate
Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability
764 P Street, Suite 012, Fresno, CA 93721
Office: (559) 369-2790 | Cell: (559) 920-0558
lmartinez@leadershipcounsel.org

From: Brandi Nuse-Villegas <brandiangela78@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 8:46 AM
To: BOSComments
Subject: general: COVID-19 Homeless Emergency Funds

Good morning

I would like to ask the Board of supervisors to direct those working on the COVID-19 Homeless Emergency Fund to move quickly to providing additional individual occupancy shelter space for our local unsheltered, whether motels or equivalent space.

We in the community have been very concerned with the vulnerability of the homeless during this time and they are concerned as well. It has been well over a month since funding has been designated to the County and its partner entities.

During that time Dez Martinez of We Are Not Invisible and the many unsheltered who live near the Poverello House were told they would be moved into hotels on April 6. I believe it recognized that there were health risks associated with the dense population there. She was told to prepare them and they believed the plan. And then it didn't happen. The unsheltered are constantly given empty assurances and plans by those who are unaffected and it is very discouraging. They want to be safe and they want shelter and housing.

After the plan changed, a man who has been asking me if there are shelters for over a year kept asking me "Are the motels ready yet?" He was crushed when I told him that it may not happen. Dez has been constantly asked by so many people who were looking forward to it.

So we ask you: when will they have a safe place to go?

We had people who have been pushed around by various entities, including the City of Fresno Homeless Taskforce. Despite what many assume, they want shelter and the hotels or something with single occupancy would provide the greatest protection.

Please, County of Fresno, take action soon.

4-28-20
Item #8

Evans, Sherrie

From: Luis Wiley <wiley.luis@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:52 AM
To: BOSComments
Subject: Stop evictions

Dear Chairmen Mendes and Fresno Board of Supervisors.

We are urging you to take leadership and protect families from eviction. As a community, we need to stand together in times of need and protect the most vulnerable residents who are struggling to stay afloat during these difficult times. The Governor and Judicial Council did NOT go far enough. Residents could still face eviction. Please, direct staff to bring an ordinance to protect disadvantaged communities from eviction as soon as possible. This is a matter of life and death, residents can not wait any longer.

Stand with rural residents today.

-Luis Wiley
Cofounder and solidarity lead for Fresno Sunrise