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We are members of the Neighbors4SafeSmartShelters coalition — 600+ residents and businesses in the Pearl/NW Naito/Riverfront. We live across the street from Harbor of Hope on NW Naito, a no barrier shelter with years of spillover encampments, open drug dens, violence and assaults against neighbors, crime, and even a death.

We support Mayor Wheeler’s description of unfettered and worsening homeless and drug crises over the years as a “vortex of misery.” We have lived in the vortex exacerbated by Harbor of Hope.

We support the concept of 3 large campuses on city/county property with onsite services, outside of high density neighborhoods. As Rene Gonzalez said, “If you live in a residential neighborhood with an SRV, you should be petrified.”

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We support the concept of campuses - well run, operated and managed as high barrier shelters like Bybee Lakes with rules and regulations, required treatments, required safety and security protocols (inside the campuses and in the neighboring community), etc.

We continue to be vigorously opposed to unworkable and failed SRVs and the model that does nothing but enable the sickness and perpetuates homelessness.

We support the campuses as high barrier shelters — well run, operated and managed like Bybee Lakes, with enforceable rules and regulations, required treatments and services, safety and security protocols (inside the campuses and in the neighboring community), and complete collection of data pre and post re-entry to housing and follow up plans.

We continue to be vigorously opposed to unworkable and failed no/low barrier shelters and SRVs — a misguided, failed model that does nothing but enable the sickness and perpetuates homelessness, drug use, sex trafficking, crime, violence, personal assaults, and worse.

The details and specifics are critical to gain support. Without the specifics to support the plan and budget along with ensuring prepared and skilled non profits to manage them as high barrier campuses with enforceable accountabilities, it will only perpetuate the “vortex of misery.”

It is high time to put an end to failed SRVs and no-barrier shelters along with operational systems that promote the homeless industrial complex placing profits before principles.

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