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To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Opposing homeless camps and crime
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Dear City Council:

I am writing this letter/email to convey opposition of the proposal to build a SRV on NW Naito Parkway SRV - 1100 block of NW Naito.

The community currently has an operating shelter - Harbor of Hope (aka River District Navigation Center) - a 9500 square foot, 120 bed, no-barrier facility.

With this addition the neighborhood has accepted the weekly, sometimes daily ambulance & fire truck stops to the Navigation Center. Since the center opened camping and trash have increased within the radius of the Center and it is an exhausting process to have any city services come to support it is always someone else's job.

With Harbor of Hope in our community we are doing our part to support the houseless. We clean up the trash and work to keep the neighborhood safe.

To ADD ANOTHER HOMELESS SHELTER an SRV right right next door puts an unacceptable strain on a neighborhood that is dealing with a subculture of major drug use, addiction, robbery, bodily harm, physical assault, sex trafficking, prostitution, shootings and death are the norm across our city. It is a additional threat to public safety.

I support banning camping on the street, I support the Bybee Lakes model of shelter, I support safe campuses with services placed outside high density established neighborhoods - I am opposed to the SRV on NW Naito.

My opposition is based on 30 years of working with patients and learning that people only change behaviors if they decided to do so; creating "villages" without rules and structure is asking for more crime and disorder. I already feel unsafe daily on my way to and from work. Something I have to endure to be able to pay taxes.

In conclusion, I hope your disorganized and unsubstantiated ideas of villages dissolve.

Sincerely,
Beata Zawadzka