

Dear Council Members,

Hello, I'm Kelly Greenne a resident of Sixth Street in the Upper B Street neighborhood that has been highly effected by these feeding programs.

I would prefer that all outdoor feeding stations be banned for health concerns, respect for these human beings, and in order to avoid liability for the city. Knowing that that will not happen, then feeding programs need to be indoors with access to bathrooms and food prepared in kitchens that are inspected by the health department. That should eliminate liability for the city. And in the spirit of "You can feed a man a fish for a day or teach him to fish and he will be fed for a lifetime." You need services to get people off the street. I think that Hayward already puts a lot of our money into programs to serve this population. So our boarding cities need to chip in because we are serving their populations, too.

These services need to be spread out in the city and not concentrated in the downtown area. You are not going to improve the Downtown business situation and the financial future of the city if you allow this situation to continue. As much as I want to support local businesses I am really tired of wading through the groups of homeless people who I feel threaten by or the get in another situation where I had to break up a fight between two homeless women.

This feeding situation has been a concern of mine for a long time. I first noticed this phenomenon happening at the Library early on Saturday mornings. A couple of elderly women would pull up, pop open their trunk, demand that the men would line up like soldiers, and hand a small bag to them. This scene horrified me for many reasons. First, it was happening on Library property which could subject the city to a lawsuit should one of the men become ill. The chance of them becoming ill was possibility because they were giving out food from their trunk. The elderly women were subjecting themselves to possible harm should one of the men become aggressive for some reason. The men were being humiliated by having to stand in a line out in the open, There seemed to be no concern for the cleanliness of their hands or what was to happen to the litter that feeding them in this manner would generate. Later, I found a flyer outside the Mayor's Office that mentioned this feeding program which implies compliance by the City.

My second horror is the Portuguese Park Feeding Station. A large group of people gather in the open on a street where people travel at a high rate of speed. Not all of these people are sober and I have seen them stumble through to bushes to the street. I've also seen them littering on C Street next to our new theater parking structure. One woman seemed to have set up a small den of prostitution behind a sheet of plywood in that now heavily trafficked park. This feeding station seems to be a mission of All Saints Church who do to want to feed people at their site because they have students at their site. Well, I am a member of a church that houses a

school, and feeds people from our building on Sundays where people have access to a bathroom, can sit at a table indoors, and are served fresh food from our kitchen. I am happy to hear that Council Member Piexioto is as appalled as I am about the feeding situation in the Portuguese Park.

My family was terrorized by homeless people who lived in the creek behind our home for a year because the police were unwilling to go after them at night. We have fished inebriated homeless people out of the creek at night when the ambulance personnel were unwilling to help. We had to turn to the Alameda County Fire Department to clean out an encampment that was a fire and health hazard behind our home. So we know intimately how the homeless are living in Hayward.

Our neighborhood has been effected by the Cal Trans housing situation which has rendered the area a ghetto. The boarded up buildings now house many homeless people. Just this week a homeless person was found murdered behind these houses. These are the same people that are fed downtown. You need to stop the outdoor feeding stations now before another neighborhood in Hayward is ruined.