

On July 29, 2021, the Campbell Park Community Council met to draft a resolution regarding the proposed Navigation Center on the property located at Tudor and Elmore. Because we will not vote to approve the resolution until after the Assembly's August 10th meeting, we are sending this letter outlining our concerns.

Draft Resolution

Whereas on July 27th, 2021, the Anchorage Assembly passed a resolution committing to a collaborative process for interim and long-term plans to address housing and homelessness, and whereas a site in the vicinity of our community council is being considered for a new emergency shelter, we, the Community Council of Campbell Park, would like to support the Mayor and the Assembly in their efforts, by making the following recommendations:

1. That any emergency shelter established strive to grant entry to all those in need and provide resources tailored to individuals;
2. That substantial monies are dedicated to transitional and permanent supportive housing options;
3. That a Muni sanctioned camp (in another part of the municipality) is designated, renovated, and staffed for unhoused individuals who decline shelter or cannot stay at a shelter;
4. That a transportation plan is established for shelter residents;
5. That once a maximum number of beds for any proposed emergency shelter has been established that a contingency plan to provide overflow beds in a different location be designed so that the maximum allowable beds cannot be exceeded;
6. That a new substance abuse treatment center be expedited;
7. That protocols be established regarding security and clean-up for neighborhoods in the vicinity of emergency shelters;
8. That the Mayor's staff and Assembly continues to seek the advice of subject matter experts in regard to housing and homelessness.

With these recommendations so stated, it is resolved that the Campbell Park Community Council unanimously supports the Mayor and the Assembly as they move forward in negotiation.

Respectfully,

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