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RE: New Life Christian School / Homeless Shelter Permit
816 No. C St.
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I live directly across the street from New Life Christian School, my living room window faces the wall in front of the school / church where the less fortunate sit, smoke and congregate. I often see them looking over towards my home. I not only feel uncomfortable in my own home I feel we are being watched. . as my husband goes out to get the paper about 5: 30 - 5:45 a.m. before work he is being stared at, my husband was at a gas station filling up his work truck and was approached by a person staying at the shelter he commented on knowing when my husband is working cause he see's when his truck is home or not

they were suppose to leave the shelter in the morning which I believe is 7:00 a.m. till time to go back which was suppose to be 5:30 p.m. they were often there before 4:30 p.m. They would walk to the library which is on North Ave and hang out on North Ave facing C St. all day. I refer to the homeless as they, I do not like the word homeless.

any time of the day I would leave my home to run errands, buy groceries etc. I would drive down C St. to North Ave. they would be seen laying around, sleeping or sitting on the grass, at times they were all lined up looking down C ST. towards the shelter as if waiting to go back this would be before noon. this is not a good feeling as you are being stared at while driving directly towards them. these are just a few uncomfortable issues.

I understand there is a lot of people that have lost their jobs, homes and families, I feel for them and pray they can get back on their feet. and again there are those that choose to live like that, I know I have family and friends that chose their drugs and alcohol over their children and family and refused help, Thank God for my aunt and uncle who raised all of their grand children, put them through school and are now productive citizens!

my biggest concern is the safety, there has been more police, fire and ambulance calls than ever... do we really know who is staying there? is there drug testing alcohol testing criminal back ground checks being done?

there were 5 letters asking you to grant this permit 4 of which do not live here in the neighborhood and do not see it on a day to day basis, we do, it is being forced on us.

there are plenty of empty buildings throughout the city that can accommodate the shelter I am asking you to please carefully think about this... if it was you would you like this in your neighborhood or right across the street from you?

I am asking you to please not let this permit go through.

Thank You,

Carmen Lara