

MARCH 2, 2025 CITY OF DAVIS RESPITE CENTER COMMUNITY MEETING

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- UC Davis needs to help. Yolo County must work together.
- Fire Department needs to help.
- Would like disclosure of funds spent on staff, trash, graffiti and arrests
- Homeless need to pay for services – no more free ride
- Someone is busing people here. They have new suitcases, paper and documents to establish themselves.
- I appreciate the acknowledgment from the City about the process to date. Can you please acknowledge the lack of environmental justice and poor decision to locate the respite center near alcohol (sales), gas station, affordable housing “park-poor” as described in the City’s master plan on parks.
- Add homelessness to the General Plan. Respite center, Paul’s place – nothing is connected!
- How many respite center customers struggle with alcohol? How many have relapsed because of the Respite Center?
- Would like to know crime specifics on sexual assaults and sexual harassment
- When I became the park steward for N St Park 8 years ago, I was very aggressive about removing trash and hidden property. I trim the bushes high and call law enforcement often.
- Plant cacti/succulents around strip of church – less incentive to hang out and it’s pretty
- Landscape the front of the center
- Move respite center to outside City limits with transitional housing
- People need to know what to do if they have a concern or observe something. What is the process for reporting?
- What the costs fiscally and socially of rotating the location of the Respite Center around Davis?
- Some neighbors feel City of Davis negotiated in bad faith; residents need more of a say
- Weekly bus needs to be available to take them to SF
- What exactly would increased policing do for residents? What do we expect from police? Unhoused people will continue to exist.
- Investment rather than displacement. I agree labor of care should not be disproportionately on a small group of people. What does safety mean to you? How would moving center somewhere improve?
- Neighborhood patrol with a tea cart and volunteers particularly with cooling herbs in summer; disguises “policing”; attends to needs; have trailer to help people move around
- One thing that is very clear from this meeting is that there is a divide in the community between people who want to find ways for making this work better in our neighborhood and people who primarily want the RC out of our neighborhood.

- I would appreciate more community outreach to our unhoused neighbors. Some folks in this community meeting did not get the survey so I imagine fewer unhoused folks go their voices heard. Hiring them to staff the center would be especially helpful.
- Ongoing reporting and mapping system to document impact on neighborhoods; remediation/ongoing mitigation for burden to neighborhoods hosting respite center
- Community farm; work to stay and use resources of center, including counseling food, showers, laundry and overnight options for those who wish it. It would be a way for people to be positively engaged and supported. There are existing model ilke low-cost co-housing or more intensive farm stay/trade
- Not just a burden – there’s also question whether this is truly the best place for this resource – safety issues with traffic, close to a school, liquor store through-line through 7/11 and Aggie Liquor to convenience store at 5th & Pole Line. There has been a lack of full alternatives analysis for the center
- Our community has worked very hard to make the city choice to put respite center in our neighborhood. We have tried since it started to make it work and met with the City multiple times. While center helps homeless community, it is obvious after years of trying it is wrong location. Please with ENTIRE city to find new location and holistic solution. Our community has tried. One community should not bear the choice of wrong location.
- Simply moving the respite center is not enough. It would only serve to move the issues being addressed by the community today to another part of town, While the renters and landowners within Davis Manor are certainly impacted by the presence of the respite center and I in no way mean to dismiss that, so are the unhoused and housing-unstable members of our community. Yet I take particular note that none of those stakeholders have been involved in the conversations today. It seems to me that the notice of the Respite Center’s establishment to the residents of Davis Manor was highly inadequate. Yet are we set to repeat these inadequacies by not including all concerned parties? I am not opposed to moving or rotating the location of the respite center, but it also seems, regardless of location, many of the concerns can be addressed with proper services, such as mental health/substance use care, place for people to SAFELY sleep, 24/7 on-site staffing to keep the center and those it serves accountable to the values of the community, improved beautification and landscaping, etc.
- The priority is to move the respite center. When it is moved, it needs to be improved to served clients better and reduce impact outside.
- City must promptly initiate a process to assess alternative locations for RC. RC should be a part of a comprehensive plan to promote 24/7 care for unhoused people.
- Invest in portable infrastructure
- Monitor behavior around 8 p.m. in front of center
- Move facility annually between all walkable neighborhoods

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