

# MARCH 2 CITY OF DAVIS RESPITE CITY CENTER MEETING

## Comments During Presentation

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- Some people did not get survey
- Comment on moving center to different areas of town
- Another person repeats the above comments and says he supports the center but doesn't like the entrance on L Street as opposed to 5<sup>th</sup> street – he calls the project a “bait and switch”
- Comment clarifying that at this time the respite center is not moving – Donna confirmed
- Gloria spoke – council that brought RC online thought that location might be able to be relocated, but it's more complicated – the utility hook-ups are costly; this matter will be taken to the full council and “move in a direction that is better for everyone”
- Went over feedback means with audience – board post-its, comment cards, breakout sessions
- Mention that Da Vinci families, area residents took survey
- Someone asked how many households were in the Davis Manor neighborhood? What percentage of Manor residents is 151 responses? Kelly noted that this was not a scientific study.
- Jenny can send the results of survey to anyone interested.
- Community member comment: engages with center staff, PD and code enforcement about RC issues; when he calls center, he frequently has to leave a message; he says that everyone has to be on board with responding to community concerns
- Resident who lives close to the center said that there is a seasonality to RC issues; summer is worse especially midnight to 3 a.m.; calling every night is exhausting; she wants to keep her windows open
- Issue raised of establishments that sell alcohol right across the street; resident comments that the city put the RC there to keep the homeless out of downtown
- Resident who lives north of the center comment: did not receive survey; never heard conversation about survey or related meetings; feels like she must avoid the area; used to live downtown when Davis Community Church allowed camping and it wasn't working. DCC asked to provide security. City should provide RC security.
- Can Davis Streets Team help with security?
- Resident at L St between 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>: supports the mission, but it's a blight; 5<sup>th</sup> & L needs some TLC; her son has a friend who cannot come over to their house because they live near the center
- Alan Miller commented that he has called PD hundreds of times, emphasized 5 years of RC location; concerned about public safety; it's time to move the RC; PG&E bushes need to be removed
- Colgate Dr resident comment: supports mission; RC shouldn't be in a neighborhood; homeless people congregate in nearby park and scare kids
- Comment: Appreciates the idea of investment in the area; tearing down the RC is not the answer
- Resident feels trust is burned with the City; what happened in Davis Manor should not be repeated in another area of town

- Resident who lives on K St near Cedar Park comment: mightily impacted by RC; upset that relocation is not being considered; said downtown is increasingly out of control; PD calls go unanswered; need more police enforcement; no staff at Korean Church for 5 days of the week; RC and church area is a magnet for homeless; City needs to be able to offer personal safety and peace for residents; Davis residents pay high rents and taxes
- Person asked how it used to be in the neighborhood before the RC in terms of neighbors relation to each other.
- Commenter said State website with homelessness stats said that homelessness is up 68% in Yolo since 2023 and 58% in Solano County. She used to live in London and she has seen more homeless here in Davis. Cleanliness and safety are issues. She is terrified for her daughter who lives on Duke Drive
- 5<sup>th</sup> & J resident – is there a rating of “functionality” for those who attend the respite center? He had a camper in his yard who said his address was the RC address; PD was called and officer said he had at least 30 contacts with this individual and then he was arrested for drug and weapons later; moving RC isn’t exactly the answer; they need it or they wouldn’t go there.
- Duke & L resident for 57 years: hears cussing in backyard from RC clients; concerned about property value and kids’ safety. He said he was formerly homeless and a drug addict. He said that Woodland has a program outside of town with trailers, but enforcement of rules is an issue; respite center needs to enforce rules

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- **24 total comments collected during the presentation**