

From: [IPWG campaign](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [Jane H. Kavaloski](#)
Subject: Homeless Shelter
Date: Monday, April 11, 2022 3:37:24 PM

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Dear Finance Committee members,

I want to express my deep concern about building a Men's Homeless Shelter at 1902 Bartillon Drive. Although I am pleased that the city is planning a residence for homeless men, I feel that the proposed location will subject the men to the high noise levels created by the F-35s, that are scheduled to be based at Truax Field in the near future. The noise created by the take off and landing of these fighter jets far exceeds the noise of the current F-16s. According to the Air Force, the noise level will be 50-250% louder than the current F-16s, with an average of 16.8 flights a day - 6,122 annually.

Here is a summary of the research on the impact of "high level noise" by Dr. Ann Behrmann, retired pediatrician and member of the Wisconsin Environmental Health Network:

What are the health effect of excessive noise?

- Potential hearing loss
- Increase in blood pressure, heart rate and stress hormones

Who are the most at risk/vulnerable populations

- Adults with high blood pressure or heart disease
- Anyone with anxiety or post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)

For the mental and physical health of these homeless men, I would urge you to find a different location. This is a vulnerable population. They need support and care. That location will increase their vulnerabilities.

Sincerely,
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From: [Richard Soletski](#)
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I live in a neighborhood adjacent to the proposed shelter. I realize we need to provide services for people needing safe shelter.

I have some questions, which I would like my Alder, Abbas to ask of city staff.

Have you considered combining the day shelter with this "purpose-built" nighttime shelter. Since there is talk about having services there (computers, counseling, health, etc.) wouldn't it make sense to combine in the new shelter and sell Beacon? I realize the women and families would have to travel, but somebody is traveling anyway.

The proceeds from selling Beacon could be used to offset the combined shelters cost.

Please ask city staff what the plan is for the "don't wanna" population is. Those people who were denying the rest of our East Side the use of Reindahl Park for two years. Those who don't wanna follow the rules for no knives or guns. Those who don't wanna not use drugs or alcohol in the shelter. Those who were crossing busy East Wash anywhere they wanted and whose campfires created no visibility for traffic.

Will they move back into Reindahl Park? Will they hang out in the new imagination center? What is the plan?

Thank you.

Rick Soletski
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From: [Laura Green](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Oppose site of homeless shelter for men
Date: Monday, April 11, 2022 5:41:52 PM

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Hello,

I am writing a brief message to let you know I oppose agenda item 70582. Homeless individuals have some of the highest needs of anyone in our community. Thus, the homeless shelter should be located in an area with a high concentration of services and also high levels of bus access. The proposed site offers neither, and is essentially located in a desert. No matter how much planning and how much funding it will take, please find a site near where other social services are located (downtown, East Washington near the Beacon, South Madison, etc.).

respectfully,
Laura Green