Dear Mr. Carl de Simas and HEC

I am a Redford Ranch resident. I am writing to you to express my deep disappointment with the new Homeless housing encampment proposal made on April 3rd, which addressed very few concerns that we expressed in our petition (http://www.change.org/petitions/city-of-sammamish-wa-petition-requesting-the-city-to-build-a-very-thorough-ordinance-for-temporary-encampent-of-homeless-people-taking-into-account-the-safety-concerns-of-its-residents).

However, what disappointed me (and many other residents) more is that we do not feel the residents’ input for the planning commission was presented to the planning commission deliberation correctly and in a fair way.

a. The city did not provide any numbers about our petition to the commission. We have 500+ online petition and 120+ hard signature. I just feel that our strong support was ignored and dismissed.

b. The city did not even mentioned that most of resident (close to 1000 as of now) are asking for 18 month interval (from the end date of the encampment). In the slides showed to the commission, it was mentioned that public comments range from no limitation to 12 months. This is totally untrue.

c. The city did not mentioned our another key theme in the petition that we want the burden to be shared evenly and fairly.

d. In the safety numbers provided in the slides to the commission, no # of arrests was mentioned at all, only # of calls. It gave a false impression that the safety is not an issue.

I have expressed my disappointment to Mr. Carl de Simas in person and I was told that he did not intentionally leave out the above points. However, we are asking the city to present all of the above points to the planning commission and to the city council as soon as possible. If we still feel that our opinions are not treated fairly, we would take further action.
Last but not the least, I want to emphasize our requests:

1. We request the commission to change the interval from 15 months to 18 months. In other words, we should count from the end date not the starting date.

2. We request city council to stick to the current proposal of not granting permission to the homeless encampment on a lot or lots within one-half mile of any lot that contained a homeless encampment.

Thanks

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