



May 18, 2019

Rina DiMare  
Chair, Board of Directors  
California Exposition & State Fair Board  
1600 Exposition Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA 95815

Dear Chairwomen DiMare,

As a family owned business and property owner for almost 40 years at our location, 1338 Howe Avenue we are very concerned about placing a 100-bed homeless facility on the Cal Expo property which we understand would not even screen guests for drugs and alcohol use. The homeless have already had a negative and monetary impact on our property, our tenants, their employees and customers for the past 3 or 4 years.

We are certainly aware of and greatly concerned about the homeless situation and the problems this issue brings to the City and County of Sacramento. However, we respectfully ask you not to support this proposed plan.

For the past 2 years we have increased our security to a 24-hour guard at a significant expense every year. Our tenants, their employees, their customers and ours have experienced many safety and health occurrences related to the homeless already in the area including but not limited to the following:

1. the business in the front of the property has had their windows broken by a rock thrown at least 3 times.
2. there have been numerous break-ins and vandalism of cars on our parking lot
3. our jewelry store has had broken or cracked windows and the front door at least twice
4. a homeless woman was arrested during the day for throwing a rock breaking the car window of a customer in our parking lot
5. homeless have blocked customers from entering the driveway and the businesses on the property

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6. almost every day we have to clean up human waste and garbage around the property. This is a health issue for our customers and employees

We would be happy to furnish the appropriate receipts and statements to backup the issues listed above upon request. We are planning to testify at the State Fair Board meeting held at Cal Expo and City Council to discuss contact me if you would like to discuss the matter further.

Again, we appreciate the position the City, County and all of its caring citizens are in regard the homeless issue BUT a 100-bed facility at CAL EXPO is not the answer. Please bear in mind as sales decrease due to this problem, for all of the businesses in the area, not just ours, State, County and City tax revenue will decrease as customers stop shopping here. Revenue needed to build an appreciate location with proper facilities and services for those in need.

Thank you for consideration of our position and I know we share this problem with many business and property owners locally.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mahmud Sharif', written in a cursive style.

Mahmud Sharif  
Owner, Sharif Fine Jewelers

Cc:  
Mayor Darrell Steinberg  
Councilmember Jeff Harris  
Supervisor Susan Peters  
Rick Pickering, CEO Cal Expo  
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