

From: [Ron Sowa](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 12/17/23 Bill # 23-1968
Date: Sunday, December 17, 2023 10:51:49 PM

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Dear Denver City Council,

I understand Denver is in the midst of a homeless crisis. However, the proposed conversion of the Embassy Suites on East Hampden Ave to a homeless shelter hotel is a unwise idea.

Please vote no or delay the vote. I agree with Councilwoman Stacie Gilmore: the Mayor is moving too quickly and there's a lack of transparency.

This plan was announced the day before Thanksgiving. The Mayor has held 1 community meeting, Saturday, December 16, just 2 days before the vote. Why the rush?

Secondly, many are concerned about the Mayor's previous position with Gary Community Ventures and their connections with this pending transaction. This gives the appearance of a conflict of interest.

If you are truly representing your constituents and the citizens of Denver, this plan is the wrong approach. Current shelters pose dangerous risks and there is a lack of a comprehensive plan to safeguard both shelter occupants and the surrounding neighborhood. Please vote no or postpone this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ron Sowa
District 4 Resident
3150 S Tamarac Dr
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Denver Co 80231
ksmw1977@gmail.com

P.S. Research how Las Vegas is handling their homelessness.

From: [Todd Wenskoski](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 23-1968 - Support for Purchase Agreement of 7525 E. Hampden Avenue
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 2:34:18 PM

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December 18, 2023

Dear Members of City Council:

I am writing in regards to the public hearing and resolution for the proposed Assignment and Amendment to the Purchase Agreement of the Embassy Suites property at 7525 E Hampden Ave. in Council District 4. I am a supporter of the City purchasing the property and encourage you to vote yes on this bill that will provide much needed and urgent support for unhoused families and children.

As a father of three children, addressing the needs of families and especially children should be acted on with extreme urgency to provide a stable and supportive path and avoid early stages of chronic homelessness that often occurs when youth are unable to find stable housing. By providing wraparound services, the site will also offer the critical support system necessary to assist families and children beyond this first step and into a permanent pathway to the housing stability they long for.

I also wholeheartedly support the Mayor's efforts to address Denver's current housing through the House1000 initiative as I believe it is an important first step to providing a long-term solution to our current housing crisis. The Mayor's efforts to directly move and transition unhoused individuals and families to more stable options such as the Embassy Suites property by providing direct transportation to a facility with rooms or individual shelters and wraparound services is desperately needed. In many ways, this is no different than how so many of us would respond if we knew of a family member or close friend who was struggling and in desperate need of help. We would

reach out, try to connect with them, understand their situation, empathize, offer them a ride, a place to stay, support, assistance, and whatever else is needed to get them off the street and into a stable setting with support.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the current housing crisis in Denver and continuing to work together to provide stable housing options to individuals and families currently experiencing homelessness.

Respectfully,

Todd Wenskoski
1301 Adams Street
Denver, CO 80206

From: [Julie DonCarlos](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 23-1968 council bill I support this
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I haven't attended the hearings so I wanted to email my support for housing people. Many NIMBYS out there but I believe we all benefit from having people removed from the streets.

Julie DonCarlos
University Park neighborhood

Trust but verify. Words to live by.

From: [Randall Vetter](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 23-1968
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Dear Councilmembers,

Thank you for taking swift and urgent action to file and approve both a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Master Lease for the Embassy Suites Hotel at 7525 E. Hampden Ave.

This site is critical because it supports families and children living in Denver who do not have access to the safety and stability that we all need to thrive. This site will enable our city to immediately cut our family shelter waitlist in half and serve a growing number of families and children who struggle to afford the cost of living in Denver.

Additionally, I applaud you for working to create the first ever temporary housing/ shelter site in Southeast Denver. This site makes a major commitment to our shared focus around the equitable distribution of the homeless response system across our entire city. I very much support and applaud you for taking this bold action, and encourage you to continue taking such bold action in other Council Districts and regions throughout our city that have not yet stepped forward to support our most vulnerable community members in this way.

Thank you for your leadership!

Sincerely,
Randall Vetter
2445 California Street
Denver CO 80205

From: [Wendy Leonard](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 23-1968: "NO" ...DO NO HARM
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To: Denver city council

DO NO HARM should be the number one priority in moving forward with taxpayer money. Concentrating so many homeless at 7525 E Hampden Ave. will cause irreparable harm to our neighborhoods, local businesses, parks and schools in District 4.

LET'S GET REAL...

—There will be Increased traffic, crime and loitering.

- Drug dealers and additional homeless will be attracted to our area.

-Our local police will be spread even thinner.

-911 calls will increase. It's shocking to see the 911 calls from the "low barrier" Comfort Inn!

-Property values WILL be negatively affected, despite the Mayor's claims.

-The Mayor has lost our trust. Incorrect homeless counting, as reported on 9 news, is the most recent example of how this administration is misleading citizens. Recycling homeless folks through Mayor Johnston's system is ineffective. His plan is overly optimistic and not financially feasible. The honeymoon is over.

-Throwing taxpayer money at a difficult problem is NOT a solution.

-There will be many unintended consequences and huge negative repercussions.

-This plan is wrong for district 4 and we feel disrespected and devalued.

-The Mayor only touched on weak, short term studies to support his agenda.

Contradictory reports are easy to find. Communities thrive or decay over long periods. Houston is very different than Denver and NOT based on temporary housing. Every city is unique and cost constrained. Please don't experiment in district 4. This will be Urban blight on steroids.

I attended the mayor's meeting on 12/16/23 at Hamilton Middle School along with hundreds of others who oppose swamping our neighborhood with the homeless. Using "children" as a new shield is pathetic. I've educated myself on the homeless issue and am not alone in disagreeing with the "low barrier" philosophy of the Mayor's plan. Mayor Johnston's own Q&A states that over half Denver's homeless fall into the category of mentally unstable/on drugs. Inflicting so many problems on district 4 with only 5 weeks notice during the holiday rush is disrespectful. The 12/16/23 meeting simply checked off a necessary box, as this misguided experiment with our money and neighborhoods speeds forward. Voters are uncovering disturbing facts about

Mayor Johnston. Voters always remember how they are treated.

Sincerely,

Wendy Leonard

Citizen of District 4

From: [Amy Greenhill](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 7525 E Hampden Ave - A Thank You
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Hello Kind People,

I wanted to send a sincere thank you to everyone voting YES to fund this family shelter on Hampden. (Tamarac Shelter)

It is a true blessing and miracle for those unhoused and in need.

Please do not give up on the unhoused and addicted, I myself used to be homeless and addicted on East Colfax with young children nearly 20 years ago. Today I am a sober successful homeowner in SE Denver metro. My kids are all grown and successful. These families deserve a chance to heal and grow this program is truly amazing

These kids and families deserve a home to be warm and go to school. Thank you Mayor for your hard work!

From: [Risa Wolffis](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
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Dear City Council Members and Mayor Johnston,

I urgently express concerns regarding recent decisions affecting our community:

Fiduciary Duty, Conflict of Interest, and Purchase Agreement:

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Shelter Safety:

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Lack of Transparency:

Hasty public hearings and a lack of transparency erode public trust. Upholding your duty demands openness and community involvement.

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Sincerely,

Risa Herrema

Southeast Denver Homeowner and Resident

From: [Randall Vetter](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 23-1869
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Honorable Council Members:

I urge you to vote no on Bill 23-1869.

Bill 23-1869 seems to be a back door try to eliminate camping ban. It will move the temperature trigger from the current 20 degrees to 32 degrees in order to prevent encampment sweeps. Denver's average overnight temperature during winter is 32 degrees. The city currently does not do health & safety clean ups during cold weather unless health and safety is impacted. The administration's current process with flexibility allows for departments to coordinate and make the right decision quickly. 82% of Denverites voted against ending camping ban. Council Members should respect the will of the people.

Please vote no.

Sincerely
Randall Vetter
2445 California Street
Denver, CO 80205

From: [Kim Vande Griend](#)
Cc: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
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Sincerely,

Kim Vande Griend

From: [Joe Vande Griend](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
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Sincerely,

From: [Rebecca Leder](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CB 23-1968 Concerns about Safety & Wellbeing Measures: District 4 Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter Site
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Dear City Council Members and Mayor Johnston,

My family and I live in the Southmoor Park neighborhood, where the Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter is planned. I urgently express concerns regarding recent decisions affecting our community:

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It feels as if this decision did not provide any reassurances for safety in the surrounding neighborhood, nor have recent city council meetings addressed how schools will accommodate the children in the families moved to this facility as they have unique needs that must be met for them to get the best education possible.

Shelter Safety:

Recent incidents highlight safety and staffing issues at our shelters. This includes a drastic spike in 911 calls. If this 'low barrier' shelter will be placed in an area near our businesses homes and schools, **please address the security measures and preventative measures you will take to ensure the safety of shelter residents and our community BEFORE moving forward with this large and hasty transaction.**

Lack of Transparency:

Hasty public hearings and a lack of transparency erode public trust. Upholding your duty demands openness and community involvement. **Questions were not answered at the city council meeting, and our community not only deserves, but requires to know how you will keep shelter residents and our safe, healthy, and work to help residents get on their way to brighter futures, versus turning a blind eye to substance abuse outside the property and in our neighborhood and assuming that relocating these individuals to this property will "solve" the problem of homelessness in Denver without the substantial and required services to support shelter residents and to reduce disruption and safety risks in our neighborhood. IF THE SUDDEN REQUEST FOR MORE FUNDS WILL GO TO SOCIAL SERVICES AND SECURITY THAT SUPPORT THE WELLBEING OF SHELTER RESIDENTS, YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO DISCLOSE THIS TO PUT OUR COMMUNITY'S MINDS AT EASE AND REASSURE US THAT WELLBEING OF ALL DENVER RESIDENTS IS TOP OF MIND FOR YOU.**

Our community relies on transparent and accountable leadership. Addressing these concerns promptly **AND PRIOR TO COMPLETING THIS URGENT TRANSACTION AND RELOCATION OF INDIVIDUALS** is essential to fulfilling your fiduciary **AND MORAL** duty to the community.

Sincerely,

Rebecca

512.619.2411

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Rebecca Leder

Career Educator & Trainer, Bestselling Author

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From: [Mike Retzke](#)
To: [Mike Retzke](#)
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Dear City Council Members and Mayor Johnston,

I am a homeowner in District 4. I urgently express concerns regarding recent decisions affecting our community:

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Sincerely,

Mike Retzke

303.929.7483

From: [Kara Hamersky](#)
To: [District 4 City Council](#)
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Sincerely,

Kara Hamersky

From: [Mary Cornell](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
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Dear City Council Members and Mayor Johnston,

I strongly OPPOSE the proposed District 4 Homeless Shelter. Please reconsider this for the following reasons -

Safety - there are so many parks and young families in this area. We already have a homeless problem and don't feel safe. I have visited other shelters like the proposed one and they are not properly managed or run and this creates harm to the surrounding areas.

Transparency - this is being shoved down our throats. Let's take the time to do this right and have community input.

Please stop this now!!

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Mary Cornell Reinhardt

From: [Stephanie Davy](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
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Sincerely,
Stephanie Davy
District 4 Resident

From: [Duane and Judy Houchens](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
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Sincerely,

Duane Houchens

District 4 Resident

From: [Katie Schaefer](#)
To: [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#); [denc - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#)
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I am a resident in District 4 urgently expressing concerns regarding recent decisions affecting our community.

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Shelter Safety:

Recent incidents highlight safety and staffing issues at our shelters. This includes a drastic spike in 911 calls. Low barrier shelters should not be placed in an area near businesses, homes and schools. Immediate attention is needed. In the Q&A for the proposed Hampden location, you state "police data shows that these sites do not lead to an increase in crime in their neighborhoods". The records for District 8 are public and we know this statement is not true. The data shows an increase in crime.

Lack of Transparency:

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You are asking much to be sacrificed at an enormous cost for our community and businesses with a unilateral proposal negating any concessions to a bilateral agreement and/or policies. Businesses will be forced to leave or choose to leave, resulting in unemployment for many. Denver has spent over \$2 billion on homelessness over the past 3 years, and that seems futile if part of the solution upends new and additional communities throughout Denver.

Sincerely,

Katie Schaefer

From: [Guy L.](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
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Dear City Council Members and Mayor Johnston,

I am emailing you regarding the Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter Site planned for Hampden Ave.

As a resident and parent of two young children, I am extremely concerned about a low-barrier shelter being placed in our community.

- As it is, there is already an unacceptable level of crime and vagrancy in this area – I’m often removing my children from parks and avoiding certain areas due to open drug use, trash, and people asking for money.
- Members of my family refuse to shop at the King Soopers because of the threatening environment created by the people sitting in/around the area.
- As a commercial real estate professional, also have questions regarding the purchase of this specific asset and how the value was determined - \$125/PSF seems exceedingly high in comparison to other like/kind properties in the area.
- I have several clients expressing their desire to relocate their businesses away from Hampden Ave and Tamarac Plaza due to these issues.

I am very disappointed as regards the lack of engagement from the Council, the speed at which this decision has seemingly been made, and the finality of the announcement. Do we, the homeowners, business owners, and taxpayers not have a say in this decision?

Thank you,

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From: [Max Popov](#)
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From: [Dan Bolin](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
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Sincerely,

Daniel Bolin
7652 E Nassau Ave.
Denver, CO
80237

From: [Rob Camp](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
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Thanks,

Rob Camp

From: [Leah Massey](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
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District 4

From: kathymalik@comcast.net
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
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Exorbitant Cost, Conflict of Interest, and Purchase Agreement:

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Size and Permanency: This is not a time-limited micro-community. It's a fast push for a huge, long-term placement that will impact the community significantly.

Sincerely,
Kathy Malik

From: [Jeff Schaefer](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CB 23-1968 Opposition to District 4 Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter Site
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Dear Council Member,

I am writing to express extreme concern and opposition regarding the proposed Embassy Suites homeless shelter. As our elected official, you represent our Denver community and were elected to be our voice and protect our community. The proposed Embassy Suites homeless shelter is a major community safety issue, endangers the local economy and breaks infrastructure. This proposed site has disregarded our government standard process of transparency and due diligence. I urge you to please stop this site until full research and planning has been completed.

While Denver has been battling a homelessness issue for the past 10 years and is now a migrant destination, we need a well thought long term solution. Mayor Johnston stepping into office and day one declaring a state of emergency so he can railroad a band aid solution out simply to fulfill his campaign promise to house 1,000 homeless people by 2024 is careless. He has not collaborated with our community nor worked with the Council.

While there are a hundred reasons to oppose this site, here are a few:

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Sincerely,

Jeff Schaefer

From: [Sarah Nelson](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CB 23-1968 Opposition to District 4 Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter Site
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Dear City Council Members and Mayor Johnston,

As a community member, mother and nurse practitioner I urgently express concerns regarding recent decisions affecting our community which I have highlighted below. Additionally my family has personally been affected by drug use, mental health issues and homelessness. In one such incident my brother showed up at my home terrorizing my family, I had to call 911 twice- the response time was 2.5 hours and only after escalation that involved physical altercation and damage to my property. I am extremely concerned that similar clientele will overwhelm our police resulting in serious consequences for our community.

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Thank you for your concern in this matter,

Sarah Thompson

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From: [Amanda Archerd](#)
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Thank you,

Amanda Archerd

From: [Alina Popova](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
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Sincerely,
Alina Popova

From: [Natalya Khazova](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
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Edward Douglass
303.324.1366

From: wkaufman@lakegranby.com
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
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Kind regards,

Will Kaufman.

From: [Kathryn Jost](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
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Dear City Council Members and Mayor Johnston,

Thank you so much for taking the time for the community meeting yesterday, As it answered some of my questions, a lot of them were not able to be answered. First and foremost, I do believe that homelessness is an issue and needs to be addressed. I voted for your Mayor Johnston for your initiative to tackle this issue our city is facing. What concerns me the most is that there was no community involvement in this decision on location. I think I would have been more open to this, if you all approached this differently. You did it quickly and secretly and from what I have heard you only did the meeting to check the box for you to move forward with this.

This area of town has been struggling commercially. Fresh Fish Company closed and has been vacant for 5 years? The movie theatre has closed for 1 year. Vacant. Crave closed 8 months ago. Vacant. I now have heard that 24 fitness is closing. Businesses are leaving and nothing is going back in. We are like a ghost town. I have seen over the years as these businesses go out, more homeless people are moving into these desolate areas. and they are not families. My concern is the commercial. What are you going to do on bringing this area back to life? What you are doing is bringing more of a strain on an area that is already struggling.

My second concern is the safety of the children. You said at the meeting that they can do whatever they want inside their unit and they will not be turned away if they have been using drugs. I will tell you right now as a mother of three young girls, if someone knew I was using drugs unsafely they would be concerned and most likely call children services. When will childrens services be involved?

Lastly, paint me a picture of a family that will be staying here. I would have appreciated at one point during the meeting yesterday telling a story of a family that is on the waitlist. I would love to hear more about the families that we will be sharing our schools with, our parks with, and shopping next to at our grocery stores. Also, what is the qualification process to be able to live there? How are they going to be held accountable to be getting on the right path to hopefully have them be able to own their own home one day! I volunteered at The Gathering Place, a space for homeless women. At this facility they help women and their children, teaching them useful skills to help them get jobs, art therapy, how to cook food, grow food. Are there going to be resources like this? <https://tgpdenver.org/>

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Sincerely,

From: [Susan GRIEBEL](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
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Susan Griebel
3605 S Oneida Way
Denver CO 80237

From: [Jonathan Hansson](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
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Jonathan Hansson

From: [JM](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
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Regards,

Jason Meyer
3990 S. Syracuse Way
Denver, CO 80237

From: [Brad Steffen](#)
To: [Natalie Steffen](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CB 23-1968 Opposition to District 4 Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter Site
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Dear City Council Members and Mayor Johnston,

I hope this message finds you well. We, the concerned residents of the Southmoor Park East neighborhood, are writing to bring some last minute attention to a matter of significant importance affecting our community.

After attending the Southmoor East HOA meeting on 12/13, the neighborhood has taken a strong stance to oppose this shelter in District 4. Also, after attending the Hamilton Middle School meeting on Saturday, we urgently express concerns regarding the following decisions which will have a dramatic impact, and lasting effect on our community:

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Thank you,

-Brad Steffen

From: [Christopher Lee](#)
To: [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 10](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 7](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 5](#); [District 3](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [dencc - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#)
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Dear City Council Members and Mayor Johnston,

I am writing today to express concern regarding decisions that are being made about the Embassy Suites project that will affect my community.

There has been a lack of transparency with regard to community outreach and proper notification. The meeting that was held on 12/16 was clearly an effort by the City Council and the Mayor's office to "check a box" and that has been a done deal for some time. The 12/16 meeting was purely for optics and it is obvious that there has not been not ample time for affected communities to provide input and feedback and for the Mayor and City Council to consider said feedback and work closely with District 4 residents to implement this in a way that is tenable for all. This is a total sham being perpetrated on the residents of Southeast Denver.

With regard to the 30.9M Embassy Suites transaction, there is growing concern that the City is not acting in the best interest of the community from a fiduciary perspective and there is evidence suggesting that the Embassy Suites transaction was a direct conflict of interest given the Mayor's connections to the company that purchased the Embassy Suites (Urban Land Conservancy). The hotel was purchased for \$21M, but the City is paying a 50% premium. The obvious question is why - why is the city doling out another 10M and who is profiting from this? This needs to continue to be exposed to the media and investigated more deeply. If it is determined that this is in fact a conflict of interest, this would be grounds for a Mayoral and City Council (Ms. Campbell) recall.

Regarding Safety, there is hard data pointing to the adverse impact these types of shelters are having on other communities including sharp increases in 911 calls. Low barrier shelters should not be placed in an area near businesses homes and schools. Immediate attention is needed. High barrier shelters that require homeless families to adhere to rules and conditions in exchange for shelter will have much more success. It's clear that the only reason this administration is pursuing "low barrier" classification is to qualify for Federal money. So once again, if we follow the money... and we will.

It seems obvious that there is a clear conflict of interest by the Mayor that will be

exposed in due time along with the process violations around lack of visibility and transparency that preceded this transaction. The Mayor clearly is leveraging the Emergency Order (another topic, but equally as troublesome) to jam things through the system to promote his current agenda and future ambitions with total disregard to the residents of this city. As a Denver native who is frustrated with the decline of the city and far left policies, I will not stand idly by and watch this happen. There is a groundswell of people like me who you'll be hearing from often until some level of order is restored in this city.

I'm certainly not opposed to programs that help families get back on their feet and help re-integrate them into society, but there is a right way and wrong way to go about it. The sneaky and underhanded tactics being used by you and this mayor will be exposed. I'll be watching the vote closely this evening. To Diana Romero Campbell and the rest of you plan on casting your vote in support of this initiative knowing that this is a shady deal and without proper due process - shame on you. Our community relies on transparent and accountable leadership. Addressing these concerns promptly is essential to fulfilling your fiduciary duty to the community.

Regards,

Christopher Lee

From: [Bryan Sigman](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CB 23-1968 Opposition to District 4 Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter Site
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Sincerely,

Bryan Sigman

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From: [Fisher, Brian](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#); [Southmoor Park East Homeowners Association, Inc. \(SPEHA\)](#)
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City Councilors,

The proposed homeless shelter at the Embassy Suites on Hampden is an emotional issue for all. I will defer to others regarding the effect it will have on businesses and individuals in the neighborhood. It also should go without saying that supporting this shelter will almost certainly cost Councilwoman Romero-Campbell her seat on City Council.

To me, the more pressing issue is the need for an explanation of the economics of the purchase. It appears that the Urban Land Conservancy (“ULC”) placed the property under contract on November 8 of this year at around \$21MM. ULC is assigning the contract to the City of Denver for nearly \$31MM.

The citizens of Denver deserve an explanation for the steep increase in purchase price, especially since Gary Ventures is the parent company of ULC, and Mayor Johnston is the former CEO of Gary Ventures. The relationship appears especially problematic given that individuals associated with Gary Ventures and ULC have donated heavily to Mr. Johnston’s various political campaigns.

If Mayor Johnston is financially rewarding groups and individuals who have funded his past campaign(s) by paying a vastly over-market purchase price for the Embassy Suites, that would obviously be improper.

I implore the City Council to act as the final check on Mayor Johnston’s actions, which at best appear suspicious, and at worst are blatantly corrupt.

Regards,

Brian Fisher

From: [Ryan Oswald](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
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I live on Southmoor Park on Oneida way in the SPEHA community. I work from home and look outside at the park every day. I see what goes on with people doing drugs under trees, couples having sex in the porta potties, trash and drug paraphernalia being left on the ground. This is supposed to be a safe community for our children to play in. This will change when drug addicted transients are walking through our park all throughout the day and night. Find a better place than this as Southmoor Park will see the most impact out of any sites you have come up with given the cut through to the train stop.

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Ryan Oswald

From: [Lindsey Camp](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
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Sincerely,

Lindsey Camp

From: [Brittany Oswald](#)
To: [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#); [dence - City Council](#)
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Dear City Council Members and Mayor Johnston,

I live on Southmoor Park on Oneida Way in the SPEHA community. As a mother, I want to see my daughter run and play in the park and neighborhood without witnessing addicts shooting up and passing out, couples having sex in the porta potties, and drug paraphernalia and condoms being left on the ground. Or worse... drug addicted transients raping and robbing our children and teenagers. These issues that we already witness will only intensify when drug addicted transients are walking through our park all throughout the day and night. This is supposed to be a safe community for our children to play in. Southmoor Park will see the most impact out of any proposed sites given the cut through to the train stop. I beg you to find a better location.

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Kindly,

Brittany Benson

From: [Angela Miles](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
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Trust in the Mayor's office and data has been degraded per recent news in the

Denverite <https://denverite.com/2023/12/13/denver-homeless-challenge-mike-johnston-stats/?fbclid=IwAR3gR3Fmdfn1Fsf0dfllbRugL8LFWANulu1DUqzYjiUqbjUhXhkqaMldLeY>

9News <https://youtu.be/pQ69Ezs4Dho?si=tH4zelwh74GQw2Ei>

Sincerely,

Angela Miles / District 4 Resident

From: [Rachel Retzke](#)
To: [Mayor's Communications Office](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CB 23-1968 Opposition to District 4 Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter Site
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Sincerely

Rachel Retzke

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From: [Cynthia Wellbrock](#)
To: denncc@denvergov.org; [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CB23-1968 Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 12:09:19 PM

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Council Members:

I urge you to oppose CB23-1968.

I am a resident of S.E. Denver, near the intersection of Hampden and Yosemite. I have lived here for 19 years. Over these years crime in this area has increased exponentially. I am very concerned about placing hundreds of homeless people in the Embassy Suites hotel is just going to exacerbate the situation. Especially because the residents being initially placed here are coming from the Comfort Inn shelter which has experienced a surge of criminal activity, so much so that 911 has been called almost every day to that location for the last three years. All you are doing is moving the problems from that location to S.E. Denver.

Also, I have not heard anything regarding the

accountability the residents will have to adhere to, i.e. that they are actively looking for work, or if not working that they are actively getting job training or education. In fact, in speaking with the representative from the Salvation Army after the meeting he said that the residents can't be forced to work or take training. How are they going to get on their own two feet if they don't work or get educated. The residents should also be required to refrain from panhandling in the area and if they do, they are evicted. That aren't allowed to dump trash in the area, that there be curfews and strict restrictions on guests (I can envision the residents inviting others to live with them and there be zero tracking of who comes and goes into the building). There should be random drug and alcohol testing and if they fail they are evicted immediately. We, the hardworking taxpayers of the city are paying handsomely for them to be given a place to live supposedly in an effort to help them get on their feet. I've heard nothing about any expectations that the residents act in any manner that shows they are making those efforts. We have a right to expect them to be good stewards of the MASSIVE benefits being conferred on them and not continue to expect the government to keep writing checks to house and

feed them.

Like many of my neighbors I am infuriated by the fact that this deal has been kept secret from those of us in this neighborhood until the final hour. The only input you got from the residents in this area was a farce of a meeting on Saturday where we are told these are FAMILIES being put there, as if that is some kind of assurance that it will be all rainbows and unicorns. That is a blatant misrepresentation of the facts. It is also a slap in the face to those of us who live simple, middle class, hardworking lives and work hard to provide a safe, clean, neighborhood for our families. Moving hundreds of these people onto a crowded corridor will only cause the neighborhood values to decrease and will have a significant negative impact on the quality of our lives here. I bet you'd never be able to shove something like this into Cherry Creek. But you do it to us.

We are contributing, law abiding citizens of this community.. ... We pay our taxes and in exchange we expect to not be subjected to a plan that will not enhance our community, but will add an incredible burden.

\$30M for this hotel is not a good use of tax payer money.

Do the right thing and OPPOSE CB23-1968.

Cynthia E. Wellbrock

From: [Nancy](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
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Dear City Council Members and Mayor Mike Johnston,

As a longtime, tax paying resident of Southeast Denver, it is concerning the lack of transparency regarding the proposed homeless shelter on the Embassy Suites property. As elected officials, it is your responsibility and obligation to inform the community in detail how the taxpayer funds will be used for this project.

After all, you work for ALL residents of the City and County of Denver.

The impact of this shelter will have a ripple effect on schools, businesses, the community and its residents.

The magnitude of this proposed project is fiscally irresponsible since the proposed funds will be spent on 0.2% of the city population and the other 99.8% of the population is being ignored. There are serious safety concerns for residents and their property with no plan to improve the safety for all in the community. Police response is already lacking and will only get worse with the shelter opening.

I urge you to delay moving forward on this project to consider the TOTAL impact the shelter could have on the Southeast Denver Community.

Sincerely,
Nancy Sterner

From: [Olivia Jaquette](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] denc@denvergov.org
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Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Olivia Jaquette; I'm a college student living in the Southmoor neighborhood. I'm writing to encourage you to urgently file and approve both a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Master Lease for the Embassy Suites Hotel at 7525 E. Hampden Ave. I believe that the proposed shelter at this site would provide an incredible opportunity for families struggling to find secure housing. In addition, I attended Southmoor Elementary school, and believe that learning alongside children living at the proposed shelter would benefit Southmoor students.

The establishment of the shelter would be a major and overdue step in Denver's process of addressing homelessness. Again, I very much support and applaud you for taking this bold action, and encourage you to continue taking such bold action in other Council Districts and regions throughout our city that have not yet stepped forward to support our most vulnerable community members in this way.

Thank you for your leadership!

Sincerely,
Olivia Jaquette

From: [David Briney](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Romero Campbell, Diana - CC XA1404 Member](#)
[Denver City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District 4 residents who supports Embassy Suites Family Shelter
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Dear Councilmembers,

Thank you for taking swift and urgent action to uphold human dignity for our unhoused neighbors. We urge your support for the project to create a shelter at the former Embassy Suites Hotel at 7525 E. Hampden Ave.

This site is critical because it supports families and children living in Denver who do not have access to the safety and stability that we all need to thrive. This site will enable our city to immediately cut our family shelter waitlist in half and serve a growing number of families and children who struggle to afford the cost of living in Denver.

Additionally, we applaud you for working to create the first ever temporary housing/shelter site in Southeast Denver. This site makes a major commitment to our shared focus around the equitable distribution of the homeless response system across our entire city. We very much support and applaud you for taking this bold action, and encourage you to continue taking such bold action in other Council Districts and regions throughout our city that have not yet stepped forward to support our most vulnerable community members in this way.

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Sincerely,

David Briney

Nancy Hilton-Briney

Denver C&C District Four residents

From: [ROB & CAROL HOFFMAN](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Embassey Suites
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I am against this shelter to take more time to look at this the Mayor has no concern for the folks that live around here! Also Concerned about this commercial deal most of these deals take 6-18 months because of due diligence ie inspection I do not think the city had an inspection most likely there maybe abestos,lead pipes,radon ,aluminum wiring,structual issues someone needs to see the inspection report. These items are harmful to everyone and children if there are going to really be children there.
Thanks
Rob Hoffman

From: [Samuel / Mail](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Cc: [Ina A \(Cell\)](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Embassy Suite to Homeless Shelter Proposal
Date: Sunday, December 17, 2023 10:51:49 PM

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Council Members: While we are not sure how we feel about the proposal, we know exactly how we feel about the lack of transparency and the rush for its approval. It's unconscionable. This site was not on the list of proposed sites for the homeless, and the statement on the City's website that it could not put it there because the Embassy Suites owners did not want it revealed is not acceptable. Why should the owners of the property's feelings be more important than informing the taxpayers who will pay for the building and the property owners living nearby, who certainly DID NOT have an reasonable amount of time to consider the proposal, voice their concerns, have those concerns addressed, and give their views. It appears the purpose of the "rush" is to ramrod this proposal through without having to listen to any concerns or opposition. Therefore we support the resolution sent to you by the SEPHA board. While we are not certain how we feel about the proposal, we are certain that as Council members you ought to take the time to listen to constituents and address their concerns before making so impacting a decision.

Respectfully,

Samuel and Ina Feld
Southmoor Park residents

From: [Stacey Shigaya](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Embassy Suites - Southeast Denver Family Shelter vote on 12.18.23
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Dear Councilmembers,

I am in support of the efforts to purchase the Embassy Suites on Hampden Ave in SE Denver to be used to house and support families in need, and I ask you to vote "yes" on the PSA to make this happen. I was born and raised in Denver and am proud to call it my home.

Even as a collective community of Denverites, we all come from somewhere else. Some of us know our ethnic background and others do not. At some point in time, our ancestors came to Denver where they were able to make a life for themselves. For some this was decades in the past, for others it was in recent memory.

Regardless of when or how we arrived, we now have the opportunity to help those who also want to make Denver their home. Let's treat them with compassion and dignity so that they and their families can become productive and valued members of our community.

Thank you for your time.

There is
Always Something
to be thankful for

Stacey Shigaya

Denver resident

shigaya@comcast.net

From: sherrykerbs104@gmail.com
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Embassy Suites
Date: Saturday, December 16, 2023 6:40:46 AM

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My name is Sherry, I've live in the Hampden/Tamarac area most of my life. I'm very concerned about the hotel becoming a homeless shelter as are many neighbors because our area is overrun with homeless people already... the King Soopers on Hampden and Monaco will not let shoppers use their bathrooms because the homeless used drugs in them. I had to hurry home after shopping and had to pee in my bushes cuz I couldn't make it into my house! Safeway has also locked their bathrooms.

Businesses are leaving our neighborhood like 24 Hour fitness, movie theaters and restaurants.

In all the talking I've heard I have not heard of housing homeless Veterans, the people who served our country!

Many street corners have panhandling. We should be like the City of Arvada where it's illegal to panhandle. The mounds of trash and garbage left on streets and neighborhoods is terrible.

Maybe drug intervention upon arrest for panhandling could help these folks. A family member of mine went to a halfway house and turned her life around. They're required to work, pay rent and go to classes. I've seen this work.

Please don't turn the Embassy Suite hotel into a homeless shelter, a low barrier one at that!

Thank you, Sherry
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Paul Simon](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Embassy Suites conversion
Date: Sunday, December 17, 2023 4:50:29 PM

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I support the proposal to convert the Embassy Suites along Hampden to multi-use housing. We have to find creative ways to address the homeless situation, and tent encampments on our street corners isn't a viable solution.

I live in the Southmoor Park subdivision and disagree with the position of the board of our HOA (SPEHA).

Paul Simon
4123 S. Newport Way
Denver, CO 80237
720-291-8337

From: [John Griebel](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
Cc: [John Griebel](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Embassy Suites Conversion
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Dear City Council Members and Mayor Johnston,

I urgently express concerns regarding recent decisions affecting our community:

Fiduciary Duty, Conflict of Interest, and Purchase Agreement:

The \$30.9 million Embassy Suites Hotel sale involving Urban Land Conservancy (ULC) raises concerns about conflict of interest. Initially purchased by ULC for \$21 million, there are questions about the sudden demand by Mike for an additional \$10 million, bringing the total to \$30,900,000. This significant increase warrants transparency in understanding the transaction details.

Shelter Safety:

Recent incidents highlight safety and staffing issues at our shelters. This includes a drastic spike in 911 calls. Low barrier shelters should not be placed in an area near businesses homes and schools. Immediate attention is needed.

Lack of Transparency:

Hasty public hearings and a lack of transparency erode public trust. Upholding your duty demands openness and community involvement.

Our community relies on transparent and accountable leadership. Addressing these concerns promptly is essential to fulfilling your fiduciary duty to the community.

Sincerely,

John F. Griebel, Esq,

From: [Rachel McKern](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Embassy Suites Family Shelter
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 1:35:26 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-A picture .png](#)
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[Outlook-5lqjji1.png](#)
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Hello,

I am writing in support of the proposed family shelter at 7525 E. Hampden Ave. Services like this are so important and the amount of negative attention this project is receiving is disheartening. I work for JFS, a human services organization across the street from the proposed site. I know firsthand how needed a resource like this is. I spend every day in our food pantry, and we have seen a steady increase in clients since I started my position six months ago. We see many people with children who do not have a steady housing situation. No one deserves this. No child deserves this.

In conclusion, I and my team support this project and recognize the necessity for this kind of service in the area. Thank you for your time and please reach out if you have any questions.



Rachel McKern
Food Security Programs

Administrative Coordinator

3201 S. Tamarac Drive, Denver, CO 80231
jewishfamilyservice.org

From: [Becky Gutrich](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Embassy Suites Hampden Ave Southmoor
Date: Sunday, December 17, 2023 2:56:45 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

My family and I are adamantly opposed to the proposal of the Embassy Suites across the street from Southmoor Park becoming a shelter for "families experiencing homelessness". You will drive down property/home values significantly, you will destroy surrounding businesses, you will be putting your citizens in danger, you will endanger the schools nearby, you will create chaos and conflict and you will be unsuccessful at "helping" these homeless families. Our neighborhood is already hurting because of the lack of law enforcement around Eastmoor Park and Southmoor Rail Station. Find a different solution at a different location using different tax dollars.

Sincerely,

Becky Gutrich

Resident and Homeowner, Southmoor Park

From: [brieslong](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter
Date: Sunday, December 17, 2023 10:57:25 AM

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Dear Council Members, I live in district 4 where the proposed homeless shelter at the Embassy Suites would be.

I am in favor of this shelter in my community, but would like to be able to measure it's success in one year with the following points from various groups in the neighborhood.

- Public safety from HOAs, police.
- Input from schools: School safety and impact on teacher:student ratios.
- Input from Business: safety and success in business and job creation,
- Input from shelter residents: safety, ability to access services in a timely manner, upward momentum in life through jobs, kids enrolled in schools, transitioning out.
- Input from Salvation Army: staffing needs met, ability to access services, ability to transition shelter residents out.

While I do not like the fact that the Mayor railroaded this without community input up front, I think we must do something for the homeless.

Thank you,
Karen Bries-Long
3667 S Newport Way, Denver 80237

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Aaron Melander](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Embassy Suites homeless shelter
Date: Sunday, December 17, 2023 1:16:24 PM

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It seems obvious that the administration doesn't care what the surrounding neighborhood thinks.

There will be smaller and smaller tax revenues as some of my friends and neighbors talk about moving away.

Not that anything has or will be done about crime around Southmoor Park East, but I have witnessed terrible arguments on my street on Eastmoor Dr(not on Monaco where crime is "ok"), my truck being stolen right from the driveway, and constant homeless traffic traversing my street.

That was my attempt at a measured and thoughtful email.

My real feelings are as follows: Go to hell you slave to campaign promising whores.

Aaron Melander
6700 Eastmoor Dr
Denver, Co

From: [Josh Pauletic](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Embassy Suites Hotel at 7525 E. Hampden Ave.
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 2:21:48 PM

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Dear Councilmembers,

Thank you for taking swift and urgent action to file and approve both a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Master Lease for the Embassy Suites Hotel at 7525 E. Hampden Ave.

This site is critical because it supports families and children living in Denver who do not have access to the safety and stability that we all need to thrive. This site will enable our city to immediately cut our family shelter waitlist in half and serve a growing number of families and children who struggle to afford the cost of living in Denver.

Additionally, I applaud you for working to create the first ever temporary housing/ shelter site in Southeast Denver. This site makes a major commitment to our shared focus around the equitable distribution of the homeless response system across our entire city. I very much support and applaud you for taking this bold action, and encourage you to continue taking such bold action in other Council Districts and regions throughout our city that have not yet stepped forward to support our most vulnerable community members in this way.

Thank you for your leadership!

Best,

Josh Pauletic

From: [Brandy Allen](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Embassy Suites Hotel
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 1:46:14 PM

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Dear Council members,

Thank you for pursuing the Embassy Suites Hotel at 7525 E. Hampden Avenue as a homeless shelter for families.

I live in the Southmoor Park East neighborhood and have been saddened by the increasing numbers of homeless in our community as well as in the greater Denver community. I have often wanted to help with this problem but have sometimes been unsure how to do so, other than donating money to various causes. I was super happy to hear that the Embassy Suites Hotel is going to be turned into a homeless shelter for families. It's going to be a wonderful way for me to help my community in a way that is very concrete and tangible.

I was at the Hamilton Middle School meeting on 12/16/23 and saw the anger and hostility. Unfortunately, I think that a lot of my neighbors are motivated by fear of people who have lived/are living lives unlike their own. As a primary care physician, I know that everyone deserves compassion, empathy and help when we fall on hard times. Hopefully some of my neighbors will come around to this eventually.

Thank you again for working to make the Embassy Suites Hotel the first ever temporary housing/shelter site in Southeast Denver. I applaud you for taking this bold (and hard) action. I know it's not easy but it's the right thing to do.

Sincerely,
Brandy Allen, MD
4025 South Niagara Way
Denver, CO 890237

From: [Steve Pappas](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Embassy Suites Purchase
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 6:07:30 AM

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To Mayor Johnston and city council.

How dare you shove this purchase and this shelter down our throats. Hopefully the people of Denver won't forget this and come election time they will rid our city of you deceitful politicians. You are underhanded and despicable. Our taxes are going sky high. Crime is at an all time high and instead of ridding our city of criminals you decide to house them. I can't wait for this "project " to blow up in your face. I won't forget come election time. Stop this madness!

Steve Pappas
3248 S Oneida Way
Denver

From: [Elizabeth Wolden](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Embassy Suites Shelter is Unsafe
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 2:51:36 PM

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You cannot have this facility as a shelter.

The facility is unsafe for these people

- there are sliding glass doors in each room that are in tempered and drop off seven stories
- the railings inside the building are not up to code. Without any limits being put in place on what someone need to do to live here, you are going to have people that are not sober falling over the railings and children doing the same.

This is a lawsuit waiting to happen.

As someone with extensive experience with addiction, children and poverty, I can confidently say that you are not helping these individuals by giving them free housing. You must require they stay sober, they pay a small amount for the housing and you provide childcare so that the parents can work. Without these key pieces, it is a bandaid that will only stay on for a month or two.

I beg you to consider these items and how other cities have tackled homelessness to see what actually works and doesn't. This plan will not work.

From: [Matthew Werner](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [Brooks, Andrew - CC YA2245 City Council Aide](#); [Conant, Macy - CC YA2246 City Council Aide Senior](#)
Cc: [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Embassy Suites
Date: Friday, December 15, 2023 8:51:19 PM

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Hello, I have some opinions for public comment about the proposed 30.9 million dollar lease contract of the Embassy Suites for a housing shelter with no word yet about how food services will be managed or accessible to the residents with use of their in-suite kitchenettes.

Further Denver Health Hospital is enduring a 100 million dollar deficit without a budget increase from the city.

There are multiple blighted areas of the city with abandoned hotels, buildings, or offices that could be annexed and renovated into housing and would supply jobs for workers that are looking for employment.

Spending 30 million for an unproven pipedream of a drop in the bucket housing plan while budget deficits of places that actually are currently housing and treating the sick, mentally ill, and homeless seems very illogical and inefficient policy planning.

Please provide information about why pipedream plans for political capital gain are superseding the needs of actual current deficits on much needed safety net facilities such as Denver Health, Stout Street Clinic and other publicly funded healthcare facilities?

Thank you,
Matthew Werner
District 4 Constituent

From: [Dan Valiant](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Embassy Suites
Date: Sunday, December 17, 2023 2:40:18 PM

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Please vote no tomorrow night. This whole process has been rushed and forced under the guise of an emergency. The city is not operating in the manner of a representative government but rather as tyrants. Below is the objection of my HOA and the thousands of other residents who have shown out in opposition to this secretive attempt.

Specifically,

1. Lack of transparency.

- a. Failure to timely inform the Association and surrounding neighborhoods of its intent to purchase or lease the Embassy Suites and conversion to a homeless shelter.
- b. Improper use of an emergency declaration to justify the conversion and use of the Embassy Suites as a homeless shelter.
- c. Placing the purchase of the Embassy Suites on the city council agenda prior to the community meeting.

2. No accountability

- a. Failure to provide an exit plan if the shelter becomes a nuisance to the surrounding communities.
- b. Failure to operate as a high barrier shelter.
- c. Failure to document the rules and regulations for its residents.
- d. Failure to provide information of how many occupants will reside at the embassy suites.
- e. Failure to document that the use of illegal drugs, cannabis, and alcohol in the facility and on the premises is prohibited.
- f. Failure to provide information on how the City will prevent the spawning of tent cities on or around the Embassy Suites property.
- g. Failure to address impacts on local schools.
- h. Failure to meet with affected communities and put in writing promises made in community meetings.

3. Lack of Safety

- a. Failure to perform background checks.
- b. Failure to assure security to the residents and surrounding communities.

4. Lack of Credibility

- a. Public misrepresentation of the numbers of homeless that have been housed.
- b. Race to meet a campaign promise.
- c. Public reports of problems at other homeless shelters.
- d. Lack of a commitment by the city to enter into a binding written agreement with neighborhoods to address their concerns.
- e.

Dan Valiant

[720-441-9136](tel:720-441-9136) cell
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<http://liquorstoredesign.com>

From: [Tanis Bula](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Embassy Suites
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 10:58:52 AM

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I really do NOT approve of this being sold and used as a homeless shelter. There is so much traffic, pot shops and crime already on Hampden. We do not need this beautiful hotel to be turned into a homeless shelter. It is not fair what you are doing.

Tanis Bula
tanisbula@gmail.com

From: [Michelle Miles-Lambert](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Embassy Suites
Date: Friday, December 15, 2023 1:46:38 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council members:

Thank you for all the attention and effort you are putting in to getting families into safe housing.

I support your plan to use the empty hotel rooms at Embassy Suites to house families in need. Providing a bed and a bath is a basic human need; even George Baily in It's a Wonderful Life tells us so.

I appreciate the city using empty hotel rooms rather than incur demolition & new-build costs so kudos to whoever came up with this idea to use what is readily available.

I hope you have support for those in attendance at this meeting. I hope they realize this is our opportunity to help those in need. I imagine the big concern is safety and I hope you will address that at this time.

Best regards to all of you who are helping.
Michelle

From: [STEVEN ARNOLD](#)
To: [Planningboard - CPD](#); [dence - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Embassy Suites Conversion//UHNC Board Vote
Date: Saturday, December 16, 2023 1:31:31 PM

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From: STEVEN ARNOLD <stevenwarnold@msn.com>
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Cc: jodyvick@gmail.com <jodyvick@gmail.com>
Subject: Embassy Suites Conversion//UHNC Board Vote

Diana, Andrew, and all

The University Hills North Community Registered Neighborhood Board has voted in support of the mayor's plan to buy and convert The Embassy Suites at 7525 E. Hampden Ave. Denver. CO.

We have a unanimous vote of 7 in support, we have been unable to reach 1 board member.
Sincerely yours,
STEVEN

Paul Leone President and Steve Arnold Treasurer

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From: [Cecile E Cohan](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hotel conversion
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I realize the mayor is trying to get as many people into housing in order to beat the governments \$ cut off on December 31. But without the details being worked out first and the community being included in those details, I cannot agree to this project.

Cecile Cohan

SPEHA

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Evelyn Hutt](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Housing for families and children
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 11:46:04 AM

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From: "Evelyn Hutt" <lilith@indra.com>
To: "Amanda Sawyer, CC Member District 5 Denver City Council"
<Amanda.Sawyer@denvergov.org>
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 11:43:37 AM

Dear Councilmembers,

Thank you for taking swift and urgent action to uphold human dignity for our unhoused neighbors. We urge your support for the project to create a shelter at the former Embassy Suites Hotel at 7525 E. Hampden Ave.

This site is critical because it supports families and children living in Denver who do not have access to the safety and stability that we all need to thrive. This site will enable our city to immediately cut our family shelter waitlist in half and serve a growing number of families and children who struggle to afford the cost of living in Denver.

Additionally, I applaud you for working to create the first ever temporary housing/ shelter site in Southeast Denver. This site makes a major commitment to our shared focus around the equitable distribution of the homeless response system across our entire city. I very much support and applaud you for taking this bold action, and encourage you to continue taking such bold action in other Council Districts and regions throughout our city that have not yet stepped forward to support our most vulnerable community members in this way.

Thank you for your leadership!

Sincerely,
Eva Hutt
825 Jasmine St
Denver, CO 80220
Congregation Rodef Shalom and
Leader with Together Colorado

Your Congregation and Leader with Together Colorado

From: [Katya](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#)
Cc: [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [Romero Campbell, Diana - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [Miranda, Yvonne - CC YA2246 City Council Aide Senior](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I oppose CB23-1968 (Embassy Suites homeless shelter) bill
Date: Sunday, December 17, 2023 3:33:01 PM

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Dear Council members,

I fully understand and sympathize with the homeless issue in our community, but feel this solution this bill proposes is unfair as it could cause deterioration of our neighborhood. There are already numerous encampments in this area and incidents of the homeless population repeatedly using the bathroom in front of our building garage. This problem is bound to increase since those staying at Embassy Suites will not be allowed to stay permanently. Without any other aid, this model hasn't been very successful in the past in reintegration many homeless into society. Furthermore, those living in my neighborhood have the right to transparency to know if there will be violent sex offenders living in the area. I understand the purpose of the low barrier requirements for the shelter, but it's not completely fair to those living in my neighborhood. Many people at Morningside Condominiums, including my immigrant parents, have worked hard to plan their retirement there. The HOA fees going up for security and cleanup of feces and property value going down in the future is just one example of the unfairness of this proposed solution.

As a long-time resident of Morningside Condominiums across the street from this Embassy Suites I would like to express my concern of the proposed bill (CB23-1968) to convert the Embassy Suites by Hilton located at 7525 E. Hampden Ave to a homeless shelter.

The proposed conversion of the Embassy Suites to the homeless shelter raises many issues and concerns including but not limited to the following:

Increased danger for permanent residents, children, and elderly, for nearby schools and kindergartens, and foot traffic.

This location and the facility itself is not safe for children, especially under age 5.

It will create encampment overflow and will harm local parks.

There are no plans to run background checks for violent or sexual offenders.

No sobriety requirements and no requirements to accept mental illness treatment.

There is no coalition with Denver Police, no proposed hired security, no crisis intervention, and no transparency.

The location is adjacent to pot shops and liquor stores which will increase crime rates, violence, and drug abuse.

There will be an increase in car accidents and fatalities on the already dangerous Hampden corridor.

In conclusion, I urge you to disapprove of this bill (CB23-1968) and vote AGAINST it.

Thank you for your continued service and support of our communities.

Best regards,

Katya Belenkaya

From: [Lena Solobell](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#)
Cc: [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [Romero Campbell, Diana - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [Miranda, Yvonne - CC YA2246 City Council Aide Senior](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I oppose CB23-1968 (Embassy Suites homeless shelter) bill
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Dear Council members,

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Best regards,

Lena Solobell

From: [Sam Solobell](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] I oppose CB23-1968 (Embassy Suites homeless shelter) bill
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Best regards,

Sam Solobell

From: [KG](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I oppose CB23-1968 bill - Embassy suites homeless shelter.
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Dear Council members,

As a long-time resident of Morningside Condominiums, I would like to express my **STRONG OPPOSITION** of the proposed bill (CB23-1968) to convert the Embassy Suites by Hilton located at 7525 E. Hampden Ave to a homeless shelter.

The proposed conversion of the Embassy Suites to the homeless shelter raises many issues and concerns including but not limited to the following:

- Increased danger for permanent residents, children, and elderly, for nearby schools and kindergartens, and foot traffic.
- This location and the facility itself are not safe for children, especially those under age 5.
- It will create encampment overflow and will harm local parks.
- There are no plans to run background checks for violent or sexual offenders.
- No sobriety requirements and no requirements to accept mental illness treatment.
- There is no coalition with Denver Police, no proposed hired security, no crisis intervention, and no transparency.
- The location is adjacent to Pot shops and liquor stores which will increase crime rates, violence, and drug abuse.
- This proposal will damage small businesses, drive businesses away, and deteriorate our existing residential neighborhoods.
- There will be an increase in car accidents and fatalities on the already dangerous Hampden corridor.

In conclusion, I urge you to disapprove of this bill (CB23-1968) and vote **AGAINST** it. Thank you for your continued service and support of our communities.

Kate

From: [Alejandra Castañeda](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Cc: [District 1 Comments](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#); [Johnston, Mike - MO XA1403 Mayor](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support Resolution 23-1968 to provide shelter to unhoused families
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 10:14:02 AM

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Good morning Mayor Jonhston and City Council,

Please accept this email as a letter of support to pass Resolution 23-1968 (as detailed below) so our city officials approve the purchase of this property and provide basic shelter to unhoused families in our community. I trust you to prioritize basic human needs before property-value concerns.

- *Resolution 23-1968: A resolution approving a proposed Assignment and Amendment to Purchase Agreement among the City and County of Denver, East Hampden Hotel Fee, LLC and Hampden Heart, LLC for the City to acquire real property located at 7525 E. Hampden Avenue, in Council District 4. Approves an Assignment and Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement with East Hampden Hotel Fee, LLC, Hampden Heart, LLC for \$30,900,000 and a term ending on 3-31-2024 for the property located at 7525 East Hampden Avenue, in Council District 4. FINAN-202371927. Councilmember Torres approved direct filing this item on 12-14-2023.*

I also stand ready to support my City Councilor in District 1 as soon as another site to shelter unhoused neighbors is identified in my community.

Respectfully,
Alejandra X. Castañeda
[she/her/ella]
District 1 resident, property owner and mother

From: [Anne Scalfaro](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter In Support of District 4 Housing Shelter
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 2:57:29 PM
Attachments: [LetterSupportingHousingInDistrict4 Calvary Baptist Church of Denver December 2023.pdf](#)

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Please see the attached letter in support of District 4 Housing Shelter for tonight's meeting.

Thank you,
~Anne

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro, Senior Pastor

(she/her/hers)

Calvary Baptist Church of Denver

6500 E. Girard Ave. Denver, CO 80224

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From: [Jason Janz](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support for Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 2:42:56 PM
Attachments: [Letter of Support for shelter at 7525 E. Hampden.pdf](#)

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Denver City Council,

I hope this finds you well! Please find the attached letter of support for the shelter at 7525 E. Hampden Ave (Embassy Suites).

Thank you so much,

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Jason Janz

CEO
303-902-1644
www.crosspurpose.org



From: [Ryan Cox](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support for Resolution 23-1968 - Curtis Park Neighbors
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 1:31:33 PM
Attachments: [Resolution 23-1968 Letter of Support- Curtis Park Neighbors.pdf](#)

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Hello-

Please see the attached letter in support of Resolution 23-1968 from Curtis Park Neighbors RNO.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Ryan Cox
President
Curtis Park Neighbors
303.517.6185

From: [Derek Parks](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Microcommunities
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 2:32:44 PM

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Dear Council members,

I am spending time with family for the holidays so I cannot attend in person tonight. +

But I wanted to express my support for the micro communities in all Denver neighborhoods. I live near 50th and Regis Blvd where a safe outdoor space was located for almost a year. I had ZERO issues with the community members.

I volunteered there a couple times and the residents were very nice and seemed grateful to have a secure place to sleep.

Don't not let the fear of the unknown rule the day! A better future is possible! Build more housing everywhere for everyone!

Best Regards and happy holiday,
Derek Parks

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." - Galatians 6:2

From: [Clint Bales](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO to East Hampden Hotel Purchase
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 12:25:24 PM

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December 18, 2023

To: Denver City Council

From: Clint Bales
2407 S. Tennyson St.
Denver, CO 80219

As a Denver, CO resident and taxpayer for the past 17 years, I have found homelessness to be a constant and ongoing problem in the metro area. Long before incompetent Washingtonians decided to open up U.S. borders to any and all, Denver had an unmanageable number of homeless persons to house, feed, medicate, ween off drugs, treat for mental illness and so on. Add to that your mindless “sanctuary city” policy and you’re going to get what you’ve gotten.

I, in addition to insisting that you end the “sanctuary city” status that is certain to sink Denver, insist that you stop pretending that homeless and undocumented people can be saved and properly assimilated with a series of meaningless handouts. How many times can you say, “it’s for the children” in hopes of convincing us to accept bad ideas? You’re never concerned about how future bad-idea-debt will affect the children who will ultimately pay for it.

Lastly, I, along with other thinking Denverites who believe in following the law (immigration and otherwise), insist that you vote “NO” on the measure to purchase the hotel property at 7525 E Hampden Ave. Additionally, we know that if you as Council members actually thought this project was a good thing, you wouldn’t be proposing this facility be as close to the edge of Denver County as possible. Would you?

Thank you for not wasting anymore of our tax dollars on things that don’t help taxpayers!

Clint E. Bales

From: [Brenda Martin](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO to the Tamarac family shelter
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 10:54:28 AM

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Please vote NO to the Embassy Suites homeless shelter site.

Sincerely,
Brenda Martin
3842 S. Quebec St.
Denver, CO 80237

From: [Marilyn Johnson](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose CB23-1968
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 1:38:06 PM

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Concerns for the unhoused:

This location is not helpful for the folks in the hotel. There is very little public transportation. Walk score: 37 Transit score: 53. How will they get to job interviews, or get to services?

This needs to be HIGH Barrier. For the sake of CHILDREN.

The Salvation Army is UNDERSTAFFED. They have 66 job openings in Denver.

Define micro community

This hotel has over 600 rooms, meaning potentially 2000 people stay here. This is not micro.

There is no real answers on how this will impact our schools and our community with this amount of people.

STOP gaslighting the community

Notifications and meetings with no time to have input, to help make this success.

Gaslighting our concerns on safety. Crime in Denver is at all time high, homelessness is at an all time high. Feeling safe is a basic human right.

We are contributing, law abiding citizens of this community.. and our input needs to be taken into consideration.

\$30M for this hotel is not a good use of tax payer money.

Do the right thing and OPPOSE CB23-1968.

Marilyn Johnson

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jen Hamilton](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#); diane.romerocampbell@denvergov.org
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE CB23-1968
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 2:52:01 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I live less than 500 ft from the Embassy Suites on Hampden, the proposed new location for a homeless shelter for families.

I oppose this homeless shelter for the reasons listed below:

- 1) Noise ... the hotel noise already disrupts my elderly mother's sleep as well as my own. There will no doubt be more noise generated by a homeless shelter.
- 2) Violence ... I do not want violence to occur this close to my home! It's my understanding there will not be any security at this facility after 5:00 PM until the following morning.
- 3) Lowered Property Value ... from my research homes near homeless shelters lower in value up to 7%. I should not be penalized for having a homeless shelter out my back door.

Further research shows that other homeless shelters are located in industrial areas. This makes more sense as to not affect neighborhood safety, home values etc.

I OPPOSE CB23-1968.

A concerned and scared neighbor,

Jennifer Hamilton

From: [Debbie Fitzgerald](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE CB23-1968
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 1:03:10 PM

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Hello,
I oppose CB23-1968. The process has not been vetted and is unfair to neighbors.

Debbie Fitzgerald

From: [Pat Mauser](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose CB23-1968
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 12:21:05 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I oppose this project until further due diligence is completed. This has been rushed through and there needs to be a more thoughtful process for this project. There are too many unanswered questions.

Please pause this!
Pat Mauser
3235 S Newport St
Denver, CO 80224
303-257-7915

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From: [Sarah Nottingham](#)
To: [District 4 City Council](#); [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] oppose CB23-1968: vote no on bill 1968 - Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 12:02:52 PM

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As a district 4 home owner and resident I am asking that you vote no on turning the Embassy Suites into a homeless shelter. I believe that this decision should not be rushed. I'm concerned about the safety of the residents inside and in the surrounding areas. I would like more time for community discussion and for the idea of this to be a high barrier shelter to be discussed.

How many people will be allowed to live in each room? What is the maximum capacity of the hotel? How will this impact our neighborhoods and schools? These questions have not been answered.

These meetings have been announced with very little notice. There needs to be more time for community input.

Thank you for addressing my concerns as a Denver home owner.

Sarah Nottingham

From: [Elissa Motley](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE city council bill 23-1968
Date: Sunday, December 17, 2023 10:31:35 AM

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Hello City Council,

While I applaud the attempt to solve the homeless problem and get people off the streets, I'm afraid this bill and the purchase of the embassy. Suites will be a colossal waste of tax payer dollars. IMHO that money would be better spent on a treatment center for addiction and mental illnesses. Not a shelter with minimal requirements to enter. Families should of course be housed but that does not need to be this location. Families with children are the smallest number of homeless. And that should be an easy solution to help them.

I'm all for helping my fellow citizens however I've worked very hard to buy a home, follow the laws, pay taxes and contribute to our community. Now all of this will be diminished as the crime grows and the area degrades. We will chose to move away from Denver and I believe others will too and Denver will become like LA. Let's look at what California has done and ask how that is working for them. Let's at least acknowledge they were mistakes and not repeat them just to facilitate political careers. Taking a hard stance is not easy but will pay off in the end. Embassy suites is not the solution or even a stop gap. Please don't do this to our community.

Thank you,
Elissa Motley

From: [Emily Shaw](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#)
Cc: [Romero Campbell, Diana - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose Council Bill 23-1968
Date: Sunday, December 17, 2023 5:00:52 PM
Attachments: [Embassy Suites housing.pdf](#)

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From: [Jamie](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposed to Embassy Suites purchase
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 1:49:23 PM

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I live on S. Monaco Pkwy in the Southmore Park East subdivision. In the last 6 months I have found drug paraphernalia in my front yard 3 times. There have been 2 drug arrests (that I know of) less than a block from my house. I have unexpectedly found a woman changing her clothes behind my bushes. I have constant graffiti in front of my house and we had a homeless encampment a block away. Now the fence is down between I25 and Eastmore park and I have an excellent view of the convergence of I 25 and I 225.

Just what will cap off the complete degradation of my neighborhood is a huge homeless center. On the property is made into is it will never be developed into something like restaurants or shops that could benefit our community. In fact I believe your plan will further result in the ghettoization this part of town.

Jamelyn Eldredge
4140 S. Monaco Pkwy
Denver, Co 80237
Sent from my iPad

From: [Jordan Hueseman](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposing the Conversion of Embassy Suites to Multi-Use Housing
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 8:53:31 AM

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I would like to express my deep dissatisfaction and strong opposition to the conversion of the Embassy Suites Hotel located at 7525 East. Hampden Avenue. As a homeowner in the Southmoor Park East Neighborhood with children this effort not only represents an abject failure on the part of our elected City councilwoman to represent the citizens of her district, but of our City of Denver leadership as a whole.

The lack of transparency and accountability on display during this process with city leaders misrepresenting the success of these programs to date and moving rapidly to pull forward the vote with city council days after hearing the outspoken opposition from all of us who expressed our views on the proposed plan represents a city government ignoring its citizenship.

I appears our mayor and city council have no regard for how destructive their plans are to our communities, property values, and safety of our children as the taxpayers and residents of Denver they serve.

I urge you to reconsider this proposed plan before you do irreparable damage to the community we love.

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-Thank You
Jordan Hueseman

From: [Katie Schaefer](#)
To: [Romero Campbell, Diana - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Conant, Macy - CC YA2246 City Council Aide Senior](#); [Brooks, Andrew - CC YA2245 City Council Aide](#); [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to CB23-1968: Need Economic Stimulus for Areas and Accountability from Salvation Army
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 2:47:54 PM

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katieschaeferco@gmail.com

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to me



Hello,

I'm in District 4 and am opposed to the passing of the Embassy Suites due to the lack of information and transparency provided to the public and the lack of information the Salvation army has provided.

I'm glad that we all agreed on Saturday that housing children is a value that we all share. That's true. However, this has been a unilateral vs bilateral plan—we've had only a few weeks of notice before our 1st meeting on Saturday, Dec 15 before this vote on Monday, Dec 17 when this deal had been in the works since August. That has not transparent. On Saturday, the Mayor confirmed this is only a family shelter.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS

When selecting these sites, why don't you consider providing immediate incentives and/or large tax breaks in an attempt to encourage new businesses to come into the areas? We have a lot of unused retail space and undoubtedly, this population will have an impact on businesses. It's not that because District 4 is getting a homeless shelter, we should GET something but *why not try to offset the negative economic effects this will have on the surrounding community to show you're trying to make this successful for all people?* If businesses leave, people lose their jobs and aren't we facing the issue of homelessness now for those individuals?! If we can spend \$2 Billion on homelessness in the past 3 years, I find it hard to believe we can't find \$10-\$20mil to provide support to the surrounding community of these homeless shelters. Included in that should also be a promise to help with maintaining the area with trash assistance and at least an increase in police patrolling in our parks and public spaces. If the surrounding neighborhood is being supported along with the shelter, do you see how this would help everyone?

Salvation Army

After speaking with the female representative from the Salvation Army on Dec. 18, I have very little faith in them running this large scale, commercial property.

I asked her about maintaining a large, commercial building like this---she didn't even know sq footage of any of the spaces (rooms, public meetings spots, etc); She said she sends out a lot of RFPs.

**I asked what the occupant to employee ratio is.

The Salvation Army rep said she did not know.

**This is unacceptable!!!* Regardless if there are 60 or 160 families, wouldn't this ratio be a detail determined in the RFP to plan appropriately for staffing? If they are an experienced partner trained in running facilities like these, doesn't the Salvation Army have a predetermined staff to occupant ratio when managing these family shelters?

I asked the Salvation army about security and asked what 3rd party service they use for security.

The Salvation rep said all the employees are trained in de-escalation. While this is no doubt a valuable and necessary skill when dealing with this population, the Mayor is using VERY misleading wording about the security of this space in the Q&A he put out on the DenverGov.org. Since it is not stated otherwise on that form or in the meeting, the majority of individuals would assume this is a conventional security guard whose job is patrolling and enforcing laws, not a typical Salvation army employee also trained in de-escalation.

*We want details of how this will be staffed in terms of managing this large scale, commercial space, services offered on site to residents and if they are even in a separate category, security.

Decrease in property value

It can sound petty but you have to understand, this isn't like the comfort inn where it's in an industrial, separated commercial area. The front doors of the Embassy Suites don't open onto Hampden, they open directly onto Pontiac into the Wellshire East neighborhood and it is directly adjacent to the retirement community, Three Fountains and a condo building, MorningStar, so while the Q&A you released says "There is no evidence these decrease housing values", residential realtors have already said this is a huge hit to our neighborhoods. Please don't think we are ignorant or stupid. Obviously this impacts people's housing values when a shelter like this is placed in a residential neighborhood. Which again, if you provided economic stimulus to the surrounding businesses to maintain its economy rather than declining, that would help maintain property values to at least have a thriving business community. Housing is the largest investment most people make in their lives and it's devastating for people who plan to use that as a primary part of their retirement plan.

Sincerely,
Katie Schaefer

From: [Kate Migala](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to District 4 Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter Site
Date: Friday, December 15, 2023 12:56:22 PM

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Dear City Council Members and Mayor Johnston,

I urgently express concerns regarding recent decisions affecting our community:

Fiduciary Duty, Conflict of Interest, and Purchase Agreement:

The \$30.9 million Embassy Suites Hotel sale involving Urban Land Conservancy (ULC) raises concerns about conflict of interest. Initially purchased by ULC for \$21 million, there are questions about the sudden demand by Mike for an additional \$10 million, bringing the total to \$30,900,000. This significant increase warrants transparency in understanding the transaction details.

Shelter Safety:

Recent incidents highlight safety and staffing issues at our shelters. This includes a drastic spike in 911 calls. Low barrier shelters should not be placed in an area near businesses homes and schools. Immediate attention is needed.

Lack of Transparency:

Hasty public hearings and a lack of transparency erode public trust. Upholding your duty demands openness and community involvement.

Our community relies on transparent and accountable leadership. Addressing these concerns promptly is essential to fulfilling your fiduciary duty to the community.

Sincerely,

Kate Migala

From: Andersomo@gmail.com
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter Site
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 7:50:48 AM

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Dear City Council Members and Mayor Johnston:

I oppose the proposed temporary homeless shelter which is being considered at the Embassy Suites Hotel. After attending this past weekend's meeting at Hamilton Middle School, and speaking with Mr. Johnston, his staff and Ms. Romero-Campbell, the proposed shelter will negatively impact my community. In addition, the surrounding community will have no legal recourse to remedy any potential issues that arise with the shelter.

Good Neighbor Agreement

I was disturbed to learn that these "Good Neighbor" agreements that have been proposed are not legally enforceable. I don't understand the point of executing a "feel good" document that isn't legally enforceable because the parties to the agreement will not be legally obligated to do anything — not even to act in good faith. There needs to be some kind of accountability to the community and recourse for the community to the extent the shelter isn't operated in accordance with the provisions set forth in an agreement.

In addition, Mr. Johnston indicated that he wouldn't hesitate to replace the Salvation Army with a different vendor or close the shelter if it was "failing", however, the term "failing" is a vague term that is subject to several interpretations. Whose definition of "failing" is determinative - Mr. Johnston's, the neighborhood's, city council's, Webster's — because every person's definition is going to be different and, therefore, subjective.

Safety

It appears that other shelter areas are experiencing spikes in 911 calls, specifically at the Comfort Inn. These calls include, but are not limited to, stabbings, murders, domestic violence, assaults, and drugs. There is legitimate concern that this shelter will attract similar problems, even in light of it being a shelter for families and children. As you are aware, children are not exempt from violence and/or exposure to drug scenarios at the hands of their parents. Being a family/children's shelter does not just

automatically erase the problems that are present at the Comfort Inn shelter or any other shelter.

Because there is no legally enforceable agreement in place, there is no way for the community to demand additional safety measures to the extent required.

Wraparound Services

Residents of the shelter will not be required to utilize any of the wraparound services and there is no requirement for residents to be sober, alcohol or drug-free. No testing will be required. This also creates potential safety issues both inside and outside of the shelter.

If the city is providing free housing and services to the homeless, there needs to be requirements for the residents to receive such a benefit. Requiring residents to utilize wraparound services and be drug tested would help alleviate security concerns as well as demonstrating to the community that they are serious about getting their lives back on track.

Transparency:

I have huge concerns with the lack of transparency in regard to this proposal, which is set to move forward on Tuesday December 19, 2023. The community had its first meeting concerning this matter on December 16, 2023, three days prior. That alone sets off bells, whistles and red lights.

This appears to be a very hurried transaction; one that is moving forward simply to fill the quota of housing one thousand people by year's end. Mr. Johnston, Ms. Romero-Campbell and their staff were unprepared for this meeting and did not adequately respond to the questions that were asked.

As a member of the community where the shelter is being proposed, I expected honest and transparent answers to the data that was presented by the residents of the community this past weekend; it was not the time to provide political answers that skirted the real issues presented.

This enormous shelter is just a terrible project for the community. Thank you for your time.

Mike Anderson
3314 S. Oneida Way
Denver, Colorado 80224

Sent from my iPhone - Please excuse typos

From: Cheris.Kline@cognizant.com
To: [denc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Embassy Suites Hotel Turning into Hampden Shelter- Not Micro
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 10:24:30 AM
Importance: High

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The mayor ran on the platform of building “micro-communities” for homeless people throughout our city. The definition of a micro community is less than 30 members. I community of over 200 family units consisting of potentially around 800 people is far from anything Micro and outside the definition of what voters were aware of.

On his website he states the following:

Build 20 micro communities to end unsheltered homelessness in my first term. In my first four years as Mayor, I pledge to build 1,400 additional units of housing for unsheltered individuals, ending homelessness in Denver by the end of my first term.

- We’ll accomplish this by establishing 10-20 micro communities across Denver that can provide 1,400 units of safe, stable, dignified housing. These communities will be made up of small groups of 40-60 tiny homes and converted hotels.² We will locate these communities throughout the City by deploying city-owned land and partnering with churches and community-based organizations.

Again, this is not a Micro community this is far too big and not within the bounds of what voters were aware of. I urge you to vote no on this large macro community and to demand a downsizing in the number of units to fit the original planCo.

Thank you!

Cheris

From: Berlinberg, Cheris (Cognizant)
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 8:46 AM
To: denc@denvergov.org
Subject: Opposition to Embassy Suites Hotel Turning into Hampden Shelter

I am a lifelong Denver resident and I am adamantly opposed to a 200 room shelter being built on Hampden.

This community is desperately in need of additional revenue producing businesses with a flurry of businesses boarded up. If you drive up and down the Hampden corridor there are many businesses who are closed, bringing in a 200 person shelter will not help the economic situation of this area. My primary concern is that I am a parent of young children. With the 200 room shelter being composed of families (the mayor assured us it would just be families but the news is stating transgender and gender queer as well) this is a very large number of people who will be moved on a temporary basis to this community. The community does not have the infrastructure or the resources to hold this large number of people. During the meeting on Saturday when the mayor was asked how this would impact the public school system he said he was meeting with the superintendent of the district today. This clearly shows that no work has yet been done as this important meeting was yet to take place. While helping others is critical it cannot be done at the expense of hard-working citizens. I urge you to not allow the passing of a 200 person shelter in Hampden this is simply too large and has too high of a risk. Do not put my families future at risk due to an experiment. I moved to this area for the elementary school which is one of the highest ranking schools in Denver. Until a thorough plan is in place to assure that schools and existing families will not be negatively impacted no new families should be moved into the area.

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Thank you,
Cheris

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From: Cheris.Kline@cognizant.com
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Embassy Suites Hotel Turning into Hampden Shelter
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 8:45:46 AM

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From: [Kim Vande Griend](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to the Conversion of Embassy Suites to a Homeless Shelter
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 11:23:13 AM

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Sincerely,

Kim Vande Griend
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From: [Gerald Horner](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support Embassy Suites Hotel purchase
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 12:58:09 PM

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Dear Councilmembers,

Thank you for taking swift and urgent action to file and approve both a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Master Lease for the Embassy Suites Hotel at 7525 E. Hampden Ave.

This site is critical because it supports families and children living in Denver who do not have access to the safety and stability that we all need to thrive. This site will enable our city to immediately cut our family shelter waitlist in half and serve a growing number of families and children who struggle to afford the cost of living in Denver.

Additionally, I applaud you for working to create the first ever temporary housing/ shelter site in Southeast Denver. This site makes a major commitment to our shared focus around the equitable distribution of the homeless response system across our entire city.

I very much support and applaud you for taking this bold action, and encourage you to continue taking such bold action in other Council Districts and regions throughout our city that have not yet stepped forward to support our most vulnerable community members in this way.

Thank you for your leadership!

Sincerely,
Gerald Horner



303-653-5664

From: [Augustina Remedios](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment - Purchase and Sale Agreement and Master Lease Embassy Suites Hotel
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 1:16:07 PM

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RE: Direct File a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Embassy Suites Hotel at 7525 E. Hampden Ave - Public Comment

Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Augustina Remedios and I am the Grants and Operations Manager for the Neighborhood Development Collaborative (NDC). NDC is a coalition of 22 affordable nonprofit housing providers working across the Denver Metro Area to find equitable solutions for housing issues locally and across the state.

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for your swift and urgent action to file and approve both a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Master Lease for the Embassy Suites Hotel at 7525 E. Hampden Ave. Your commitment to addressing the critical issue of homelessness in our city is commendable, and I am grateful for the positive impact this decision will have on the lives of 205 families and children in Denver.

The significance of this site cannot be overstated, as it plays a crucial role in supporting families and children who currently lack access to the safety and stability necessary for their well-being. By utilizing this site, our city has the opportunity to immediately reduce the family shelter waitlist, providing timely assistance to those in need. This initiative aligns with our shared vision of creating a community where all individuals can thrive, regardless of their circumstances.

I would also like to commend the Council for its efforts in establishing the first-ever temporary housing/shelter site in Southeast Denver. This forward-thinking approach demonstrates a significant commitment to achieving an equitable distribution of the homeless response system across the entire city. I wholeheartedly support your decision and encourage you to continue taking bold actions in other Council Districts and regions that may not have yet stepped forward to support our most vulnerable community members.

Your leadership in this matter is truly commendable, and I want to express my gratitude for the positive impact it will have on our community. Initiatives like these exemplify the values of compassion, inclusivity, and a commitment to creating a city that cares for all its

residents. I encourage you to persist in such endeavors, making a lasting and positive difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Thank you for your dedication and leadership in addressing this important issue.

Sincerely,

Augustina Remedios
Grants and Operations Manager
Neighborhood Development Collaborative

From: [Kevin Matthews](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Purchase and Sale Agreement and Master Lease for the Embassy Suites Hotel at 7525 E. Hampden Ave
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Council members,

Last month I spoke in city council chambers regarding my neighbor's rezoning for a backyard cottage and about the general futility of our rezoning processes. I did not plan on staying in the chamber after the initial hearing but stayed in the chamber to listen to you debate the Mayor's ongoing effort to house our unhoused neighbors. What I heard was disappointing, as I remain unconvinced that many of you truly understand the nature of the problem and what is required to fix it.

I heard a lot about "equity", and community feedback, and how the "burden" of micro-communities and other congregant shelters should not be placed only on the shoulders of blacker and browner communities while wealthier and whiter communities contribute nothing to the cause. But the solution I heard from some of you was that we need even more community feedback, even more engagement. The idea that the inequities of public engagement can be undone by more of the same is a fantasy. It's a delusion. There is simply no equitable public engagement that can be done when we consider the freedom of time and access that wealth provides, and we see that time again like we did this past weekend when a loud minority attempted to shut down the purchase of a hotel to be used for homeless housing.

When group living was being debated a few years back, I heard time and again about the "overwhelming" opposition to the proposal, both in written comment and at the public meetings, some of which I attended, but when it came to the ballot, the Group living Amendment was passed by 70 percent of Denver voters. The required public engagement for these rezonings is useless and provides nothing meaningful about how the majority of Denver residents feel about any issue. However, the city of Denver did undergo another form of public engagement last April and Fall, and the Mayor, who ran on his plan of micro-communities and addressing our homelessness problem, won convincingly. Many of you ran and won on similar messages. There will be another public engagement of this kind in April of 2027, and that is the only truly one that matters.

Recent news about the economy has been promising. We've seen a drop in inflation while unemployment remains at record lows, along with rising wages at the lower end of the economic ladder. Paradoxically, however, because of outdated zoning constraints on new housing construction, housing outcomes will likely worsen and we'll see an increase in those living on the street. This outcome is a policy choice and one whose outcome is largely in your hands. If you're truly looking for an equitable outcome, there should be no more public engagement of this kind while people are living on the streets.

Regards,
Kevin Matthews
1020 Madison Street
Denver, CO

From: [FredJorgensen](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#); [next@9news.com](#); [russell.haythorn@denver7.com](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Purchase of Embassy Suites
Date: Saturday, December 16, 2023 10:05:31 PM

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I strongly oppose the \$30.9 million purchase of Embassy Suites for the following reasons:

- *The mayor's office has been less than transparent on this transaction, giving us little time for analysis and feedback. This is actually a violation of zoning code.
- *The surrounding neighborhoods have no information with regard to length of stay for residents, capacity of rooms, staffing, temporary status, long term use, surrounding encampments, inevitable increase in crime, adequacy of security, etc.
- *Is this a good use of taxpayer funds? Moving families from one shelter to another (also double counting) and sweeping families into shelters without adequate operating rules is only moving existing problems indoors.
- *Why are so many of these purchases involving Mayor Johnston's former employer? Is this an arm's length transaction or perhaps a conflict of interest?
- *What is the appraised value of the Embassy Suites? Do Council Members understand that Urban Land Conservancy (the mayor's former employer) has agreed to recently purchase the property for \$21 Million per available documents. Now the purchase price is \$30.9 Million. Why the lack of transparency?
- *The safety of these families, especially the children, is in question. Other shelters involving the Salvation Army have been understaffed and numerous instances of overdose, assault, and even worse have been documented.

Please consider these issue prior to voting on this resolution.

Fred Jorgensen
303.949.2151
fjorgensen@comcast.net

From: [ML Harrison](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re proposal to convert Embssy Suites to Multi-Use Housing
Date: Sunday, December 17, 2023 3:53:42 PM

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I have been a resident of Southmoor Park East since its beginning in 1972. During these last 51 years there has been good growth both in the neighborhood and the area. However in more recent years, the Hampden corridor area has definitely been slipping - good businesses closing. I would hate to see the neighborhood following suit though I don't know how it is going to avoid doing so. I find this proposal for the future of Embassy Suites as another step down that ladder.

I am not against trying to help the homeless but until and unless those people decide to help themselves and turn around the reasons they are in such a fix, I can't make them change nor will any amount of "help" such as this make them do so. Therefore giving them a place to stay that is warm and convenient during the winter would be very appealing but I see no requirement to take responsibility for themselves in this deal and that's why I can't believe this is the way to go. I pass people asking for money at intersections each day when I am on my way to work - even though I am now 86 years old. Maybe in comparison to them I have had a very cushy life, but I do think that my survival and future are my own responsibility and I will do my best to make it all work.

IF the residents of such a massive undertaking (on the taxpayer's nickel) were willing and able to show that they understand what is required of them to make their lives better for themselves and their children, I would feel better about doing such a thing. However without such assurances on the part of those benefiting from this effort, I cannot be in favor of it.

Marion Harrison
4054 S. Oneida St.
Denver, CO. 80237

From: [CASEY S](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#)
Cc: [Jennifer Esbenshade](#); [Fred Jorgensen](#); [Jack Green](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: CR23-1968 - Resolution to purchase the Embassy Suites at 7525 E Hampden Ave
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 9:26:15 AM
Attachments: [2023-12-16 Resolution.pdf](#)
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Attached is the Resolution opposing the conversion of the Embassy Suites by Southmoor Park East HOA and RNO and an exhibit for consideration by the members of the council at tonight's meeting.

From: [Amy Bales](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Comment for 12/18 Council Meeting
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 1:15:49 PM

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December 18, 2023

To: Denver City Council

From: Amy Bales,

I am writing today to express my deep concern re: your dereliction of duty as fiduciary stewards for the taxpayers of Denver County and your complete and total disregard for the Denver constituents you were elected to represent.

We are all aware the city is facing an unprecedented homeless and illegal immigrant influx throughout our streets and communities. The cause of these problems will likely be debated for many years to come however, most pressing, is how our city responds to such matters present day.

Since Mayor Mike Johnston's inauguration, his primary focus has been housing a mere 1,000 people. Our city has spent millions of dollars on his futile campaign promises.

Your repeated extensions of the Homeless Emergency Act have cost taxpayers not only dollars but also lost time of City employees that could have been spent on other issues directly affecting housed taxpayers. Additionally, the approval by the council for the city of Denver to purchase several defunct hotels under the guise of providing 'temporary housing' and it being an 'investment for taxpayers' is tantamount to the icing on our crumbling cake. At the very least these expenditure's should be put to a vote of the people as we are the one's paying for it.

City of Denver resident's, burdened not only by the increased costs of absolutely everything due to inflation resulting from fallout of various COVID pandemic responses, are simultaneously facing exorbitant cost of living increases from sources arising primarily from the actions of our own State house. After our legislature failed to provide any meaningful, measurable property tax relief in their recent special session, despite Colorado Voter's direct indications to do so, coupled with the Denver City Council's apparent unwillingness to address local mill levies to create some relief of the anticipated 35%+ crippling increase which is sure to result in more Denver resident homelessness, we are now also expected to bear the full costs of the emerging multi-million dollar Denver Homeless Industrial Complex.

I urge a 'No' vote on the measure for the City of Denver to purchase the hotel

property at 7525 E. Hampden Avenue. Denver residents have not authorized the Council to get into the Homeless Hotel business. I would also urge to you encourage Governor Polis to advocate for closing our Southern border and recriminalizing fentanyl which is wreaking havoc throughout the homeless community.

Sincerely,

Amy Bales
2407 S. Tennyson St.
Denver, CO 80219

From: [Aaron Kelly](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Homeless shelter 7525 E. Hampden Ave., Denver.
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 8:11:21 AM

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Hi, I'm writing in opposition of the homeless shelter at the Embassy Suites, 7525 E. Hampden Ave.

This project is not a good fit for the surrounding area. Minimal information has been provided by the city (1 email?) and now it appears there is a proposal for the city to purchase the property for \$30,000,000? Again, significant lack of information for a hot button issue that will have a generally negative impact on the surrounding area. This price is a significant premium for what that property is worth, there are far more better uses for that amount of money. One duty of elected officials is to communicate with their constituencies. This has not occurred.

Lastly, there is an on-going homeless problem in this area that should be solved before adding more homeless to the mix. i.e. ongoing encampment at I-25 and Hampden. On-going encampment under the I-225 bridge & S. Quebec.

Thank you. Aaron Kelly, 6565 E. Mansfield Ave., Denver.

From: richard_nrcadvice.com
To: [Barry Maness](#); [Steve Hall](#)
Cc: [dencc - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3; City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#); GRIEBSR2@msn.com; [NALCHall](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: SUBECT: CB 23-1968 Opposition to District 4 Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter Site
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Cc: "Steve Hall"; "Barry Maness"; nalchall@aol.com; "sstich9083"; william.fleming777@gmail.com; lucillesiegal@comcast.net; "Paul Lambert"; "Donelle Jordinelli"; "Weilmaryann@gmail.com"; "MIMI"; "Jacquie Schwindt"; "Richard Weil"
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: SUBJECT: CB 23-1968 Opposition to District 4 Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter Site
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 9:34:01 AM

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Dear Mayor Johnston and Respective Denver City Council Members:

My name is Richard Weil, and I am the President of a smaller HOA that is within Southmoor Park HOA called New Fortner and we are located just east of Monaco and south of Hampden Ave. Two of our board members have already sent a copy of this letter to you all this past weekend and I am copying all the members of our association as well in this email.

I am a native born and raised in Denver and I attended Thomas Jefferson High School and graduated in 1974. I reside in Southmoor Park at the address indicated below. This is a follow up to the meeting that was held this past Saturday December 16, 2023, at Hamilton Middle School.

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Your subsequent follow up and need to
make the “right decision” is appreciated and
the guidance of your constituents expected.

Sincerely,

Richard F. Weil
3961 S Magnolia Way
Denver, CO 80237-1224

Richardweil3961@gmail.com

From: [Barry Maness](#)
To: [Steve Hall](#)
Cc: [dencc - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#); [GRIEBSR2@msn.com](#); [NALCHall](#); [Richard.nrcadvice.com](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: SUBJECT: CB 23-1968 Opposition to District 4 Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter Site
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On Dec 17, 2023, at 1:44 PM, Steve Hall <stevhall1@aol.com> wrote:

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6580 E. Mansfield Ave.
Denver, CO 80237-1224

stevhall1@aol.com

From: [Kay Olson](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Resolution 23-1968 - Embassy Suites - 7525 E Hampden Ave
Date: Friday, December 15, 2023 10:57:08 AM

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I am writing today regarding Resolution 23-1968 – Embassy Suites – 7525 E. Hampden Ave. District 4.

First; I find the lack of transparency and rushed timeline regarding this resolution shocking. The community meeting for the directly nearby residences and business is scheduled 2 days before the final vote. The communication sent to community members was sent so late, there was little time for reaction. Meetings scheduled prior to the December 16th meeting were so small on the postcard it was illegible. Was the council hoping that lack of advance notice and scheduling of the meeting on the last weekend before Christmas a calculated and conscious choice so that the matter would be lost in the busy season? It certainly appears and feels to be the case. This terrible decision is being forced on the residents and businesses in District 4.

This particular area in District 4 is struggling already. Due to the already present population of transients, many businesses have closed. There are no unlocked or even available public restrooms in the nearby businesses. With the promise of the nearby shelter, more businesses are planning to relocate. My dentist is in the building across the parking lot from Embassy Suites and is planning on moving upon approval of the resolution. This area is rapidly declining, and the resolution will surely increase the pace of the decline.

The area simply cannot support the increase of population. The nearby schools are already past capacity. More traffic will be problematic. There will be fewer nearby businesses as many will close and move. Sidewalks are in disrepair and walking will be difficult. The light rail station is more than a mile from the shelter. Police presence is very much non-existent. Vandalism and theft is at a high level for nearby residents. Business travelers, visiting friends and family will not longer have the choice to stay near the DTC and those they have come to visit. Due to the lack of visitors, businesses will notice a lack of revenue. Nearby parks are small and were not designed for massive amounts of usage. The likelihood of new businesses moving to the area with the shelter nearby is non-existent. The shelter is simply way way way too close to neighborhood residents.

The closest residential community located literally in the backyard of the shelter is Morningside Condos. I am a homeowner at Morningside. The condo complex is primarily

inhabited by elderly already vulnerable residents. I am 68 and I am on the younger end of the residents. There are indeed some younger folks, but the majority are older than me. I personally have a very limited time frame during the day when I feel comfortable walking in the area. Most of the elderly residents are on a fixed income and do not have the resources to move if the shelter moves in, they will need to sit back and watch their property values decrease, insurance rates increase, limit the safe activity outside of their homes, deal with reduced services in the area and generally just be scared and feel trapped. Really? Is this what the City of Denver wants? Shameful.

Single mothers and children. Children are legally children until age 18. This means an influx of unsupervised teenagers wandering the area. Another problem for residents and businesses.

The wraparound services for the proposed new residents are no where near close to the shelter. Most services are downtown. Does that mean no assistance during a crisis situation? Will the trip to access services simply be too long and difficult to achieve for the shelter residents? There will probably be security for the shelter residents but none for the surrounding area.

I am assuming there will be rules for the shelter. No alcohol, no drugs etc.. I worked with a church to assist sheltering individuals for a number of years. The rules did help inside the shelter. However, what happened repeatedly was that the residents would simply go outside, to a park or open space, to do what they wanted and then return to the shelter leaving discarded bottles, trash and needles scattered about. With full confidence I can report that this will happen with this proposed shelter.

It is not lost on me that no one wants a shelter in their backyard. This shelter will not only be in my backyard, but it will also literally be at my backdoor. My backdoor is on the little park closest to the shelter. The one being touted as a nearby recreation area. It is used now at a reasonable level. Reasonable noise. Fairly trash free. The park hours seem appropriate for the level of use. This level of personal security and well-being will be gone. Park hours will likely be ignored. My life will change and not in a good way at all. I'm disappointed, discouraged and feel ignored by the City of Denver.

The residents in this area have built their lives here. Their financial security is dependent on their investment in their properties. They selected their homes considering the surrounding area. The amenities, the location in a stable residential neighborhood. A shelter in the middle of an established residential area is not an idea that should be proposed or even considered. It is a cruel attack on those who have been living in the area, paying taxes and voting for a long time. Why? Why is this being forced on us? It's unwelcome, unwanted, and inappropriate. Our council member, Diana Romero Campbell sent an email stating that she is honored to have this property selected. The email also requested donations. We are far from honored. We will not be donating. We are enraged and vehemently oppose this proposal. It won't affect her neighborhood, so I suppose it seems like not a big deal to her. It is a HUGE deal for us.

VOTE NO ON RESOLUTION 23-1968!!!!!!!!!!!! IT IS A BAD IDEA.

Regards,
Kay Olson

From: [Perry Ralph](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] STOP the Embassy Suites near Hampden
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 10:46:33 AM

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Good Day

I'm reaching out today in regards to the potential Embassy Suites off Hampden being transformed into a homeless shelter. I Our family have experience with the homeless - family members runs a charities outside of denver. We understand reasons behind homeless with addiction problems or mental illness near or at the top. I applaud the Mayor's effort to reduce homelessness in denver, I feel it is somewhat short sighted. If feels like the approach is to onlu say a political promise is met

This plan on the hotel not a good area to put families. First of all they will be in the middle of businesses .. that is not a home-like environment. Secondly, Hampdem is an insanely busy road. Lots of accidents/high speeds. I can't even imagine these kids trying to cross that intersection.

We have something special in the Southmoore East area.. We live in a city but our kids run free without fear. We can allow them to ride the bike to the park and have similar freedoms that I had growing up in a suburb. I don't want to move to the suburbs because I feel it lacks diversity, but there are real concerns about the homeless moving into this hotel with very little background information. How do we know none of these folks have backgrounds in child related crimes?

We do not appreciate how the city is moving forward with very little community involvement. It feels sneaky and rushed. WE WILL NOT FORGET come voting time.. let's correct this NOW. Please put a stop to this process.

We have a 2-year-old granddaughter living near the hotel and we frequent the nearby park, just across Hampden from the current Embassy Suites location. **I fully support the southmore HOA position on this purchase and use of as homeless shelter This week please slow down the process (lack of timely comunication and no community input) or even STOP the Embassy Suites near Hampden & I-25 from becoming a homeless shelter.**

Sincerely,
Perry Ralph

From: [Chris Miller](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Strong support for purchase of the Embassy Suites on E Hampden to provide housing to people experiencing homelessness
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 2:58:10 PM

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Hi City Council, I'm Christopher Miller, a parent/homeowner who lives in Council District 4, approximately one mile from the Embassy Suites building on Hampden. I strongly support this project and think it's an honor for District 4 to contribute to housing more of our currently unhoused neighbors. I can't think of a better building than an old hotel with suite-style rooms to house families. My children are ages 9 and 6 and attend Denver Public Schools. We will keep our kids enrolled at their current school. We will continue shopping at Tamarac and additional local businesses near the site. We will continue taking our kids to the many great parks near the site, including Hutchinson, Southmoor, Bible, Golden Key and Rosamond. Unhoused families are just like us, only that society has harmed them in ways my family has yet (but could at some point in the future) to experience. Many of us are a lost job, illness, tragedy, etc from experiencing housing instability. We owe it to our unhoused community members to help them get a safe place to live to help them get back on their feet. Thank you for supporting this project.

Thank you,
Christopher Miller

From: [Steve Hall](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
Cc: [GRIEBSR2@msn.com](#); [NALCHall](#); [Richard nrcadvice.com](#); [Barry Maness](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SUBJECT: CB 23-1968 Opposition to District 4 Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter Site
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Denver, CO 80237-1224

stevhall1@aol.com

From: [Tatyana Chashnik](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Subject: CB 23-1968 Opposition to District 4 Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter Site
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Sincerely,

Tatyana Chashnik

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From: [John Esbenshade](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Subject: CB 23-1968 Opposition to District 4 Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter Site
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Additionally, where does the city and county of Denver have \$30.9M to acquire a property? Are there federal dollars involved cause nobody has mentioned that point in the process.

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Sincerely,

John

From: [Dan Migala](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Subject: CB 23-1968 Opposition to District 4 Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter Site
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From: [Jazmin Chavez](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Embassy Suites Family Shelter-
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 11:53:55 AM

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To the Esteemed Council Members-

I am a resident of District 4 and live about a mile and a half from the proposed family shelter. I am urgently imploring you to please move forward with his purchase to create a family shelter in our neighborhood.

I have seen families begging for food and money with their small children on the corner of 1-25 and Hampden and I am always concerned for their safety and also the well being of the small children.

We all must do our part to help families in need and I believe this is a great way to do that in our neighborhood. I would encourage the council to also hear the concerns of our neighbors to ensure the safety of all and to consider perhaps making it a high barring shelter and not low so that we can best support families in their recovery, if they are facing substance abuse issues, and to ensure the safety of folks within that area.

Regardless, I proudly support the opening of a family shelter in district 4 and will be donating items to Council Woman Diana's office this week.

Thank you for your leadership and service

Jazmin Chavez

Jazmin Chavez
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From: [Melody](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Embassy Suites
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 3:00:23 PM

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My name is Melody and I live in District 4. I just want to share my support for the planned transitional housing for families and children at the Embassy Suites on Hampden.

There is no easy solution for those experiencing homelessness. I applaud Councilwoman Romero Campbell for advocating that the Mayor's plan for District 4 include housing for families and children. Seeking to provide a temporary and safe haven for those in need, aligns with our shared values of compassion, dignity, and the well-being of all residents that reside in our district. While single adults may be the most visible of those experiencing homelessness, children and families are the most vulnerable and I fully support this initiative to house them in our neighborhood.

I appreciate the work CW Romero Campbell has done and will continue to do for all residents of her District.

Thank you.

From: [Debra Meyer](#)
To: [City Council District 8](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [dence - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Housing Site
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 11:15:43 AM

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Dear Councilmembers,

Thank you for taking swift and urgent action to uphold human dignity for our unhoused neighbors. We urge your support for the project to create a shelter at the former Embassy Suites Hotel at [7525 E. Hampden Ave.](#)

This site is critical because it supports families and children living in Denver who do not have access to the safety and stability that we all need to thrive. This site will enable our city to immediately cut our family shelter waitlist in half and serve a growing number of families and children who struggle to afford the cost of living in Denver.

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Thank you for your leadership!

Sincerely,
Debra Meyer, Resident District 8
Leader with Together Colorado

From: [Nolan Hahn](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the Embassy Suites Project
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 1:32:26 PM

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Dear Councilmembers,

Thank you for taking action to file and approve both a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Master Lease for the Embassy Suites Hotel at 7525 E. Hampden Ave.

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Sincerely,

Nolan Hahn
President, La Alma Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association
Lead, Yimby Denver

From: [Mary Jane Rapport](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] support of transition of Embassy Suites - District 4
Date: Sunday, December 17, 2023 8:32:12 PM

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My husband and I live in District 4, and we are in full support of the purchase and use of the Embassy Suites on Hampden to provide transitional housing for families with children. We believe this is an ideal location in our District that offers opportunities for families with children to have safe living spaces and build productive lives. We commend the City Council for taking this action.

We have MANY neighbors who are in agreement with us, too.

Thank you,
Mary Jane

Mary Jane Rapport
phone: 720-849-5252

From: [marie ezman](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tamarac Family Shelter
Date: Sunday, December 17, 2023 10:38:39 PM

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As a longtime property owner at Morningside Condos I need to voice my strong opposition to the converting Embassy Suites to family “shelter “.

Listen to us! We’re the home owners, renters, small and large businesses that do not want this “shelter “

Listen to us! We’re the people who voted you to be our voice in our community! You represent us, our concerns, our wishes for the future of our community.

We voiced our strong opposition to this at the meeting December 16. Did you hear our voices? Are you listening to us?

You are fast forwarding this agenda because the community is in strong opposition of it.

Refuse to grant the sale of this property to be used as a family “shelter “.

Let us know that you have heard our voices.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Rachael McClair](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Cc: [James McClair](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Temporary Housing at the Embassy Suites on Hampden
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To the Denver City Council -

My name is Rachael McClair. My family moved to District 4 in 2018. I am the pastor of Highlands Church in Denver, in the Platt Park neighborhood. My husband James and I are in support of converting the Embassy Suites on Hampden into temporary housing. We are both actively involved in various efforts to support unhoused individuals and families in Denver. We are familiar with the people who are directly impacted by the unaffordability of Denver - we hear their stories and see how being unhoused contributes to many other difficulties, such as keeping their children in school, providing nutritional food, and maintaining other aspects of good health.

We are aware that many neighborhoods have concerns over complications that having a temporary homeless shelter in the community can bring. In our experience, we have found that providing people housing, even temporarily, alleviates many of the concerns, rather than contributes to them, particularly when shelters are set up with proximity to other resources, such as transportation, grocery stores, etc. Having housing is a key to maintaining employment, which we know helps prevent and mitigate 'alternative' income-generating behaviors.

Our family is a family with a strong spiritual faith, and so we come to this conversation from this foundation as well. As a Christian pastor, I am inspired by the story of the Good Samaritan who used his resources (time and money) to not only care for a man beaten on the side of the road, but to also provide temporary shelter and continued care for an additional night.

I know many folks in the community are concerned about realities such as decreased property values when things like temporary shelters or affordable housing are installed in the neighborhood - and I get that. I really do. But I hope that we can hold the welfare of our unhoused neighbors at a higher concern. I realize that there are steps we need to take to ensure that plans like the one for the Embassy Suites are implemented safely, but I hope we can work towards those, and not get stuck in the "not in my neighborhood" rhetoric I have heard around town.

Thanks for hearing us and taking our support into account.

Rachael and James McClair

From: [Deslie Hamersky](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#); [District 4 City Council](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 7](#); [City Council District 8](#); [City Council District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1404 Member Denver City Council](#); [Office of Councilwoman Sarah Parady](#); [Office of Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimonial: YOUR FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY: VOTE NO
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 2:26:43 PM

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To each and every elected council member about to vote on using \$30.1 million of tax paying funds to purchase the Embassy Suites for the Tamarac Shelter...

This approval is not a question of if you support getting "families - i.e. at least 1 adult & 1 child under 18" off the street/moved from another shelter, **this approval and vote is you signaling that with full and utter complete confidence that you are doing your fiduciary responsibilities** to the tax-payer, voters you serve.

Doing your fiduciary responsibility means you can answer YES to these:

1. You have held the Mayor accountable on our behalf to ensure he has **comprehensive risk management plans** in place for the communities his House1000 initiative impacts (see below)
2. You have held the Mayor accountable on our behalf to ensure he is holding every third & fourth party, e.g. Salvation Army, delivering his House1000 initiative to the same risk management standards
3. You have proof the Mayor has no conflict of interest in continuing to funnel majority if not all shelter deals through ULC, a subsidiary of the company he use to serve as a CEO
4. You factually know that the Mayor, his administration, or any of your council people are **not** making any money directly or indirectly off this contract
5. You completely understand and see why the final purchase price has increased \$10M using additional tax paying funds

I have worked 13 years in one of the most regulated industries in this country, banking & wealth management, and unfortunately for me--unlike the Mayor--I don't just get access to funds by highlighting what "hopeful" success my project will have.

Instead I must **earn the confidence that my success will come with little to no regulatory, reputational, or operational risk to the company.** How do I do that??

As a project owner, I **MUST in an auditable fashion:**

- **Comprehensively** outline what risks I am introducing to our customers, stakeholders, and employees by launching any initiative, including partnering with third-party vendors
- List **every** scenario of what would drive that risk to happen

- **Evaluate** every scenario for the likelihood and impact it would have if it came true to our customers, stakeholders, and employees

Now the fun part, for **every scenario** with any incremental risk to clients, stakeholders or employees, I **MUST outline a series of controls that would ensure we minimize the risk to essentially zero to ensure that I remain in control as the project owner limiting our risk exposure as a company.**

There are 3 types of controls, I must use **together to reduce risk:**

1. **Preventative:** this type of control helps prevent this risk from ever happening
2. **Detective:** this type of control helps monitor if the risk is starting to materialize
3. **Directive:** this type of control helps direct what we do when the risk materializes to a threshold we are not comfortable with

Once I have these outlined, I must

1. **test these controls** to ensure they work at measuring the right things and in the right ways
2. **prove that any of our third-parties** can also adhere to our controls
3. **commit to the exact frequency & monitoring** of these controls & how we will document our actions we said we would if a risk starts to materialize
4. **outline the exit plan** for if things go off the rails we know exactly how to shut it down

This and ONLY this is **how I gain the confidence to get financial approval** to move forward with an initiative because this is how I demonstrate to regulators, leaders, and our customers **we have things under control**, take their investment seriously, and hopefully will see the success I think we will **without any additional risk to them.**

The vote you are about to make today is the checks and balances we rely on in this democracy. It is the check we as constituents depend on. It is the only thing we have for you to ensure the project owner here, the Mayor, is in fact taking this investment seriously and demonstrating to you that **he understands ALL the risks his initiative brings to your communities and EXACTLY what he will do when it doesn't go to plan.**

If the meeting on Saturday demonstrated one thing, it is that the Mayor takes none of the risks and concerns of his project seriously, he defers all accountability to other departments, agreements, or companies, and he has no risk monitoring or mitigation plans.

The only thing you should be confident in is his **inability to manage this project and lack of accountability he is taking**, which should terrify each and every one of you on behalf of your constituents & communities.

His project ownership is what you are voting on today. It is NOT your desire to help children and families.

Plus, if any of you actually cared about the safety of these kids and your communities, you will **vote no until this administration does not defer accountability but steps up to it** and supplies an exhaustive list of how he and the Salvation Army are mitigating their risks to zero.

The Mayor himself demonstrated Saturday that hasn't even thought about the safety of children under 5 living 100 ft from one of the busiest streets or in a complex that has open air multi-story banisters.

How many children's lives are you ready to have on your conscience simply because you are not slowing down to properly manage your risks?

I implore you to vote no and demonstrate to your constituents that you are serving their best interest by demanding more thoughtfulness.

I can guarantee if you don't, each and every vote yes will be held as an accomplice to the failures and we will hold you responsible.

Follow your own emergency response protocol to ensure people are confident when something happens: **be prepared, know your plan.**

Vote NO until you are prepared and know your plan.

Thank you,
Deslie Hamersky
Resident of District 4

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From: [carol.denewiler](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Transparency regarding sale of Embassy Suites Hotel
Date: Friday, December 15, 2023 7:30:47 PM

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Subject: CB 23-1968 Opposition to District 4 Embassy Suites Homeless Shelter Site

Dear City Council Members and Mayor Johnston,

I urgently express concerns regarding recent decisions affecting our community:

Fiduciary Duty, Conflict of Interest, and Purchase Agreement:

The \$30.9 million Embassy Suites Hotel sale involving Urban Land Conservancy (ULC) raises concerns about conflict of interest. Initially purchased by ULC for \$21 million, there are questions about the sudden demand by Mike for an additional \$10 million, bringing the total to \$30,900,000. This significant increase warrants transparency in understanding the transaction details.

Shelter Safety:

Recent incidents highlight safety and staffing issues at our shelters. This includes a drastic spike in 911 calls. Low barrier shelters should not be placed in an area near businesses homes and schools. Immediate attention is needed.

Lack of Transparency:

Hasty public hearings and a lack of transparency erode public trust. Upholding your duty demands openness and community involvement.

Our community relies on transparent and accountable leadership. Addressing these concerns promptly is essential to fulfilling your fiduciary duty to the community.

Sincerely,
Carol Denewiler
Sent from my iPad

From: [Chandler, Cole - MO Senior Advisor for Homelessness Resolution](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support for Homeless Shelter in SE Denver
Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 2:58:50 PM
Attachments: [Letter of Support for shelter at 7525 E. Hampden.pdf](#)
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Forwarding this letter I received from a constituent.

Thanks,
Cole



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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support for Homeless Shelter in SE Denver

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Cole,

Thank you for all of the work you are doing with the House1000 initiative. I've attached a letter of support for the Embassy Suites Hotel being turned into a shelter. Jessica Dominguez mentioned the vote is today and that you're gathering supportive letters. Please let me know if you have any questions and if there is a different way to support this initiative.

Best,

Jason

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From: [Brooks, Andrew - CC YA2245 City Council Aide](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#)
Subject: Fwd: Embassy Suites Conversion//UHNC Board Vote
Date: Saturday, December 16, 2023 4:10:57 PM

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From: STEVEN ARNOLD <stevenwarnold@msn.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Embassy Suites Conversion//UHNC Board Vote

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Diana, Andrew, and all

The University Hills North Community Registered Neighborhood Board has voted in support of the mayor's plan to buy and convert The Embassy Suites at 7525 E. Hampden Ave. Denver, CO.

We have a unanimous vote of 7 in support, we have been unable to reach 1 board member.
Sincerely yours,
STEVEN

Paul Leone President and Steve Arnold Treasurer

Sent on my Samsung Galaxy S20 FE 5G.
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