



## WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Harbor Interfaith Services,

The Wilmington Neighborhood Council requests a presentation by Harbor Interfaith Services to discuss and answer questions regarding the agreement entered between HIS and the City of Manhattan Beach.

As the duly elected body tasked with representing our community interest, we request that a representative from your organization provide information to our community in a clear and transparent manner so we can be fully versed on what effects your agreement will have on our community and CD15 as a whole.

We are requesting that a presentation be given at our January 2020 meeting. It is our understanding that the agreement that Harbor Interfaith Services entered with the City of Manhattan Beach the scope of services include, "referrals to interim housing, treatment centers, and permanent housing." It goes on to state, "Over the 16-month contract, at least 200 Beach Cities' homeless residents will receive case management and will be documented per LAHSA's standards. Out of that number, at least 24 will be referred to Interim Housing, 32 clients will be referred to CES and other permanent housing components (e.g. Rapid Rehousing, Permanent Supportive Housing), and at least 50 will be referred to treatment programs. These targets are consistent with LAHSA's performance outcomes."

Specifically, we would like to have the following question answered and following issues addressed:

1. How many homeless shelters will be built within the beach city communities of Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach?
2. If no homeless facilities are to be built in those communities, why not?
3. Will any of the referrals made for interim or permanent housing or treatment centers services be in the community of Wilmington? If so, how many?
4. How much funding from measure HHH will you receive from each beach community?

5. If there is to be referral for services located in Wilmington, how many of the 200 clients mentioned in the “agreement” will be referred to Wilmington?
6. Of the 200 clients mentioned in the “agreement” how many will be referred to facilities within Council District 15?
7. If no shelters will be located or built within the community of Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach or Redondo Beach, what actions has Harbor Interfaith taken with regards to feedback from the communities that will be getting these referrals?

The Wilmington Neighborhood Council has taken official action opposing Bridge Housing, Safe Parking and Permanent Supportive Housing within our Community. We oppose the trafficking of individuals into our community because more affluent communities have chosen not to address these issues within their own communities. It is an unfair burden to ask our already environmentally burdened community to have individuals placed, referred and tracked permanently and intermittently into our community when we are struggling with our own issues and request that Harbor Interfaith do not place clients from the beach city communities or any other community within the boundaries of Wilmington.

Best Regards,

*Valerie Contreras*

Valerie Contreras, Chair  
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CC: City of Manhattan Beach City Council  
City of Torrance City Council  
City of Redondo Beach City Council