

From: Lauren Westreich
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2015 1:24 PM
To: Kevin.Taylor; gwalden;
beatie.pompa@gmail.com; Dave Cloutier; Brian Wood; Roberts Alex;
Prado (Lederer), Margot; DeVries, Joe; Michael Herling; George Burt;
Steve Lowe; Cook, Brigitte
Subject: Beach/Wood Streets homeless encampments

Many of you attended the recent BizAlert meeting held on Wednesday October 21st and those that did not have expressed serious concerns about the homeless encampments on Beach and Wood Streets. I wanted to follow up with you all. We all understand the gravity of the situation and the need to address it immediately.

At that BizAlert meeting we discussed a project we've been working on - the Undermaze Project - which includes Beach/Wood Streets. We are continuing to work on that project, but the issue of the homeless encampments requires immediate attention. The Undermaze Project will ultimately address homelessness and some possible solutions moving forward, but it doesn't solve your immediate need to dismantle the encampments right away.

I welcome any and all help with the Undermaze Project and think it is the correct approach. One that can give us lasting relief from the ails we face daily in West Oakland. If you have an interest in participating in that project, please let me know. I just didn't want you to be waiting with the expectation that the Undermaze Project was working to fix the immediate crisis of the growing homeless encampment outside your front doors.

In the meantime, I have copied Joe DeVries on this email because he is your best contact to get the appropriate resources together - City staff, OPD, etc. - to remove the encampments. I would encourage you to work together to come up with a solution to prevent the problem from recurring. Perhaps a jointly-funded security solution as Council President McElhaney suggested would work.

If you would like to form a sub-committee specifically focused on this corner of the project area and the homeless encampments in particular, I am happy to help you put that together. As things progress with the Undermaze Project I will be reaching out to you all for your support, help and input.

Best of luck
Lauren

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From: Alvarez, Monica

Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2014 5:32 AM

To: PWA Call Center; Cook, Brigitte; Wald, Zachary; Church, Mike

Cc: O'CON, JOHN C; Qualls, Bruce

Subject: Homeless Encampment at Clear Channel Outdoor 2857 Hannah Street Oakland CA 946083

Good morning,

We currently have about two homeless living on our business sidewalk for the past 5 months. Yesterday, another homeless moved in, in front of our business – seems to be getting worse.

Monica Alvarez

Operations Assistant

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From: Robert Wilkins < >
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2015 4:17 PM
To: Tariq Norris; Kathleen Gushoney
Cc: Cook, Brigitte
Subject:FW: MRB -Illegal Trash Dump 7/29
Attachments: 20150729_151442_resized.jpg; 20150729_151337_resized.jpg;
20150729_151316_resized.jpg

Importance: High

Good Afternoon Tariq ----- first of all, thank you for addressing the issues brought to my attention by Council District 3 staff members. The swift and comprehensive clean-up of the MRB facility was done superbly. As you note with the photos here, there is an ongoing problem of dumping, drug use and vagrancy in the neighborhood which we surely will do our part to abate. We will need the active participation and cooperation of the city in dealing with the homeless situation and the dumping on public property surrounding our building.

I have copied Brigitte Cook, the Senior Community Liaison for CD3 to keep her abreast of our efforts and to solicit their support for quick follow through by the city for clean-up and maintenance of public spaces. Please keep her in the communications loop when issues arise. Our collective and ongoing efforts will make the area as clean and safe as it deserves to be.

Thanks for your great leadership.

RAW
Robert A. Wilkins | President & CEO
YMCA of the East Bay

From: Tariq Norris
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2015 4:04 PM
To: Robert Wilkins; Kathleen Gushoney
Subject: Fwd: MRB -Illegal Trash Dump 7/29
Importance: High

In my rush to get the first email out I noticed a typo.

Good afternoon everyone,

Yesterday there was a complete cleaning and trash removal around the M. Robinson Baker YMCA. Today on the Brockhurst side of our facility there was another illegal dumping.

I have also included a photo of a homeless encampment directly across the street from our facility (City of Oakland Teen Center) also on the Brockhurst side of our facility. I'll call Restoration 911 and have them come out again or maybe the City of Oakland can do a pick up. We will continue to be diligent as it relates to the cleaning and upkeep of the facility. I'll send another email update tomorrow morning.

-Tariq

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From: Wald, Zachary
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 7:01 PM
To: Cook, Brigitte
Subject: Fwd: 30th street homeless living under the underpass

Zac Wald
Chief of Staff
City Councilmember Lynette McElhaney
510-238-7033

----- Original Message -----

From: Kegan Stedwell
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 04:59 PM
To: jdevries@oaklandnet.com
Subject: 30th street homeless living under the underpass
CC: atlarge@oaklandnet.com, ZWald@oaklandnet.com, CFarmer@oaklandnet.com, Scotty Harrison

To my concerned City Council members,
I am very worried, upset and exasperated that we are seeing another homeless develop under the overpass on 30th street between Telegraph Ave and MLK Jr Blvd. We neighbors fought for over a year to get the last one that came along out of there. Now we have broken car windows every morning on our block, needles, defecation buckets and outright screaming harassment when anyone walks through there.
This will not stand.
Just the other day I saw a crew of Cal Trans workers with trucks and gear and guys standing around under the underpass and at the end of that day nothing had changed, none of the trash had been picked up or trucked away. I saw the same actions with BART crew, no changes after they had reported for duty on the underpass on 30th street. I see police driving by also choosing to look away. And because the first homeless tent wasn't removed as it camped out under a NO LOITERING sign our neighborhood spent months fighting for, now more have arrived.

These people have refused entering the shelter system, they prefer to party and steal to pay for their habits.
I say NO MORE.
And I will personally help move them to the Piedmont neighborhood I am getting so frustrated.

My tenants are having to pay for broken windows in their cars to get repaired on almost a weekly basis. It is unacceptable.

They are living directly under NO LOITERING signs posted by the city of Oakland. Where is the city to enforce these postings?
Please reply to this letter.

Help us clean up our neighborhood and make it safe again!!

Kegan Stedwell
Triplex owner

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From: Matt
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 1:13 PM
To: Cook, Brigitte
Subject: Hannah st. Homeless moved 1 block to 34th x Hannah

Hi Brigitte,

My name is Matt McClelland, and I live on Hannah St. Regarding the movement/eviction of the encampment on Hannah @ 32nd, at least one individual has relocated to the corner of 34th x Hannah, 1 block away. I have alerted the police, and contacted both michelle @ JHF, and Monica @ clear channel, to also call police non emergency. Please address this matter as soon as possible. Thank you, I would very much appreciate a reply.

Matt

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From: NICK
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 4:46 PM
To: Cook, Brigitte
Subject:homeless crisis in chinatown
Attachments: homelessyounmanx-iPhone-cell.3gp

A homeless young man has been allowed to live on the downtown streets of Oakland for several years. Recently he has literally taken up residence on the vacant corner of 8th and Webster in what was once a vibrant Asian American community. Two days ago I reported the matter to the Oakland police (incident number 397) to have a crisis intervention team try to assist the man.

Yesterday I saw he was still lying in the same spot on the vacant storefront corner and again went to the police where the desk sergeant said the man was found by the responding officer to "not be mentally unstable" but was also sent to the hospital and released. When I inquired for the name of the officer I was told her name was Cynthia Espinoza but the non emergency dispatcher has no record of any information on the incident.

Today I again found the man resting in his usual spot but was now appearing to be sunburned and reddish in color since he has been baking in the sun for several days now.

I have also observed this man repeatedly over the course of the last 3 years and have additional photo and video documentation that I will send to you later as time permits. I believe he has been hospitalized on numerous prior occasions but always returns to the same area. At times when he is awake he exhibits bizarre behavior such as performing Kung Fu dances in the middle of the intersection or popping up and making snarling noises at pedestrians who walk by.

The whole escapade is emblematic of a completely dysfunctional mental health system where no agency of government or private charity will take responsibility in the matter.

This simply cannot be allowed to continue for him and for similarly affected individuals who also need institutionalization as the only humane and cost effective solution in the long run.

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From: Terry Caughell
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 8:59 AM
To: DeVries, Joe
Cc: McElhaney, Lynette
Subject: Homeless Encampment

Joe: Thought I'd follow up. As of this morning nothing changed between 24th and 26th and Wood Street.
Regards,
Terry

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From: Steve Heimoff <
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 10:47 AM
To: Allison, Darren
Cc: Cook, Brigitte; Jones, Sabrina D.; Wald, Zachary
Subject:homeless encampment

Dear Officer Allison,

I'm writing to you, as Head of Area 2, about a homeless encampment that needs to be removed because of its inappropriate location. It is in the bushes on the grounds of the Veteran's Building, just off the corner of Grand and Harrison.

That area is the portal to the Adams Point neighborhood. As you know, Adams Point is a "frontline community." It is important for the City, and OPD, to protect it. Oakland is in a period of growth right now, and Adams Point is a showcase community for newcomers who turn to Oakland because it is a wonderful, affordable place to live. If the quality of life in Adams Point goes down, then our entire City suffers.

The encampment I refer to has been there for a long time, and it is dirtier and bigger than ever. The people who camp there defecate on the sidewalk and in the busstop, throw their trash all over the lawn and into the stream that empties into Lake Merritt, and give the area a menacing feeling, especially at night. I have seen some of the individuals who frequent the camp roaming my neighborhood at night, loitering in alleys and going through recycling bins.

I have repeatedly notified the Mayor's Office and Councilwoman McElhaney about this problem, but they have said, in essence, that there is nothing they can do about it. I don't believe this. I believe that they choose to do nothing—thereby giving tacit permission to these people to set up permanent encampments. Once established, these camps grow, both in size and in geographic spread. Now located on the fringes of Adams Point, they will—if left unchecked—soon be within Adams Point itself.

I do not understand why these people are not told to leave, once and for all. If they return, they should be cited, as anyone is who routinely breaks city laws and ordinances. If the campers are mentally ill, they should not be living on the streets—they should be institutionalized and given help. If they are not mentally ill, but are mentally sound, then they are scofflaws—people who deliberately break the law over and over.

Can you please reply to me and let me know what OPD plans to do about this camp?

Thank you.

Steve Heimoff

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From: Foster, Frank
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 11:51 AM
To: Cook, Brigitte; Jones, Sabrina D.
Subject: RE: 28th Street and Ettie Street

Brigitte,

I do not have an ETA at this time, but I should be able to provide that information by the close of business today.

Thanks for bringing this issue to my attention.

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From: Cook, Brigitte
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 11:15 AM
To: Jones, Sabrina D.; Foster, Frank
Subject: FW: 28th Street and Ettie Street

Hey Team, do you have an ETA on when this encampment will be removed?

Brigitte Cook, Community Liaison

From: Richard Fuentes
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 9:17 AM
To: Cook, Brigitte
Cc: Moore, Leland; Quezada, Thomas; DeVries, Joe
Subject: Re: 28th Street and Ettie Street

Brigitte,

The HOA board of directors of my residential complex has asked to follow-up with the Council Office regarding a homeless encampment and large debris on 28th Street and Ettie Street in West Oakland. I have reached out to the City Administrators Office and City Staff with no action on the matter for nearly two months.

It was first reported in early July and as of today has not been addressed. Please see emails below.

I appreciate your assistance on this matter.
Thank you.

Richard

On Wed, Aug 19, 2015 at 3:02 PM, Richard Fuentes wrote:

The homeless encampment keeps growing and is now worst than when I first reported the problem. When is the City of Oakland planning on addressing the problem that is on City of Oakland property?

On Fri, Aug 14, 2015 at 3:38 PM, DeVries, Joe <JDeVries@oaklandnet.com> wrote:

Ok, I am copying the Public Works Supervisor and Community Resource Officer on the below email so they are aware of what you are dealing with.

Leland and Officer Quesada, this encampment is on 28th by Ettie and Leland is planning on removing it next week. If possible Officer Quesada, if you could join them and advise the people they are violating OMC code by completely blocking the sidewalk.

Thanks,

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From: Richard Fuentes
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 3:26 PM

To: DeVries, Joe
Subject: Re: 28th Street and Ettie Street

Joe,
Thank you for your update.
As of this morning there are now a handful of tents on the sidewalk. Blocking access to pedestrians walking and worst people are engaging in sexual activity at night inside the tents and cars pulling over.

On Wed, Aug 12, 2015 at 4:11 PM, DeVries, Joe <JDeVries@oaklandnet.com> wrote:
Hi Richard,

I checked with the Public Works Supervisor and they plan on removing that encampment next week. I did not get an exact date as it depends on their outreach schedule but he said "worst case" scenario, Saturday. I thought they had covered this spot in late July but apparently they did not—last time was late June or early July.

Sorry for the delay,

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From: Richard Fuentes
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 9:59 AM
To: DeVries, Joe
Subject: Re: 28th Street and Ettie Street

Hi Joe,

What is the status of the homeless encampment at 28th Street and Ettie? It is now worst than it was a month ago when I emailed you. The HOA board has asked me to forward my emails to the Mayor's and Council Offices since we have not received any positive outcome. Please let me know so I can work directly with you.

Thank you.
Richard

On Wed, Jul 22, 2015 at 2:55 PM, Richard Fuentes wrote:

Hi Joe,

Any update when the homeless encampment outside my home will be removed. Attached is the most recent picture. The debris and homeless encampment appear to be on the sidewalk on City of Oakland property.

Richard Fuentes
Email | ritchiefuentes@gmail.com

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From: Robert3327
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 1:20 PM
To: Cook, Brigitte
Cc: Natalie Thomas; Mike Altman; Tyler Henthorne; Ariel Dekovic; Minor, Gregory; Alex Miller-Cole; ray kidd; Carol Wyatt; Carey Knecht; Douglas Taylor; Joey Wolf; karen zukor; Linda McFadden; Moises Aceves; Sarahlynn White; Terri Dunn; David Stein; Diana DeMarsico
Subject:Re: Encampment Enforcement prior to the Preparation for the Playground Installation at the Helen St. Farm - Fire Yesterday

Thank you, Brigitte!

The camp has been bouncing back and forth from the West to East side of Haven Street for some time now. It would be really great to get a handle on it.

On Mon, Jul 20, 2015 at 11:32 AM, Cook, Brigitte <BCook@oaklandnet.com> wrote:

I am following up with Captain Lindsey and Public Works to find out when these camps will be removed and I will report back as soon as I have more information.

On Jul 20, 2015, at 11:12 AM, Mike Altman wrote:

The brand new encampment by Fitzgerald Park is also growing by the day. It's on Haven Street right beside the City Slickers farm across from Alliance. A number of those wooden "doghouses" have been dragged over there and people have moved in. I've called police numerous times and have reported to See Click Fix as well, still nothing seems to have been done. Would be great to get some more pressure on to help these people and get them off the street.

Thanks, Mike

On Jul 20, 2015, at 11:08 AM, Natalie Thomas wrote:

Thank you Tyler.

Brigitte, we need your help!

Natalie

On Jul 20, 2015, at 7:01 AM, Tyler Henthorne wrote:

The Homeless Encampment situation is escalating - we had a fire at the encampment yesterday and Kathi Porter posted that she found that the encampment people were trespassing on her property and stealing her water. Joe, on vacation until the 27th, has been making enforcement visits, and has told me that the encampment people have refused city services and despite many warnings about moving and their significant impact on our community- they remain.

Brigitte, we are planning to support the installation of the playground for City Slickers along with the staging of supplies in the third week of August. The encampment has to be gone to assure the safety of all people involved in the build and the surrounding community. We definitely do not want anyone to be injured, nor do we want another Gazebo incident at this location. What can the city aggressively do to remedy the situation?

Also, Brigitte, since this site will be a gathering site for children can this area become a "Drug Free Zone", similar to a school enforcement zone - this will be essential as well because the site intends on being a learning center.

A fire, garbage and debris so extensive that sea gulls have moved into the area, debris blocking the roadway, sidewalks overrun, trespassing, crime and blight - this is not a place for children, YET.

Tyler

From: Wald, Zachary
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2015 4:01 PM
To: romero@vandw.com; cyperson@gmail.com; McElhaney, Lynette;
Cc: Cook, Brigitte
Subject: Re: Help! Trash and Blight on property 1600 14th Street. [See Pictures]

Roberto -

Thanks for your message. In terms of City processes, the best I can offer right now is for you to keep reporting the property to code compliance, who will then compel the owner to do occasional clean-ups, like the one he did earlier. Perhaps, after enough reporting (and documents Ted blight), we can convince the City Attorney's office to assign a neighborhood law corp attorney to developing a public nuisance case on the property.

On my own, I asked a local developer to approach Mr. Wong about potentially selling or developing the site more quickly. She had a conversation with him but he gave the same story about wanting to develop a childcare center. I have heard of neighbors bringing multiple small claims suits in such a case in order to compell an owner to clean-ups. That could be an option. I haven't heard anything about the Peralta property - do you have an address?

Thanks,

Zac

Zac Wald

Chief of Staff

Oakland City Council President

Lynette Gibson McElhaney

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From: Robert Romero
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 8:05 PM
Subject: Re: Help! Trash and Blight on property 1600 14th Street. [See Pictures]
To: Wald, Zachary, Corey Pearson, McElhaney, Lynette, lgcalonje@gmail.com
Cc: Cook, Brigitte

Mr. Wald,

I am sitting in a HOA meeting with Corey and our new neighbor Ligia. We are all wondering whether Mr. Wong has plans to clean up the dumping along his property. It has been two months since you informed us of Mr. Wong's plans for his property, but we have little belief that he is actually doing anything with that property. Recently he weather proofed the roof of the dilapidated building on the property ... that building is clearly not going to support the business he proposes. There is a round of new dumping along his property on the 14th street side, and once someone dumps, people feel free to literally pile on. As West Oakland attempts to revive, irresponsible owners like Mr. Wong hold it back. Additionally, I recently hosted my family for Thanksgiving and it was embarrassing to have to apologize and explain away Mr. Wong's continued malfeasance. If the city's position is to keep us begging for action only to have Mr. Wong placate us with occasionally cleaning up the trash, then please let us know so we can look it to other avenues to resolve our complaints. If the city's position is that it can help us, then please outline it's plans to do that. Finally, there is a property on Peralta that was burned down (formally a triplex)that borders ours on the east side. I was told that bidders were going to bid for the demolition, but that was two months ago. Can you please let us know what is happening with that property, if anything, if you know. Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.

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On Oct 15, 2015, at 1:22 PM, Robert Romero <Romero@vandw.com> wrote:

Hello,

I am Corey's neighbor in the same building. There was in fact a more extensive clean up, but it never really matters and that is the point neither you or the City never seem to get. They come and clear trash and paint over graffiti, but the next day there is more trash and more graffiti. And there is also people urinating and defecating in that space in front of the parcel as well. That is always fun to see.

The whole point here is that Mr. Wong isn't doing anything productive with his property and because of that, the people who hang out in front of the laundry mat or liquor store feel free to toss their trash and relieve themselves on Mr. Wong's property on a daily basis. The trash throwing and people relieving themselves doesn't happen in front of our house or any other occupied dwelling. It happens in front of Mr. Wong's parcel of land because no one is occupying that land to come out and chase those people off. Those throwing trash and urinating are less likely to do those things in the yard of an occupied dwelling.

So, yes, Mr. Wong sent some people to clean up. But no, the problem hasn't been taken care of. There is trash in front of the property again and until he decides to sell it or build something there, it will continue to be a gross eyesore.

Perhaps our best strategy is to take the accumulated trash to Mr. Wong? Please let us know.

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From: Wald, Zachary [mailto:ZWald@oaklandnet.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 1:16 PM
To: Corey Pearson; McElhaney, Lynette
Cc: Cook, Brigitte; Robert Romero
Subject: RE: Help! Trash and Blight on property 1600 14th Street. [See Pictures]

Corey –

I understand from City staff, that a clean-up of the property took place. Can you please confirm?

Thank you,

Zac Wald

Zachary Wald
Chief of Staff for Lynette Gibson McElhaney
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From: Corey Pearson
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2015 12:46 PM
To: Wald, Zachary; McElhaney, Lynette
Cc: Cook, Brigitte; Robert Romero
Subject: Re: Help! Trash and Blight on property 1600 14th Street. [See Pictures]

Hi Lynette and Zac,

Its been a little over two months since my original complaint on 1600 14th Street, Oakland CA 94607 owned by William and Mary Wong. Here is the result... If this continues I will have to bring my complaint to the Mayor's office and make the community's story heard to all outlets. No one should get away with this for over two years! It's an injustice to the community of West Oakland and I want to change this.

Sep 22: He hired people to cut the grass and do a half ass job painting over the graffiti with grey paint. However construction materials and broken bottles/trash on the roof still remain.

Sep 28: Due to his neglect, homeless people commune around the building and trash accumulates. He refuses to remove trash and keep his property clean. It attracts homeless people and illegal activity... And the graffiti is still there...

Its frustrating to know William and Mary Wong are not being held accountable for their neglect and the community suffers as a result. After doing research on "SeeClickFix" I discovered this neglect has been going on since 2013!!!

Please help. If he doesn't want the property he should sell it!!!!

Corey

On Mon, Aug 31, 2015 at 11:03 AM, Wald, Zachary <ZWald@oaklandnet.com> wrote:

Corey – Thank you for the update.

Brigitte –

Can you please speak with Gene and get a status report that you can email back to this group. Also, if code enforcement has figured out a correct contact address for the owner, please let me know and I'll contact them.

Best, Zac

Zachary Wald

Chief of Staff for Lynette Gibson McElhaney

Oakland City Council President, District 3 Representative

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Subject: RE: Homeless Dumping and Fence issues at Union Pacific spur back of California Cereal, Union and 13th
From: "DeVries, Joe" <JDeVries@oaklandnet.com>
Date: 8/3/15 2:23 pm
To: "nestor@californiacereal.com" <nestor@californiacereal.com>, "Prado (Lederer), Margot" <MPrado@oaklandnet.com>
Cc: "California Cereal Products 2" <mark@californiacereal.com>, "California Cereal Products" <californiacereal@msn.com>, "Mark Mahoney (mjmahone@up.com)" <mjmahone@up.com>, "Schimm, Randy" <RSchimm@oaklandnet.com>, "Cook, Brigitte" <BCook@oaklandnet.com>
Margot and Nestor,

I have copied Building Inspector Randy Schimm and Union Pacific Railroad Representative Mark Mahoney on this response so that everyone is on the same page. Some of this may be a surprise to you:

1. Only the two Railroad Spurs closest to Wade Johnson Park are owned by Oakland Terminus Railroad (OTR), a joint partnership between Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and Burlington Northern San Francisco Railroad (BNSF). The rest is owned by the Cereal Company as is the fence all of which was installed by ConAgra(?) over ten years ago.
2. UPRR has agreed to clean the two spurs that OTR owns and their contractor is out there doing so today. I will be receiving before and after photos by tomorrow. However, they will NOT clean what is not theirs.
3. The City has an active complaint against the Cereal Company for the state of their property that will turn into a \$2600 fine if not remedied quickly. This is why I copied Randy Schimm, the inspector assigned to the case. We have no interest in fining people, we just want the problem resolved. Since the Cereal Company probably did not realize they owned so much of the land back there, Randy can work with them on a fair timeline to fixing it.
4. We also have SeeClickFix requests from the neighborhood but since this is a private property issue, Public Works cannot take the lead cleaning it up.
5. Based on the length of time this problem has existed (since February according to some neighbors) we need to see action take place quickly.
6. There are several neighborhood leaders that are demanding the Railroad and the Cereal Company be fined the largest amount possible due to the state of this piece of property.
7. Neighbors also are threatening to file a complaint with the Alameda County Environmental Health Department against the Cereal Company since food is being produced and there is unmitigated human waste on their property.

I listed the above facts to put everything into perspective for everyone involved. I understand that the Cereal Company is a great asset and provides a lot of local jobs. I also understand that these old, unused railroad spurs can create jurisdictional confusion where people don't always know who is responsible which has led to most of the delay. That said, this needs to be addressed, quickly, by the Cereal Company and to a lesser extent, by the Railroad.

I believe if the Cereal Company hires a clean-up crew and a fencing contractor, they can fix this problem overnight. If more dumping occurs on the two spurs owned by UPRR, Mark is more than willing to send the contractor back out to help with the clean-up. If the cereal company needs help with the homeless, I have attached a No Trespassing Statement Nestor can sign and return to me that he can then present to OPD when and if an officer is needed to instruct the homeless to leave the property. However, if you tell the person that this is private property, post a no trespassing sign and then warn them as to when it will be cleaned and fenced, they will likely leave on their own. If you tell them you are calling OIPD, they will leave faster because they really don't want any trouble.

Please keep me in the loop as to how we are going to quickly proceed, the neighbors are anxiously waiting on some results.

Thanks,

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From: nestor@californiacereal.com [mailto:nestor@californiacereal.com]
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 1:26 PM
To: Prado (Lederer), Margot; DeVries, Joe
Cc: California Cereal Products 2; California Cereal Products
Subject: RE: Homeless Dumping and Fence issues at Union Pacific spur back of California Cereal, Union and 13th

Dear Margot and Joe,

Thank you very much for taking care of our concerns, connecting me to Joe Devries, and giving me an information of the "seeclickfix" app that will certainly help us in reporting illegal dumping and homeless encampment in our neighborhood to the City of Oakland.

With Joe's help, we hope that UP will help us on the common gate/ fence that has been damaged. Illegal dumping by the railroad track and nearby Wade Johnson park has been increasing since the gate/ fence got damaged.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Wong, Jason On Behalf Of PWA Call Center
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 4:25 PM
To: Cook, Brigitte
Cc: Jones, Sabrina D.; Van Eck, Jeffrey
Subject: RE: Homeless Encampment - 36th & Martin Luther King

Dear Brigitte,

Thank you for your email. Crews abated the homeless encampment that was on the public right of way on 3/28/15. Public Works does not abate individuals living out of vehicles. Homeless individuals living out of vehicles are an OPD matter, which can be reported to the OPD non-emergency line (510)777-3333.

Thank you,

Jason Wong
Public Service Representative
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(510) 615-5579 | (510) 615-5909 Fax
jwong@oaklandnet.com

-----Original Message-----

From: Cook, Brigitte [mailto:BCook@oaklandnet.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 4:10 PM
To: PWA Call Center; Abandoned Auto; DeVries, Joe; Wlassowsky, Wlad
Cc: Hookfin, Bobby
Subject: RE: Homeless Encampment - 36th & Martin Luther King

I am following up on the homeless encampment on 36th & MLK. It has grown to three vehicles. Do we have an ETA on abatement?

Brigitte Cook, Community Liaison

-----Original Message-----

From: Cook, Brigitte
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 10:54 AM
To: PWA Call Center; Abandoned Auto; DeVries, Joe; Wlassowsky, Wlad
Cc: Hookfin, Bobby
Subject: FW: Homeless Encampment - 36th & Martin Luther King

The homeless encampment on 36th Street and Martin Luther King has been reestablished. The gentleman who lives there is once again harassing the local homeowner and conducting illegal transactions and auto repairs on the street. Residents said that they have opened tickets. Do you have an ETA of when the encampment will be addressed? Joe, can we get the same notices for this location that was used on 29th & 30th? Wlad, the residents have asked if we could restrict parking on 36th Street from MLK to the edge of the first residence to discourage these encampments. What steps are needed to make that request?

Brigitte Cook, Community Liaison

-----Original Message-----

From: Cook, Brigitte

Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 7:11 PM

To: PWA Call Center

Cc: Lindsey, Drennon; Joshi, Holly J.; Jones, Sabrina D.; Hookfin, Bobby; English, Dexter

Subject: RE: Homeless Encampment - 36th & Martin Luther King

Thank you Jason, I will let the resident know it will be rectified soon.

-----Original Message-----

From: PWA Call Center

Sent: Fri 1/16/2015 4:22 PM

To: Cook, Brigitte

Cc: Lindsey, Drennon; Joshi, Holly J.; Jones, Sabrina D.; Hookfin, Bobby; English, Dexter

Subject: RE: Homeless Encampment - 36th & Martin Luther King

Hi Brigitte,

OPW is aware of this homeless encampment, and it is scheduled for abatement on Wednesday 1/21/15. If you have further questions you may contact Senior Supervisor, Dexter English, Keep Oakland Clean and Beautiful, at (510)434-5130 or denglish@oaklandnet.com.

Thank you,
Jason Wong

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jwong@oaklandnet.com

From: Cook, Brigitte

Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 3:24 PM

To: PWA Call Center; Hookfin, Bobby

Cc: Lindsey, Drennon; Joshi, Holly J.; Jones, Sabrina D.

Subject: RE: Homeless Encampment - 36th & Martin Luther King

I am following up on the status this request because I never received a City Works ticket. The owner of the apartment building next to the encampment called me today stating that the camper has now threatened his life. Do we have an ETA of when the situation will be addressed?

Brigitte Cook, Community Liaison\Scheduler

From: Cook, Brigitte

Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2015 2:08 PM

To: PWA Call Center; Hookfin, Bobby

Cc: Lindsey, Drennon; Joshi, Holly J.

Subject: FW: Homeless Encampment - 36th & Martin Luther King

I was informed by a resident that the gentleman who had been on 36th Street & MLK for months is back and has established an encampment on the sidewalk. He is once again conducting business and harassing the local students.

Brigitte Cook, Community Liaison\Scheduler

From: Cook, Brigitte
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2014 11:48 AM
To: PWA Call Center
Subject: Homeless Encampment - 36th & Martin Luther King

This encampment has been there for two months and is growing. A number of items under a blue tarp and the camper is conducting business transactions in the evening. A number of local residents have complained about blockage of the street and traffic caused by the camper. Please contact Captain D. Lindsey for more information.

- End -

From: Kennedy, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 8:58 AM
To: Jones, Sabrina D.
Cc: Carthan, Brian
Subject: RE: HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT IN A PARK - NEED AN UPDATE FOR THE COUNCIL OFFICE. FW: homeless encampment

Sabrina,
I wanted to give you an update on Adams Point park. (Veterans Building) The homeless encampment has been removed this morning by park staff. Let me know if you need any additional information-

Robert Kennedy
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rkennedy@oaklandnet.com

From: Jones, Sabrina D.
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 9:59 AM
To: Kennedy, Robert
Cc: Carthan, Brian
Subject: FW: HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT IN A PARK - NEED AN UPDATE FOR THE COUNCIL OFFICE. FW: homeless encampment

Robert:
Is this the message back to Bridgette and Zach?

Sabrina

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To: Jones, Sabrina D.
Cc: Carthan, Brian
Subject: RE: HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT IN A PARK - NEED AN UPDATE FOR THE COUNCIL OFFICE. FW: homeless encampment

Sabrina,
I just wanted to follow-up on my phone call from yesterday that this location is scheduled for a clean-up and removal on Wednesday September 30, 2015. As you know a part of our protocol is to "notice" the location and give a 72hr window for inhabitants to vacate the area. Operation Dignity provides outreach services to those willing to be taken in and they post the location for our staff to follow-up and remove materials/ items left behind. (See attached picture for clarification) Also, I understand that this is a very sensitive/ explosive subject but, I will not allow park staff to be subject to retaliation or violence from these individuals. Our park staff cannot and will not enforce park rules due to the simple fact that we are not sworn officers of the law. The Park and Tree Services Division simply cleans-up the parks and maintain the landscaping around park and building facilities, we are "OPW- Park and Tree Services," not OPD. I make this statement because it's disheartening for the language of the previous emails to be directed towards our division as if we are not doing our part, we are doing all that we can to provide clean safe environments for our community to visit and recreate in.

Thank you for your time and let me know if you have any additional questions-

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From: Jones, Sabrina D.
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 1:08 PM
To: Kennedy, Robert
Subject: HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT IN A PARK - NEED AN UPDATE FOR THE COUNCIL OFFICE. FW: homeless encampment
Importance: High

Hi Robert:
Can you provide an update on this? I need to close the loop with District 3 staff. Thank you.

Sabrina

From: English, Dexter
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 1:06 PM
To: Jones, Sabrina D.; Cook, Brigitte
Cc: Foster, Frank
Subject: RE: homeless encampment

Hi Sabrina
Sorry for the delay. This location is in a Park and sometimes spills over onto the Building grounds itself. This would be Parks.

From: Jones, Sabrina D.
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 1:01 PM
To: English, Dexter; Cook, Brigitte
Cc: Foster, Frank
Subject: RE: homeless encampment
Ok. thanks.

From: Steve Heimoff [mailto:steveheimoff@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2015 7:57 AM
To: Cook, Brigitte
Cc: Wald, Zachary
Subject: Re: homeless encampment
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Brigitte Cook, Constituency Services Director
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From: Steve Heimoff [mailto:steveheimoff@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 10:59 AM
To: Wald, Zachary
Cc: Cook, Brigitte
Subject: Re: homeless encampment

Zac,
The camp is still there, larger than ever. I don't understand why it's so hard to send some personnel there, roust them and warn them that future violations will be cited.

It's impossible to get rid of all homeless camps, but we should be able to draw red lines where they are clearly inappropriate. I think we can agree that areas east of the Telegraph/Broadway corridor, approaching Adam's Point, are inappropriate for these camps—especially on city-owned land!

Thank you,
Steve Heimoff

On Sep 20, 2015, at 3:14 PM, Wald, Zachary <ZWald@oaklandnet.com> wrote:
Steve -
Thank you for reporting the situation and looping in our office. Brigitte Cook in our office will coordinate with Public Works.
Yours,
Zac
Zac Wald
Chief of Staff

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Thank you.
Steve Heimoff
199 Montecito Ave.
Oakland CA 94610

- End -

From: Kenneth Muha
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2015 12:52 PM
To: DeVries, Joe
Cc: Joe Cordaro; Farmer, Casey; McElhaney, Lynette; OCOP; Ken Muha; Banh, Hoang; Bolton, Christopher; Levin, Brooke A.; Allison, Darren; Cook, Brigitte; Orologas, Alexandra; English, Dexter; Moore, Leland; Lindsey, Drennon; Hookfin, Bobby; At Large
Subject: Re: Homeless Encampment on 30th

Thank you Joe C. for escalating once again!

As Joe C. mentioned, coming home last night one of the encampment inhabitants appeared to be under the influence of some substance. The individual was yelling, and flaying his body, arms, and legs in the middle of 30th Street creating a hazard as I drove by to make my way home. The gestures were random and appeared threatening but I did not observe any weapons. I immediately called the OPD non-emergency line when I got into my home.

Since Mr. DeVries' last email 7 days ago, I have seen one (1) OPD squad car stop and take note of the van that is being lived out of and potentially being used to sell or distribute drugs. After that incident the van (late model with bubble windows and historic CA plates) moved approximately 20 yards yet is still located under the 30th St. overpass, clearly unfazed by the OPD's visit.

Mr. DeVries, you mentioned just now that you are "not sure about the previous 3 day posting that was mentioned in an earlier email" yet that information came from your email 7 days ago.

"However, that does not relieve us of our responsibility, via Public Works and Operation Dignity to conduct a three day notice when scheduling a removal."

Over the course of the past year, Joe C., myself, and our neighbors and families have been victims of personal property theft, including theft of car batteries (from under the car hood) and utilities such as electricity and water from individuals living in illegal encampments on 30th Street.

We have also been victims of retaliation when the last encampment was removed - IED was detonated posing a serious risk to not just the residents but to BART and 980 commuters.

We have been victims of retaliation when graffiti is removed - dozens of automobile tires slashed coinciding with graffiti removal.

We have been victims of personal safety and health risks when illegally dumped trash has been set a blaze under the 30th Street overpass, including but not limited to Christmas trees, couches, and mattresses.

In any other city or town across America, many of these incidents would've been investigated as acts of terrorism. In Oakland, these incidents are simply dismissed.

This is unacceptable. Period.

Mr. DeVries' email clearly shows the City of Oakland bases decisions of public safety and social issues solely on the threat of litigation.

This is unacceptable. Period.

Please take action immediately to ensure the safety of our neighborhood.

Thank you.

On Fri, Jan 9, 2015 at 12:22 PM, DeVries, Joe <JDeVries@oaklandnet.com> wrote:

Hi Joe,

I am not sure about the previous 3 day posting that was mentioned in an earlier email but I can tell you that we have asked the outreach team to post again on Monday 1/12 for a Thursday 1/15 removal so you will see them removed next week. As for the public safety concern, you are absolutely right, Public Safety is and always will be the City's number 1 priority. How we get there of course is a complex discussion. In any situation where a person is behaving illegally (screaming in the middle of the street) please do not hesitate to call OPD for an appropriate response. Whether they have the ability to respond or not is also subjective and depends on their call load.

However, I want to make sure we, as residents, make a distinction between reporting and waiting for the removal of a homeless encampment, and contacting law enforcement when criminal activity (perpetuated by anyone, homeless or not) is taking place. While the City cannot be overly heavy handed when removing an encampment, treating it first as a social service issue, we DO have a responsibility to respond when criminal and/or dangerous activity is occurring.

I believe I am scheduled to speak at your NCPC Meeting later next week so I look forward to meeting you in person, also, I have copied the Captain for Area 1 and her Resource Lieutenant as well because this problem sits right on the border of the two Areas.

Thanks,

Joe DeVries
Assistant to the City Administrator
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1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 11th floor
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 238-3083
jdevries@oaklandnet.com

From: Joe Cordaro

Sent: Friday, January 09, 2015 12:05 PM

To: DeVries, Joe

Cc: Farmer, Casey; McElhaney, Lynette; OCOP; Ken Muha; Banh, Hoang; Bolton, Christopher; Levin, Brooke A.; Allison, Darren; Cook, Brigitte; Orologas, Alexandra; English, Dexter; Moore, Leland

Subject: Re: Homeless Encampment on 30th

Hi All/Joe,

Thanks for the details about dealing with homeless encampments. I understand the city is in a difficult position and needs to protect the rights of homeless individuals. However, there is also a public safety issue regarding the current encampment. Last night Ken Muha reported one of them campers screaming and yelling in the middle of the street. At least two Christmas trees have been set on fire. Remember what happened last time-- we had three explosions that rocked the neighborhood!

Please let me know why the encampment is still present if a three-days notice has been given. Also, how difficult would it be to install cameras? Even fake cameras would give the illusion that the city is paying attention.

Regards,

Joe Cordaro

On Fri, Jan 2, 2015 at 2:35 PM, DeVries, Joe <JDeVries@oaklandnet.com> wrote:

Casey, et al,

We installed the No Loitering Signs a year and a half ago as a deterrent and to allow for OPD to be confident in continuing to clear the area after the Public Works removal because the signage was so clear and visible. This was done

when the encampment that had taken root there was so huge and persistent that we wanted to send a really strong message. However, that does not relieve us of our responsibility, via Public Works and Operation Dignity to conduct a three day notice when scheduling a removal.

Here is how it breaks down:

Because of court rulings we must give people the opportunity to claim any personal belongings of value as they vacate an area. If we don't then we could be held accountable for destroying personal property such as medicine, photo albums, and other items a person may cherish. Fresno paid out over a million dollars for doing this a few years ago at a large encampment. The notice also makes it easier when Public Works and OPD do show up and they indicate to everyone that we attempted to conduct harm reduction outreach and connect people to services (since the outreach team places the notices).

Although the rate of placement into housing is low for our outreach workers, they need to make every effort because ultimately the end goal is getting everyone in a home so we don't have to continue clearing a particular encampment. Technically, if an officer had the time, they could immediately tell people to stop blocking the sidewalk and move and could even threaten to ticket them for non-compliance. It would be a very ineffective way to clear the area because the homeless would take whatever they wanted to keep, leaving the debris behind, and move on and this is a very time consuming process that I have witnessed. It would still require Public Works to clean-up. The signs are effective after an encampment is removed at maintaining the area as we saw for well over a year on 30th.

What I will suggest we do is ensure the PSO and Sgt. for the area are aware of when the next removal is so they can immediately conduct security checks in the proceeding moments and days after the removal to see that it doesn't take root again. I have copied Dexter and Leland who are our Public Works Supervisors who work most closely on these to see when they are being removed and then share that info with OPD to get there coordinated input.

Thanks,

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Sent: Friday, January 02, 2015 1:48 PM
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Cc: OCOP; Ken Muha; Banh, Hoang; Bolton, Christopher; Levin, Brooke A.; Allison, Darren; Cook, Brigitte; DeVries, Joe; Orologas, Alexandra
Subject: RE: Homeless Encampment on 30th

Joe,

Thanks for bringing this to our attention.

We were alerted of the return of the dumping and encampments prior to the holiday, in which we raised the concerns with Captain Allison and Public Works Director Brooke Levin. I've looped them onto this email.

Significant improvements were made with the fabulous coordination of these two departments (OPD and OPW), along with the consistent monitoring of the site by Brigitte Cook (in our office) and Joe DeVries. We hope that this coordinated effort to regularly clear the debris and homeless encampments can continue to successfully deter these dangerous situations.

Additionally, Scot Harrison, another fabulous neighbor and grime warrior on 30th Street informed me that the area was noticed with 3 day signage. It was my understanding that since this area was designated as a “no loitering zone” with permanent signage, that it did not require 3 day posting and thus was legally permitted to be cleared of dumping and encampments immediately. Has that changed? If so, why?

Best,
Casey

From: Joe Cordaro
Sent: Friday, January 02, 2015 11:14 AM
To: Farmer, Casey; McElhaney, Lynette
Cc: OCOP; Ken Muha; Banh, Hoang; Bolton, Christopher
Subject: Homeless Encampment on 30th

Dear Lynette,
I hope the new year finds you well.

We on 30th St between MLK and Telegraph are again having serious problems with a homeless encampment. Cars are being broken into and things stolen (including car batteries). This encampment is blocking the sidewalk and presents an unsafe environment. They are doing and possibly dealing drugs. We've been filing complaints for a few weeks now and no one has taken action. Last time an encampment was broken up under the freeway, an improvised explosive device was detonated (two propane tanks and a car battery inside a trash can) shaking the entire block. My neighbor Ken Muha has already emailed you about this event two weeks ago but nothing has changed. Can you please let us know what action your can take to prevent another incident on our street?

Sincerely,
Joe Cordaro

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Ken Muha
Space Planner Workplace Effectiveness, Site Services
Genentech, Inc. South San Francisco, CA 94080
1 650 825 0913

- End -

From: Steve Heimoff <steveheimoff@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 2:08 PM
To: Allison, Darren
Cc: Cook, Brigitte; Jones, Sabrina D.; Wald, Zachary
Subject: Re: homeless encampment, Veteran's Building

Hello everyone,

I would like an official explanation, for the record, as to exactly why the City will not deal with this dangerous and unsanitary situation. The Mayor's office and the Oakland Police Dept. both are refusing to enforce the law. The encampment has not moved in the entire time I have been communicating with you. It is larger and dirtier than ever. The corner of Grand and Harrison feels more dangerous than ever, especially at night. If you follow nextdoor.com, you will see that Adams Point is experiencing a surge of crime. I believe there is a correlation between the crime in our neighborhood, and various homeless encampments, including those located within Lakeside Park, particularly in the area around the fountain.

The Mayor and OPD have a sworn duty to protect us! You are failing in that responsibility.
Steven H. Heimoff
199 Montecito Ave.
Oakland

On Oct 13, 2015, at 10:47 AM, Steve Heimoff <steveheimoff@comcast.net> wrote:

Dear Officer Allison,

I'm writing to you, as Head of Area 2, about a homeless encampment that needs to be removed because of its inappropriate location. It is in the bushes on the grounds of the Veteran's Building, just off the corner of Grand and Harrison.

That area is the portal to the Adams Point neighborhood. As you know, Adams Point is a "frontline community." It is important for the City, and OPD, to protect it. Oakland is in a period of growth right now, and Adams Point is a showcase community for newcomers who turn to Oakland because it is a wonderful, affordable place to live. If the quality of life in Adams Point goes down, then our entire City suffers.

The encampment I refer to has been there for a long time, and it is dirtier and bigger than ever. The people who camp there defecate on the sidewalk and in the busstop, throw their trash all over the lawn and into the stream that empties into Lake Merritt, and give the area a menacing feeling, especially at night. I have seen some of the individuals who frequent the camp roaming my neighborhood at night, loitering in alleys and going through recycling bins.

I have repeatedly notified the Mayor's Office and Councilwoman McElhaney about this problem, but they have said, in essence, that there is nothing they can do about it. I don't believe this. I believe that they choose to do nothing—thereby giving tacit permission to these people to set up permanent encampments. Once established, these camps grow, both in size and in geographic spread. Now located on the fringes of Adams Point, they will—if left unchecked—soon be within Adams Point itself.

I do not understand why these people are not told to leave, once and for all. If they return, they should be cited, as anyone is who routinely breaks city laws and ordinances. If the campers are mentally ill, they should not be living on the streets—they should be institutionalized and given help. If they are not mentally ill, but are mentally sound, then they are scofflaws—people who deliberately break the law over and over.

Can you please reply to me and let me know what OPD plans to do about this camp?

Thank you.

Steve Heimoff

- End -

From: Steve Heimoff <steveheimoff@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 8:02 PM
To: Cook, Brigitte
Cc: Wald, Zachary
Subject: Re: homeless encampment

Dear Brigitte,

I know they'll be back. That area has been a problem for years. I will continue to bring this to the Councilwoman's attention whenever it's a problem, as I believe strongly that that place is totally inappropriate for an encampment.

Thanks,

Steve

On Sep 30, 2015, at 7:15 PM, Cook, Brigitte <BCook@oaklandnet.com> wrote:
Mr. Heimoff,

Thank you for your advocacy for the community as well as your compassionate concern for the homeless. I was informed by Public Works that the encampment was removed today. Unfortunately, in some instances the campers will move back in after the site has been cleared. Please keep us posted if you experience ongoing problems in the area.

Brigitte Cook, Community Liaison

From: Steve Heimoff [mailto:steveheimoff@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 2:59 PM
To: Cook, Brigitte
Subject: Re: homeless encampment
Thank you. This is obviously a tragic situation but we have to restrict the places where homeless camps arise.

On Sep 28, 2015, at 2:50 PM, Cook, Brigitte <BCook@oaklandnet.com> wrote:
I am sorry to hear that children are there, however Operation Dignity uses the rapid rehousing model for homeless family, so they should be able to offer them services. I am speaking with the Public Works supervisor to get a solid date on when the encampment will be removed and will keep you posted.

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Steve Heimoff
510-893-7479

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Yours,

Zac

Zac Wald

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Steve Heimoff
199 Montecito Ave.

- End -

From: Cook, Brigitte
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 1:51 PM
To: Wald, Zachary; Adriana Daringa
Subject: RE: Homeless Man on Perkins

Hello Adriana,

To address the immediate need of having encampments removed from public property, you can call the Public Works department at (510)615-5566. The City contracts with Operation Dignity to notify the homeless campers that the area will be cleared, but to also work with them to find stable housing.

The issue with the structure will require deeper research. I would like to get your perspective of the history of the site to bolster my conversation with City staff. Is email the best way to connect with you or is there a number that I can call?

Brigitte Cook, Community Liaison

From: Wald, Zachary
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 1:13 PM
To: Adriana Daringa
Cc: Cook, Brigitte
Subject: RE: Homeless Man on Perkins

Adriana –

Sorry to take a few days to get back to you.

I am assigning Brigitte Cook in our office to this case. I am hoping that she can work with you to find a long-term solution to prevent people from pooping in your yard.

Thank you,

Zachary Wald

Chief of Staff for Lynette Gibson McElhaney

Oakland City Council President, District 3 Representative

510-238-7032

From: Adriana Daringa [mailto:adaringa@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2015 1:27 PM
To: Wald, Zachary; Elise Ackerman; DL - City Council; Benjamin Corotis; McElhaney, Lynette
Subject: Fwd: Homeless Man on Perkins

Zac,

The homeless keep pooping in my front yard. What can the city of oakland do about it? My house is on Oakland avenue, right next to Perkins Way.

I thought it would be a good idea to demolish the structure at the end of the Perkins way, it seems like it provides a shelter (roof structure with benches under it) for the drug addicts. There are even built in concrete benches there which the homeless sleep on. The roof and benches need to be eliminated. How can I make this change/propose this change to the city, as this is public property? I believe the city doesn't even take care of the roof structure, my neighbors said they replaced the roof themselves a few years back.

Does the city of any means to take the homeless away? Is there a number I can call for any kind of social services that gets homeless people off the street?

My neighbors and I would really really like help with this. I am copying my neighbor Elise, too and the other city council members. The public way across the street has signs that say "don't defecate here" and there is excrement all over there. I really can't believe the city cannot do anything about this!

Thank you,

Adriana
302 Oakland Ave

- End -

From: McElhaney, Lynette
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 4:28 PM
To: Farmer, Casey
Cc: Craig Vega; Cook, Brigitte; DeVries, Joe
Subject: Re: Homeless Problem Out of Control

Craig,

Thank you for taking a moment to acknowledge the effort of the team. These problems are bigger than one city can resolve alone and working on them can be particularly frustrating and demoralizing for our staff. Notes like this go a long way to helping everyone feel a little success in the sea of daunting tasks. We commend Joe and his team on a job well done and continue to hope for a more lasting solution. I am eager to following up on today's KQED reports on a new approach being adopted in San Jose.

Appreciatively yours, Lynette

On Oct 22, 2015, at 1:04 PM, Farmer, Casey <CFarmer@oaklandnet.com> wrote:
Thanks Craig – the praise goes to Joe DeVries and the team!

Keep him in touch with future concerns.

From: Craig Vega [mailto:craigvega@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 11:40 AM
To: McElhaney, Lynette
Cc: Cook, Brigitte; Farmer, Casey
Subject: Re: Homeless Problem Out of Control

Hi, Lynette...

Following up on my earlier emails, I want to say a big thank you for your attention to this matter and the recent cleanup I've seen under 880 at Webster. I know it isn't easy to get things changed, but the fencing is a big improvement.

We still have more work to do in the district, but progress is good, and I thank you and your staff for staying on it.

Please let me know if there is anything you need from your constituents in the district.

Craig Vega
510-290-2328
311 Oak Street #529
Oakland, CA

On Sat, Sep 12, 2015 at 10:22 PM, McElhaney, Lynette
<lmcelhaney@oaklandnet.com> wrote:
Craig,

I am pleased to inform you that this is a priority area for our joint meeting with CALTRANS with a focus on removing encampments that compromised public health and public safety. I regret to inform you that we are not satisfied with the current outcomes.

The homeless encampments have exploded on CALTRANS properties throughout District 3. And, while we had early success during my first two years in office, the recent explosion has proven to be a challenge.

We currently have a multi-agency response team that meets to address these issues. This table is headed by Joe DeVries in the City Administrator's office. My staff will advance this specific complaint to the Liaison team for a more concrete response as to where this particular site is in the removal cycle.

It is excruciatingly painful that we have yet to identify a lasting solution to this health and safety concern. Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. We'll continue to advocate for a lasting solution.

Kindest regards, Lynette

On Sep 12, 2015, at 5:24 PM, Craig Vega <craigvega@gmail.com> wrote:
Councilmember McElhaney...

I am writing this afternoon to request your help in keeping my neighborhood clean and safe. I vote, own a condo in Jack London Square, and pay significant property taxes to have to put up with the crime, smell of feces and filth that has been allowed to accumulate in my neighborhood. There are multiple encampments under the 880 overpass, and they seem to get larger every week. We have also noticed a significant increase in crime that seems to correspond with the size of the encampments.

While I realize that the area under the overpasses is CalTrans property, there must be much more that can and should be done by the elected leaders of this city to curb this problem. I am not looking to criminalize homelessness, but merely trying to make sure that my neighborhood remains clean and safe.

I ask that your office along with the Mayor take some leadership in this matter and call together the City Administrator, local community organizations, Oakland PD, and CalTrans to try to come up with a coordinated effort to remove the encampments and try to find alternative solutions for them. I think with the weight of your office and some bad PR for CalTrans, we can find a solution to this problem. (I find it hard to believe that CalTrans would let this happen in Walnut Creek or San Ramon).

Thank you for your attention to this problem. If you would like a personal tour of the areas, I would be happy to escort you at any time.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing some action and leadership in the very near future.

Sincerely,
Craig Vega

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From: DeVries, Joe
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 8:38 PM
To: Kenneth Muha; Banh, Hoang
Cc: Joe Cordaro; Farmer, Casey; McElhaney, Lynette; OCOP; Bolton, Christopher; Levin, Brooke A.; Allison, Darren; Cook, Brigitte; Orologas, Alexandra; English, Dexter; Moore, Leland; Lindsey, Drennon; Hookfin, Bobby; At Large; Kegan Stedwell; Littlechauncy@aol.com; Mimi Means; Breean Lowe; Near, Tommy; Brian Tomaine; Anna Vo
Subject: RE: IT'S BACK! Homeless Encampment on 30th & Massive Dumping

Ken,
Thanks for the heads up, I have personally been checking this underpass every day since the NCPC meeting last week and was impressed that OPD's early morning efforts seemed to be keeping the area clear. I know the Captains had communicated carefully with their watch commanders to continue regular security checks in the early morning hours. Because we already conducted outreach and posted notices in this area and abated it last week, and because we have permanent signs clearly posted, our patrol officers, if they have time based on their calls for service, can engage the person setting up the encampment without having to wait the 72 hours for outreach to be conducted.

I appreciate you reporting this to keep us informed,

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jdevries@oaklandnet.com

From: Kenneth Muha [mailto:muha.kenneth@gene.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 5:55 PM
To: DeVries, Joe; Banh, Hoang
Cc: Joe Cordaro; Farmer, Casey; McElhaney, Lynette; OCOP; Ken Muha; Bolton, Christopher; Levin, Brooke A.; Allison, Darren; Cook, Brigitte; Orologas, Alexandra; English, Dexter; Moore, Leland; Lindsey, Drennon; Hookfin, Bobby; At Large; Kegan Stedwell; Littlechauncy@aol.com; Mimi Means; Breean Lowe; Near, Tommy; Brian Tomaine; Anna Vo
Subject: IT'S BACK! Homeless Encampment on 30th & Massive Dumping

Dear City Officials,
Just like a raging case of herpes, the squatters/homeless encampment are back and so is the illegal dumping on 30th Street underneath the BART/980/27th St. exit.

The pile of trash (larger red circle in photo) has been steadily growing over the past two nights. I took this photo when I left for work this morning (Tuesday 2015/01/27). By the time I made it home an encampment had begun at the 2nd location circled in the photo.

Please take of of these issues immediately! As we have become well accustomed to, if the problems are not addressed immediately things will only get worse.

Thanks!
Ken Muha
Space Planner Workplace Effectiveness, Site Services
Genentech, Inc. South San Francisco, CA 94080
1 650 825 0913

- End -

From: Daniel Burns <db1burns01@yahoo.com>
Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 11:38 AM
To: Brigitte Cook <BCook@Oaklandnet.com>, John Sander <john@phproductions.com>, Patti White <pattijwhite@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Pine St Issues

One way we can combat the RV parking is to update street cleaning signs. We have none on Pine and on 11th where these RVs are parked. We should have street cleaning here anyways because we pay taxes to have them cleaned.
Thanks, Daniel

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Oct 12, 2015, 3:51:28 PM, Cook, Brigitte wrote:
Homelessness is a very complicated problem and given that Oakland is a compassionate city, we are looking for solutions that do not dehumanize our un-housed residents. Lynette has been looking at successful models in other cities that we could possibly adopt here including the option of creating a city campground with restrooms and showers. In the meantime, unfortunately it is still a matter of moving them around until we find a more long term solution.

Brigitte Cook, Community Liaison

From: John Sander [mailto:john@phproductions.com]
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 11:30 AM
To: Cook, Brigitte; Patti White; Daniel Burns
Subject: Re: Pine St Issues

Hello Brigitte,

Thanks for the follow up. I appreciate the "clean up the neighborhood" approach here. But the larger concern is where do they go? Do they just end up down the street? Homelessness is such a huge issue and while I don't want them in my back yard, I'm also not an out of site/out of mind person either.

Difficult issue.

Thank you,

J

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From: , Brigitte Cook <BCook@Oaklandnet.com>
Date: Monday, October 12, 2015 at 11:23 AM
To: Patti White <pattijwhite@gmail.com>, John Sander <john@phproductions.com>, Daniel Burns <db1burns01@yahoo.com>
Subject: Pine St Issues

I received confirmation from Capt. Toribio that OPD is removing the camper shell and OPW is removing the homeless encampments and illegal dumping. That is the immediate solution, and during meetings with the Department Directors, we will be looking for ways to prevent this from happening again.

Brigitte Cook, Constituency Services Director

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From: tcaughell@pyromineralsinc.com
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2015 9:56 AM
To: DeVries, Joe
Cc: Farmer, Casey; Bob Tuck; Francis Rush; Edward Kangeter; Cook, Brigitte; PWA Call Center; Foster, Frank; Alfred Saroni III; tomhcta@pacbell.net; joe@hurwich.net; George Burt; Michael Herling; Jon Sarriugarte; Tanya Holland; Kaplan, Rebecca; Wald, Zachary
Subject: Re: Poplar St, Homeless Camp Update

Wood street encampment from mid April to the present needs to be a priority also . I'm very concerned about potential fire hazard close to my bulk propane tank on my property in addition to the dry acres of weeds adjacent to encampment huts and tents.

Regards,

Terry Caughell
Pyro Minerals Inc
Cell: 510-421-0371

On Aug 28, 2015, at 9:49 AM, DeVries, Joe <JDeVries@oaklandnet.com> wrote:
Bob, Casey, et al,

I am truly sorry for what occurred on Poplar and visited the site yesterday afternoon. This unfortunate event underlines the importance of developing new strategies to address the encampments.

Bob, the concept you outline below is precisely what we are discussing right now; a well regulated sanctioned encampment with services available to serve as a place to camp while people wait for available permanent housing. As we develop this concept and identify potential sites, we need to remain diligent in our current abatement efforts as ineffective as they may be. The City Administrator just convened a meeting with the Chief of Police, the Head of Public Works, and the Head of Human Services along with several support staff on Tuesday afternoon to discuss our current efforts in West Oakland and we actually were looking at photos of the very encampment that caught fire that night.

I am going to ask that our Fire Department partner with our Public Works crews and OPD to add a new level of authority to the abatement efforts based on the fire hazards we are seeing repeatedly where the encamped are hoarding lots of construction material and other items and then cooking over fires at the same location.

Thanks for your input and know that the City shares your frustration and potential strategy.

Thanks,

From: Farmer, Casey
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 5:12 PM
To: Bob Tuck <btuck@atlasheating.com>; 'Francis Rush' <francis@rushproperty.com>; 'Edward Kangeter' <Edward@customalloy.com>; Cook, Brigitte <BCook@oaklandnet.com>
Cc: PWA Call Center <opwcallcenter@oaklandnet.com>; Foster, Frank <ffoster@oaklandnet.com>; 'Alfred Saroni III' <nsx4u@aol.com>; tomhcta@pacbell.net; joe@hurwich.net; 'George Burt' <grant_burt@earthlink.net>; 'Michael Herling' <michael@consolidated-cleaning.com>; 'Terry Caughell' <tcaughell@pyromineralsinc.com>; 'Jon Sarriugarte' <jsarriugarte@gmail.com>; 'Tanya Holland' <th@brownsugarkitchen.com>; Kaplan, Rebecca <RKaplan@oaklandnet.com>; DeVries, Joe <JDeVries@oaklandnet.com>; Wald, Zachary <ZWald@oaklandnet.com>
Subject: RE: Poplar St, Homeless Camp Update

Looping in Brigitte Cook who is the District 3 West Oakland Community Liaison.

From: Bob Tuck [mailto:btuck@atlasheating.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 5:07 PM

To: 'Francis Rush'; 'Edward Kangeter'

Cc: PWA Call Center; Foster, Frank; 'Alfred Saroni III'; tomhcta@pacbell.net; joe@hurwich.net; 'George Burt'; 'Michael Herling'; 'Terry Caughell'; 'Jon Sarriugarte'; 'Tanya Holland'; Farmer, Casey; Kaplan, Rebecca; DeVries, Joe

Subject: RE: Poplar St, Homeless Camp Update

This is the fourth fire in the last 6 months at a homeless encampment in West Oakland, all in this neighborhood, one at 24th & Mandella, one at Peralta and 36th on Cal Trans property and two on Poplar. At least one occupant went to the hospital, (I talked to him when he got out—lucky to be alive). Simple cooking, candles, lanterns, crack cooking, propane, and smoking just about everything.

We have to get these folks off the streets, to protect property, to encourage economic development, to protect health, and to protect them. Building free portable heartfelt mini—houses is not the answer, (sorry neighbor). This has to be out of the box thinking—like a large piece of vacant property, clean it, fence it, man it with volunteers, set up some portable toilets, portable showers, and one trailer for the Manager, and give each street person their plot, for their cart/carts, tent, dog, bikes, etc. No rules except no dealing and no fighting or you're out. Operates rain or shine. All homeless services can converge there, with great efficiency. REI wants to donate tents? Great, send them down! Church wants to cook meals? Great, come on down!

Then you have an option. Stay on the street, and get rousted, or hit the camp and be safer, healthier, and more reachable for services. And no-one has to build a \$15 million dollar Tajmahomeless Center to do it. No one will want it in their neighborhood, but maybe on surplus Cal Trans or other property? Legal liability will be a concern, OK, got that. Figure it out.

Let's try it for one year. Could be revolutionary. Could be a failure, but we're failing now, so what's the harm in trying?

"Who will join me in this effort?" said the Little Red Hen?

Bob Tuck

Atlas Heating & Air Conditioning

1451 32nd St.

Oakland, Ca.

From: Francis Rush [mailto:francis@rushproperty.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 2:37 PM

To: Edward Kangeter

Cc: pwacallcenter@oaklandnet.com; Frank Foster; Alfred Saroni III; tomhcta@pacbell.net; joe@hurwich.net; George Burt; Bob Tuck; Michael Herling; Terry Caughell; Jon Sarriugarte; Tanya Holland; Casey Farmer; Rebecca Kaplan; JDeVries@oaklandnet.com

Subject: Re: Poplar St, Homeless Camp Update

Importance: High

Guys,

The existence of this camp resulted in \$1,000's of dollars of damage to my property (total amount is not yet ascertained) and massive disruption for my tenants.

The City of Oakland is making it impossible for businesses to successfully operate by allowing these camps to exist.

Francis Rush

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Oakland, CA 94607

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francis@rushproperty.com

On Aug 27, 2015, at 2:05 PM, Edward Kangeter <Edward@customalloy.com> wrote:

Dear Public Works,
Originally reported homeless camp 3.3.15

See update photo's, this is the second fire in the last month associated with this camp. There is still a camp that needs to be addressed on Poplar St between 28th and 30th.

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From: Edward Kangeter <Edward@customalloy.com>
Date: Monday, August 3, 2015 at 12:51 PM
To: "opwcallcenter@oaklandnet.com" <opwcallcenter@oaklandnet.com>, "pwacallcenter@oaklandnet.com" <pwacallcenter@oaklandnet.com>, "JDeVries@oaklandnet.com" <JDeVries@oaklandnet.com>, Frank Foster <ffoster@oaklandnet.com> Cc: Jon Sarriugarte <jsarriugarte@gmail.com>, Steve Lowe <ewolnephets@sbcglobal.net>, Tim Morse <tim.morse@bayalarm.com>, Bob Tuck <btuck@atlasheating.com>, 'Christine Saed' <csaed@oaklandlibrary.org>, Richard Wang <nrc868@sbcglobal.net>, Michael Herling <michael@consolidated-cleaning.com>, 'Norm Hooks' <normanhooks.arch@gmail.com>, 'Alan Lucchesi' <alanlucchesi@gmail.com>, 'Joe Hurwich' <joe@hurwich.net>, "David P. Johnson" <ceo@sanleandrochamber.com>, 'Lauren Westreich' <lauren@everydog.com>, Kurt Brinkman <kurt@intrepidelectronic.com>, George Burtt <grant_burt@earthlink.net>, Tom Thatcher <tomhcta@pacbell.net>, Tom McCoy <thomaswmccoyjr@aol.com>, Steve Lowe <steve@urbanspace.biz>, Jon Sarriugarte <jon@formandreform.com>, Markus Niebanck <mniebanck@gmail.com>, Alfred Saroni III <nsx4u@aol.com>, Tanya Holland <tanya@tanyaholland.com>, Terry Caughell <tcaughell@pyromineralsinc.com>, Casey Farmer <CFarmer@oaklandnet.com>, Rebecca Kaplan <rkaplan@oaklandnet.com>
Subject: Poplar St, Homeless Camp

Dear Public Works & OPD,

Please be advised the Homeless Camp on Poplar St between 28th and 30th is increasing in size. A portion of the camp is completely blocking the sidewalk. We received numerous complaints from our staff. Your assistance in cleaning up this site ASAP would be appreciated. See attached photo's. Thank you!

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From: Edward Kangeter <Edward@customalloy.com>

Date: Friday, July 31, 2015 at 4:08 PM

To: "JDeVries@oaklandnet.com" <JDeVries@oaklandnet.com>, Frank Foster <ffoster@oaklandnet.com>, SShelton@oaklandnet.com" <SShelton@oaklandnet.com>, "opwcallcenter@oaklandnet.com" <opwcallcenter@oaklandnet.com> Cc: George Burttt <grant_burttt@earthlink.net>, Bob Tuck <btuck@atlasheating.com>, Michael Herling <michael@consolidated-cleaning.com>, Terry Caughell <tcaughell@pyromineralsinc.com>, Tanya Holland <th@brownsugarkitchen.com>, "cora@cityslickerfarms.org" <cora@cityslickerfarms.org>, Markus Niebanck <mniebanck@gmail.com>, Casey Farmer <CFarmer@oaklandnet.com>, Rebecca Kaplan <rkaplan@oaklandnet.com>
Subject: Hanna St, Homeless Camp

Dear Public Works & OPD,

Thank you for your efforts to clear the homeless camps on Hanna this week!

Please be advised several of the homeless camps relocated adjacent to an existing homeless camp on Poplar St between 28th & 30th. Anything that can be done to address the camps on Poplar St would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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From: Edward Kangeter <Edward@customalloy.com>

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 4:30 PM

To: "JDeVries@oaklandnet.com" <JDeVries@oaklandnet.com>, Frank Foster <ffoster@oaklandnet.com>, "SShelton@oaklandnet.com" <SShelton@oaklandnet.com>

Cc: George Burttt <grant_burttt@earthlink.net>, Bob Tuck <btuck@atlasheating.com>, Michael Herling <michael@consolidated-cleaning.com>, Terry Caughell <tcaughell@pyromineralsinc.com>, Tanya Holland <th@brownsugarkitchen.com>, Cora Garcia <cora@cityslickerfarms.org>, Markus Niebanck <mniebanck@gmail.com>, Casey Farmer <CFarmer@oaklandnet.com>, Rebecca Kaplan <rkaplan@oaklandnet.com>

Subject: Hanna St, Homeless Camp

All,

The Homeless Camps on Hanna St has expanded to the future home of the City Slicker Farm @ Hanna & Peralta. In addition, our staff are complaining about prostitution, drug dealing & people defecating in public again.

Is anything being done to clean up Hanna St? There is also a camp on Poplar between 28th & 30th that has been there for over one year with all the same issues.

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From: Microsoft Office User <edward@customalloy.com>
Date: Friday, April 3, 2015 at 10:24 PM
To: "Shelton, Susan" <SShelton@oaklandnet.com>, Casey Farmer <CFarmer@oaklandnet.com>, "DeVries, Joe" <JDeVries@oaklandnet.com>, Frank Foster <ffoster@oaklandnet.com>, "Solomon, Kennedy" <KSolomon@oaklandnet.com>, "Bedford, Sara" <SBedford@oaklandnet.com> Cc: George Burt <grant_burt@earthlink.net>, Bob Tuck <btuck@atlasheating.com>, Michael Herling <michael@consolidated-cleaning.com>, Tanya Holland <th@brownsugarkitchen.com>
Subject: Re: Illegal Dumping @ Peralta St. & 26th St. & Hanna St Situation

Hello Everyone,

Returned this week from traveling on business and noticed that the camps are still in place on Hanna and Poplar between 38th & 30th.

Received several complaints from staff regarding the prostitution & drug dealing affiliated with these camps. Any luck getting these camps removed premaritally?

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From: <Shelton>, Susan <SShelton@oaklandnet.com>
Date: Friday, March 20, 2015 at 12:10 PM
To: Casey Farmer <CFarmer@oaklandnet.com>, Edward Kangeter <edward@customalloy.com>
Cc: "Bedford, Sara" <SBedford@oaklandnet.com>, "Solomon, Kennedy" <KSolomon@oaklandnet.com>, Frank Foster <ffoster@oaklandnet.com>, "DeVries, Joe" <JDeVries@oaklandnet.com>
Subject: RE: Illegal Dumping @ Peralta St. & 26th St. & Hanna St Situation

Good afternoon Casey. Kennedy Solomon is doing some of Mike's task until we rehire. Kennedy works closely with Frank Foster in KOCB about the encampments. The process is for email/telephone calls indicating an encampment get made through C-Click_Fix and the call center logs and distributes the complaint to the appropriate staff. When an encampment of homelessness is reported a supervisor from PWA goes out to the site and sets up a process for its clean/up or removal. That process has a number of levels. If its not to large then OD's smaller clean up crew will handle, if larger then KOCB manages that process which includes posting, notification and then scheduled clean up. Kennedy, from my office is part of that loop and he creates a work order on our end once notified by KOCB and creates a work order for OD to post the site. I hope that provides what you need to get this site reported.

Susan R. Shelton, Manager
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City of Oakland Department of Human Services
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"Let us NOT become the evil we deplore"
Congresswoman Barbara Lee

From: Farmer, Casey [mailto:CFarmer@oaklandnet.com]
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 7:22 AM
To: edward@customalloy.com
Cc: Shelton, Susan
Subject: Fwd: Illegal Dumping @ Peralta St. & 26th St. & Hanna St Situation

Hi Susan - who in your office is managing homeless encampments until Mike's position is filled?

Mr. Kangeter is one of our fine WO business leaders who helps us fight crime by pulling illegal dumping to one location for OPW.
He also alerted us of an encampment - see below.

Best,
Casey

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Edward Kangeter <Edward@customalloy.com>
Date: March 20, 2015 at 12:58:51 AM PDT
To: "ffoster@oaklandnet.com" <ffoster@oaklandnet.com>, "JDeVries@oaklandnet.com" <JDeVries@oaklandnet.com>, "DEnglish@oaklandnet.com" <DEnglish@oaklandnet.com>, "LMoore3@oaklandnet.com" <LMoore3@oaklandnet.com>
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Subject: FW: Illegal Dumping @ Peralta St. & 26th St. & Hanna St Situation

Dear Public Works,

See attached new illegal dumping of dirt on Hanna between Peralta & 32nd St. Please be advised that since Feb 3rd nothing has been done to remove the homeless camps on Hanna which have continued to increase in size and numbers. There is also a homeless camp on Poplar between 28th & 30th that continues to increase in size.

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From: Edward Kangeter <edward@customalloy.com>

Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 5:26 PM

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Subject: Re: Illegal Dumping @ Peralta St. & 26th St. & Hanna St Situation

Mr Foster,

Thank you for your efforts on Hanna St. The illegal dumping and homeless camps were removed. Unfortunately, three of the camps have moved back onto Hanna and reestablished themselves. A fourth camp has established itself on Poplar near the intersection of Poplar & 30th St.

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From: Edward Kangeter <edward@customalloy.com>

Date: Monday, January 26, 2015 at 5:01 PM

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Subject: Re: Illegal Dumping @ Peralta St. & 26th St. & Hanna St Situation

Mr Foster,

I'm happy to report the Illegal Dumping @ Peralta St & 26th has been removed. Thank you!!

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Subject: RE: Illegal Dumping @ Peralta St. & 26th St. & Hanna St Situation

Mr. Kangeter,

I have included Joe DeVries in the email. He works in the City Administrator's Office and has attempted to resolve some of these issues. He may be able to provide an update, with regard to his past efforts and future plan.

Since the homeless encampment requires advanced notification before service can be provided, it has been scheduled for Tuesday (1/27). The pile of debris will require heavy equipment to abate, so it has also been scheduled for the aforementioned date.

Thanks.

Frank Foster, PWLF
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Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2015 9:35 AM
To: Foster, Frank; PWA Call Center
Cc: Terry Caughell; Alfred Saroni III; th@brownsugarkitchen.com; Bob Tuck; Michael Herling; George Burt; Jon Sarriugarte; Farmer, Casey; Cook, Brigitte; Moore, Leland; Van Eck, Jeffrey; English, Dexter; Kaplan, Rebecca
Subject: Re: Illegal Dumping @ Peralta St. & 26th St. & Hanna St Situation

Mr Foster,

Thank you for your quick reply and assistance!

Not sure if there is anything Public Works can do to address the situation on Hanna & 32nd. There are 12+ people living in the abandoned building running prostitution, dealing & using drugs 24/7. Additionally you have the camps of people living on the sidewalks that are defecating on the sidewalk etc... In the past year we experienced numerous people climbing over the fences of CASS to steal metal, one of which OPD was able to capture on CASS property and arrest. The gentlemen that was arrested apparently came from the camp on Hanna St and was reselling metal to unlicensed illegal recycler's that operate after hours.

Our staff, fellow business owners and numerous neighbors have expressed their concerns about the Hanna St situation but nothing has been accomplished on this subject in the past year. It would be appreciated if this could be addressed by the appropriate city department to provide the people that need help the help they need and clean up Hanna St once and for all. Recognizing this is easier said than done, it still needs to be addressed.

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- End -

From: Granda, Melosa [mailto:MGranda@oaklandcityattorney.org]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 1:00 PM
To: Wald, Zachary; Ring Denis
Cc: minh_tsai@yahoo.com; grace@ochocandy.com; Jon Sarriugarte; DeVries, Joe; Prado (Lederer), Margot; Cook, Brigitte; grant_burt@earthlink.net
Subject: RE: Sausage Co. Complaint Filed

Hello All,

Responding to some questions that have come up, timeline depends on factors beyond only our office's control so it's impossible to say at this point; how the defendants decide to react is an important factor. Still, here are some basic guideline for how this civil action should proceed. The complaint filed with the court commenced the civil action and laid out the claims we have against the defendants. I understand that the defendants have not yet been served, but this should happen any day. Also any day now, the court will issue a CMC (case management conference) for the parties to meet and initially review the case, this is usually scheduled a few months out (June?). Meanwhile, defendants will have to answer the complaint within 30 days of being served. The answer will lay out what portions of the complaint, if any, the defendants admit to, what defendants contest, what defenses defendants may have, and whether defendants have a counterclaim against plaintiffs or third parties, etc. Assuming no counterclaims, we proceed to discovery, we exchange documents and other info to show what evidence exists to back up claims. Starting at discovery, we'll need witnesses who can articulate specific information, including dates, times, descriptions (reports to agencies and OPD are also key here). Throughout the process parties may file motions to attempt to get rid of part of or the entire case, or to skip right to a certain resolution. Assuming no settlement is reached during discovery, we go to trial. About 97% of civil cases are settled or dismissed before trial. Part of the relief sought is removal of the squatters and securing the premises, immediate abatement of all nuisance conditions, a "receiver" that is a person not related to the defendants that takes over control of bringing the property up to strict compliance with laws, continued maintenance by attentive property manager, cameras, lighting, etc. Owners losing the property is not a likely outcome. I hope this helps clarify. I will not be at today's Biz Alert meeting.

Best,
Melosa

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From: Wald, Zachary
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 10:34 AM
To: Ring Denis; Granda, Melosa
Cc: <minh_tsai@yahoo.com>; <grace@ochocandy.com>; Jon Sarriugarte
Subject: RE: Sausage Co. Complaint Filed

Denis –

I think that Melosa can provide better guidance on the possible outcomes.

My understanding is that a lawsuit will compel the owner to address the outstanding complaints about the property or else face escalating damages which could eventually lead to loss of the property.

Zachary Wald
Chief of Staff for Lynette McElhaney
Oakland City Councilmember, District 3
510-238-7032

From: Ring Denis [mailto:denis@ochocandy.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 9:48 AM
To: Wald, Zachary
Cc: <minh_tsai@yahoo.com>; <grace@ochocandy.com>; Jon Sarriugarte
Subject: Re: Sausage Co. Complaint Filed

Zac, Thanks - We were informed. What happens now and how long will it take to actually see results? I worry that a mere lawsuit only prolongs any decision by another 5 years. Does the lawsuit allow the city to force evacuations and enforce laws? In real terms what will change?

Denis Ring
Partner

On Mar 17, 2015, at 9:42 AM, Wald, Zachary <ZWald@oaklandnet.com> wrote:
Denis and all –

Wanted to let you know, in case you had not heard, that the City Attorney's office filed a complaint against the Sausage Company building owner on Friday of last week.

Zachary Wald
Chief of Staff for Lynette McElhaney
Oakland City Councilmember, District 3
510-238-7032

From: Granda, Melosa
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 4:49 PM
To: Prado (Lederer), Margot; DeVries, Joe; Cook, Brigitte; Sloan, Annie; Wald, Zachary
Subject: Sausage Co. complaint was filed today

FYI The attached Sausage Co. complaint was filed today.

Property in West Oakland:

* "Sausage Co. Properties" at 28th Street/Adeline Street (1173 28th St./ 2700 Magnolia St.; 2715 Adeline St.)

Causes of action:

- * Public Nuisance
 - o Based on CA Civil Code 3479 and 3480
 - o Based on Oakland Blight Ordinance (OMC 8.24 et seq.)
 - o Based on the Oakland Building Maintenance Code (OMC 15.08 et seq.)
 - o Based on Oakland Graffiti Abatement Ordinance (OMC 8.10 et seq.)

Facts:

- * The alleged owners of the "Sausage Co. Properties" are East Bay entrepreneurs that purchased the 3 parcels in 2002, which consists of an abandoned building structure and two adjacent vacant lots.
- * The owners' failure to abate blighted, unsafe, and unsanitary conditions has led to chronic conditions of overgrown vegetation; trash and debris; illegally dumped material; graffiti; unsecured property and the presence of trespassing squatters; and standing water, and a dilapidated and unsafe building; and the presence of homeless encampments.
- * The owners' failure to maintain the Sausage Co. Properties and to provide security measures has created a magnet for homeless encampments, squatters, blight and crime in the neighborhood, including: shootings, burglaries, thefts, car break-ins, illegal dumping, and graffiti vandalization. Defendants' failures have substantially impacted the aesthetic and economic value of neighboring properties.

Defendants:

- * Oakland Lofts LLC
- * 2700 Magnolia LLC
- * Seth Jacobson
- * Francis Rush

Relief sought:

- * Declare the properties public nuisances
- * Immediate abatement of public nuisance conditions
- * Injunctive relief to cease maintaining public nuisance conditions
 - o Property manager to abate public nuisance conditions, security cameras, lighting, signage with address and reporting instructions
- * Receiver
- * Civil penalties
- * Damages
- * Punitive damages
- * Recovery of costs
- * Attorney's fees

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From: Flynn, Rachel
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 11:32 AM
To: dwane kennedy; Wald, Zachary
Cc: Peter Williams; McElhaney, Lynette; At Large; Cook, Brigitte; Michael Boettger; Labayog, Edward
Subject: RE: The Burned out building at 5th and mandela

Hi Dwane, What is the status of this clean-up? Thanks, Rachel

From: dwanekennedy@gmail.com [mailto:dwanekennedy@gmail.com] On Behalf Of dwane kennedy
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 12:13 PM
To: Wald, Zachary
Cc: Peter Williams; McElhaney, Lynette; At Large; Cook, Brigitte; Flynn, Rachel; Michael Boettger; Labayog, Edward
Subject: Re: The Burned out building at 5th and mandela

Hello All,

Thanks for including me the communication on the Red Star site. I have a few updates that I can share with regard to clean-up and pending sale of the property.

1. I received that following update last week from the ownership regarding the sale pending. Mike Boettger who is now the VP in charge of the project and represents the property ownership (copied here).

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Michael Boettger <mboettger@themichaelsorg.com>
Date: Wed, Jul 15, 2015 at 1:56 PM
Subject: RE: 1396 5th Street Oakland - DC construction contract
To: dwane kennedy <djkennedy@cityshapers.com>
Cc: Ava Goldman <agoldman@themichaelsorg.com>

Dwane

We have entered into a LOI, and our counsel is preparing a Purchase and Sale agreement. We hope to have this site under contract within the next 30 days and sold within 90 to 120 days.

MB

Michael L. Boettger
Vice President Michaels Development
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2. Regarding the clean-up effort. We had the fence repaired again but we are unable to keep people from gaining entry to the property including the graffiti artists. We've received bids to clean-up the site and paint over the graffiti. Execution of the work order is pending Mr. Boettger's approval.

I realize that much work needs to be done to the property and it represents a significant eye soar for local residents. Please call me direct at 415-401-9300 if you wish to discuss this information and thank you for your patience in this matter.

On Mon, Jul 20, 2015 at 11:44 AM, Wald, Zachary <ZWald@oaklandnet.com> wrote:
Peter -

I am sorry to hear that there has been so little progress on the former Red Star Yeast Site.

Last communication we had, I gave you the contact of Dwane Kennedy, who is more or less managing the site as it heads toward sale. I am cc'ing Dwane to get his response on these issues:

1. What can be done in the short term to clean up the property?
2. In the medium term, is the property still heading for sale and the building toward demolition?
3. What is the timeline for both of these events to occur?

I am also cc'ing Rachel Flynn, as I understand that the building is under a compliance plan that would dictate when the building will come down.

Thank you,

Zac

Zachary Wald
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-----Original Message-----

From: Peter Williams [mailto:peter-williams@dslextreme.com]
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 2:44 PM
To: McElhaney, Lynette; Wald, Zachary
Cc: At Large; Cook, Brigitte
Subject: Re: The Burned out building at 5th and mandela

Hello Everyone,

We've corresponded about this before, and here I am again.

I appreciate that Zachary Wald got back to me several months ago, but really nothing has changed. Someone picked garbage around the site, that's it. This building has been sitting for over 3 years. THREE YEARS!!!! If this building was in Montclair or Piedmont or even Chinatown, it would have at least been knocked down years ago. It's covered by graffiti, has homeless people living inside it, has giant charred pieces of wood sticking up off the top, and it just sits and sits and sits.

The Mandela corridor was made beautiful with the median strip walkway, he leads right to one of the biggest blights in Oakland, this building. I know Oakland has problems, I've lived here for almost 20 years. I see how much worse it looks now than it did then. I know money's tight. I know that you all are stretched, but come on. You've got to do something about this building.

Of course, I do not know the ins and outs of what happened there, someone owned the lot, someone is trying to sell the lot, but it cannot just sit like this. PLEASE do something about this. I love Oakland, and can't stand seeing it like this.

Thanks,

Peter

DWANE J. KENNEDY

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From: Cook, Brigitte [mailto:BCook@oaklandnet.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 4:43 PM

To: Tariq Norris <tnorris@ymcaEastBay.org>; Robert Wilkins <rwilkins@ymcaEastBay.org>; Kathleen Gushoney <kgushoney@ymcaEastBay.org>; David Johnson <djohnson@ymcaEastBay.org>
Subject: RE: Update-MRB YMCA -Continued Dumping and Homeless Encampments

Hello Mr. Norris,

Thank you for contacting me about your concerns. During the summer there were issues with Public Works picking up trash left over from Friday Night Live. However, that program ended in August, so any trash that is dumped after the conclusion of the program should be reported to Public Works at 510.615.5566 or at PWCallCenter@oaklandnet.com. Waste Management will not respond to direct requests for illegal dumpings.

You should also contact the OPW Call Center to report and have homeless encampments removed.

Homelessness, drug addiction and crime are serious issues impacting the entire San Pablo corridor and especially those streets closest to St. Andrews Plaza. The Hoover RAC as well as SPARC have been working to identify ways to alleviate those problems. I encourage you to participate in those ongoing discussions and help craft solutions. In terms of public safety, there is a monthly NCPC meeting where OPD Community Resource Officers to alert them to problems and get updates from them.

I would be happy to meet with you to discuss what options are available and how we can support your efforts to provide a safe recreational space for the children. Please let me know if you have any time in the next few weeks.

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy® Note 4.

----- Original message -----

From: Tariq Norris <tnorris@ymcaEastBay.org<mailto:tnorris@ymcaEastBay.org>>

Date: 10/21/2015 3:36 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: "Cook, Brigitte" <BCook@oaklandnet.com<mailto:BCook@oaklandnet.com>>, Robert Wilkins <rwilkins@ymcaEastBay.org<mailto:rwilkins@ymcaEastBay.org>>, Kathleen Gushoney <kgushoney@ymcaEastBay.org<mailto:kgushoney@ymcaEastBay.org>>, David Johnson <djohnson@ymcaEastBay.org<mailto:djohnson@ymcaEastBay.org>>

Subject: Update-MRB YMCA -Continued Dumping and Homeless Encampments

Greetings Brigitte,

For several months we have continued to do our due diligence around keeping the exterior and interior of the M. Robinson Baker YMCA clean and in good condition. However after hundreds of dollars and countless phone calls to waste management garbage is still being dumped on our property. We also have several homeless encampments on Brockhurst and it's not uncommon to see drug needles and other drug paraphernalia on the streets and around our facility. During my facility walk-through this morning I noticed that two homeless people were sleeping on the Brockhurst side of the M. Robinson Baker YMCA (please see attached photos). I'm concerned not only for the residents in our neighborhood but also for the children that walk along Brockhurst street on their way home from Hoover elementary which is one block away.

I ended up speaking to the homeless individuals and explained to them that they would have to move the encampment. They apologized and said that they would move. It was very clear to me that both of them were under the influence of some substance. I will have to contact a hazard waste company again to remove the garbage and waste that was left on the side of our building and contact the Oakland Police Department if the homeless individuals refuse to move their encampment. I'm very sensitive to the homeless situation in our West Oakland community but I also have an obligation to the residents and children in our neighborhood and I want to make sure they are safe and understand that the YMCA genuinely cares about the community. Any additional support you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tariq

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tariq Norris

Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2015 4:28 PM

To: Tariq Norris <tnorris@ymcaEastBay.org<<mailto:tnorris@ymcaEastBay.org>>>; Cook, Brigitte

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Subject: RE: Update-MRB -Illegal Trash Dump 7/29 & 8/3

Importance: High

Hi Brigitte,

I Just wanted to do a quick follow up regarding the scheduled (Monday (8/3)) trash collection from Public Works. Unfortunately Public Works did not collect the garbage in front of the M. Robinson Baker YMCA left from the 7/31 Friday Night Live event. On Tuesday evening (8/4) I removed the garbage from the sidewalk myself and placed it in our dumpster. Many of the bags had been picked through (probably by dogs or cats). Please let me know if you were able to speak with the coordinators of the Friday Night Live event and arrange for them to dispose of the garbage in another location.

Also, my Day Camp Director (Destiny Walker) informed me that the City of Oakland Public Works did not pick up the trash from our facility this morning. According to Jason their scheduled trash collection day is Wednesday morning between 3am and 6am. On Tuesday evening I left our gate unlocked so that Public Works would have access to our facility to collect the garbage Wednesday morning. Our garbage and recycling dumpsters are now completely full. I will contact Public Works to see why they failed to collect the garbage from our facility. Any additional support you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

-Tariq

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From: Tariq Norris

Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 5:52 PM

To: Cook, Brigitte; Robert Wilkins; Kathleen Gushoney

Subject: RE: Update-MRB -Illegal Trash Dump 7/29 & 8/3

Hi Brigitte,

Thank you for the clarification. I wasn't aware of the agreement Jason had with the Friday Night Live event coordinators. Moving forward it's a good idea to have the trash placed in another location. I'm concerned that by leaving the garbage on the sidewalk, dogs, cats, etc. will pick through it and make matters worse.

We've recently received a lot of attention from the City of Oakland as it relates to the maintenance and upkeep of the M. Robinson Baker YMCA facility and I want to make sure all areas of the facility are kept clean. If you can inform the

Friday Night Live coordinators that they are not to leave garbage on the sidewalk around the YMCA facility that would be great. Thank you for the Public Works phone number and for your support with this matter.

Tariq

Tariq Norris
YMCA of the East Bay
Regional Youth and Family Director
Metropolitan Oakland Region

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

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Subject: RE: Update-MRB -Illegal Trash Dump 7/29 & 8/3

Hi Tariq, those clear pastic bags are from the Friday Night Live event. In the past Jason allowed the FNL youth to put the trash in Y's trash bins. Currently the City's Public Works department is scheduled to pick the bags up each Monday. I can ask them to place the bags at another location to avoid any confusion.

For illegal dumping on the street or public property, you can call Public Works at 510.615.5566.

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy® Note 4.

----- Original message -----

From: Tariq Norris <tnorris@ymcaEastBay.org<mailto:tnorris@ymcaEastBay.org>>
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To: Robert Wilkins <rwilkins@ymcaEastBay.org<mailto:rwilkins@ymcaEastBay.org>>, Kathleen Gushoney <kgushoney@ymcaEastBay.org<mailto:kgushoney@ymcaEastBay.org>>
Cc: "Cook, Brigitte" <BCook@oaklandnet.com<mailto:BCook@oaklandnet.com>>
Subject: Update-MRB -Illegal Trash Dump 7/29 & 8/3

Greetings,

We have experienced another illegal trash dumping at the M. Robinson Baker YMCA. On Friday (7/31) 911 Restoration came out to our facility to clear trash/debris that was left on the Brockhurst side of our facility on 7/28. On Monday 8/3 I noticed that there was another illegal dumping on the Brockhurst side of our YMCA facility. I have attached photos of what was dumped on the property. I also witnessed two men using drugs on Brockhurst street (I did not take photos of them but told them to leave the area).

I will call 911 Restoration tomorrow for another clean up tomorrow. Any assistance the City of Oakland can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Tariq
510.414.8881

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Subject: RE: MRB -Illegal Trash Dump 7/29

Thanks Robert. I really appreciate your assistance and support with this matter. I'll be sure to keep Brigitte Cook abreast of our efforts as well. Thanks again.

Tariq

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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From: Robert Wilkins <rwilkins@ymcaEastBay.org<mailto:rwilkins@ymcaEastBay.org>>
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Subject: FW: MRB -Illegal Trash Dump 7/29

Good Afternoon Tariq ----- first of all, thank you for addressing the issues brought to my attention by Council District 3 staff members. The swift and comprehensive clean-up of the MRB facility was done superbly. As you note with the photos here, there is an ongoing problem of dumping, drug use and vagrancy in the neighborhood which we surely will do our part to abate. We will need the active participation and cooperation of the city in dealing with the homeless situation and the dumping on public property surrounding our building. I have copied Brigitte Cook, the Senior Community Liaison for CD3 to keep her abreast of our efforts and to solicit their support for quick follow through by the city for clean-up and maintenance of public spaces. Please keep her in the communications loop when issues arise. Our collective and ongoing efforts will make the area as clean and safe as it deserves to be.

Thanks for your great leadership.

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From: Minor, Gregory
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 5:20 PM
To: Quezada, Thomas; English, Dexter; Hookfin, Bobby
Cc: Cook, Brigitte
Subject: RE: URGENT SITUATION - CCO FACILITY 2857 HANNAH STREET

Hi All-

I've had the great fortune of inheriting this project from Joe so I'm trying to get up to speed, specifically in regards to "Public Works and Operation Dignity...conducting weekly outreach and removals at this location" as Joe referred to below. Dexter-could you fill me in on this, in particular do we have any documentation of notices that were posted? I am guessing OPD will feel more comfortable citing and expediting a removal if they have this information.

Thank you,

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From: DeVries, Joe
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Cc: Schmitt, Bob; O'CON, JOHN C; Alvarez, Monica; Hom, Donna
Subject: RE: URGENT SITUATION - CCO FACILITY 2857 HANNAH STREET
Importance: High

Bruce, Captain Lindsey, Lt. Hookfin, et al,

First, I need to preface this email, with the fact that I am out of town next week and unfortunately cannot help coordinate anything from out of state.

That said, at our direction, Public Works and Operation Dignity have been conducting weekly outreach and removals at this location and Bruce is right, it is out of control. At this point I believe we need OPD to begin to cite people for not clearing the area. They are blocking the sidewalk, causing a hazard, loitering, and making the situation untenable for the businesses and residents in the area. We have tried the social service, soft approach and OPD has been present on standby during the Public Works removals but have not, to this point, conducted any hard enforcement and now I believe they need to.

I have copied Greg Minor from my Office who can serve as the CAO liaison while I am gone and really feel strongly that our only option now is enforcement.

Captain Lindsey and Lt. Hookfin, as you may recall, the most effective enforcement efforts we have taken have been to send patrol units in the very early morning hours (5am) to roust people and make them pack up and go. Two or three days of this usually is very effective.

I will try to check emails while out of town but will rely on OPD to follow-up. Everyone on the sidewalk currently was warned and told to leave on Wednesday and has no excuse for returning.

Thank you,

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Cc: Schmitt, Bob; O'CON, JOHN C; Alvarez, Monica
Subject: URGENT SITUATION - CCO FACILITY 2857 HANNAH STREET
Importance: High

Joe and Brigitte,

As you know we have a severe and now dangerous homeless situation in front of our facility. This is now is escalating daily all along both sides of the street in front of our facility up to within 1 foot of our entrance door. It is totally out of control with new homeless arriving daily. The City has responded recently with removals several times in the past few months but we have seen the homeless return the next morning if not the same day. Your team did remove homeless on Wednesday for them to return in larger numbers Thursday. We need to meet at the site and develop a more effective strategy to augment the good efforts you are making in removing them. We are anxious and willing to help in whatever way we can as this is an untenable situation. It is not safe for our employees or the community. Again, we will assist in any way we can but we need to change our procedure as this is now a critical mass.

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