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Subject: [External] From Shelley Gibson @ Prudential California Realty

Good afternoon Mr. Soubirous,

Thank you for taking my call today & hearing me out again, regarding this issue.

We have had numerous homeless, pan handlers and undesirable individuals here at our Riverside location: 6349 Riverside Ave. 92506 over the course of the last year.

It seems to be an ongoing issue for us to try to keep these individuals from over running our business, they appear mostly during the evening once staff has gone home at 5:30 although we do have them during the day.

I see them beg at the shopping center or corner of Central and Riverside Ave. then go to La Bodega to purchase liquor.

They then make there way to our office to trespass on our property (we have the Private Property signs installed required by RPD) taking over the grass area, planters & the sidewalk on Laura St.(between Del Taco & our office)

when the coast is clear they lay under our awning (which protects them from the weather and/or the law) our clients & agents are here well into the evening, signing papers, conducting business and trying to make a living...

It's impossible to be a professional, respected business in this community with this going on, we need your help to have the police provide a much larger presence.

We have taken all steps and action required to remedy this problem yet it continues, please help us in improving our situation here at Prudential California Realty, we'd appreciate it!

"Best Regards"

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May 10, 2016

Attn: City of Riverside – City Council Members

Re: Vagrancy/Crime in City of Riverside Businesses – Magnolia Center Area


Dear Sir/Madam:

We are appealing to you for help because we find it appalling that the policy of the City of Riverside Police Department is not to police the vagrants that frequent the Riverside businesses in the Magnolia Center area. Vagrancy, vandalism and crime have been an ongoing problem over the past two years. The vagrants sleep on the premises' at night, defecate in the yards and on the walls, rip up irrigation lines, leave faucets running, and leave their personal property stored on the premises. Yards are dumping grounds for toilet paper, food wrappers, hypodermic needles, and feces. Not only is the situation unsafe and unhealthy to the public but to the individual business owners, their employees and clients as well.

Collectively and individually we have called the police numerous times, but the response is always the same, "vagrancy in Riverside is an issue we are told is approximately number "25th" on the list of issues that need to be dealt with" per the last police officer we spoke to. Apparently, the police chief will do nothing about the problem because it is not a priority, and they have told us that they will not pick up the vagrants if a call comes in for trespassing.


We are fed up with this. Is the only alternative to move our businesses outside of the City of Riverside limits to a cleaner and safer environment? We are asking the City of Riverside City Council to intercede on our behalf with the police department with the primary goal of developing a plan that will keep the homeless away from the business establishments. This should not be "priority number 25" as we are all tax paying business members of the City of Riverside.

Concerned businesses Magnolia Center area,


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From: <dking@csmedicalgroup.com>

Date: August 26, 2016 at 1:25:01 PM PDT

To: <msoubirous@riversideca.gov>

Subject: [External] Matter of Concern

Dear Councilman Soubirous,

I am writing to express great concern with the increased homeless population that has presented itself in the area of our Cardiology Clinic located at 3770 Elizabeth St. Riverside, CA 92506 and the immediate surrounding area.

I am not expressing a concern regarding the fact that there are homeless individuals in our area, but that this population of individuals gathers in the evenings and sets up sleeping shelters in the doorways and along side our buildings. Upon arriving to work each morning these individuals are often still sleeping and when they arise to go about their day they are leaving trash, clothing, liquor containers, shopping carts and a large amount of debris in front our medical clinic, on the sidewalks and in the parking lot across the street. I am speaking solely for our medical practice, however the surrounding businesses are experiencing the same dynamic on a daily basis.

I have personally observed an individual who regularly frequents the area pulling down her undergarments urinating on the ground in the door way of the bookstore next door, using tissue to cleanse and then throwing it into the flowerbed in front our building.

While there is empathy for those in need of physical and perhaps psychological assistance; there is also a desire to see an effective change in the community that will facilitate an acceptable standard of existence for everyone.

This week a staff member's vehicle was broken into and items were stolen. There is a constant presence of individuals in the parking lot, walking around the vehicles.

I have called the police department's courtesy patrol on a few occasions and they do respond and help to move the individuals along. However, they continue to return each day and loiter on the sidewalks and in the parking lot.

Lastly, our environment presents itself as unsafe, unclean and impacts our patients, staff and business as a whole. Your consideration of action in regard to our expressed concerns would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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From: "Tracy A. Leake" <LeakTA@fUSD.net>
Date: September 8, 2016 at 2:27:40 PM PDT
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Cc: Donna Poole <dpool7777@live.com>
Subject: [External] homeless in the magnolia center area

I am writing you today with the concern of the Homeless in the Magnolia Center area of Riverside. I live on Harding Street just off Arlington Ave. On trash day, which is Tuesday, we have the homeless roaming up and down our street going through the trash cans often times leaving things they did not want lying in the street. It is a weird feeling seeing someone going through your trash can on the street with a flashlight in the dark of the morning. This problem has increased the past year and seems to be growing. On Wednesday morning 9-7 it was trash pick-up day because Monday was a holiday. I had just come back from a morning run around 5:30 am when I noticed there was a baby stroller on my front lawn (It was left by a homeless person). I moved the stroller to the sidewalk and there were all kinds of different things in the stroller. I discovered later that afternoon when I was mowing the lawn that two pairs of pliers, one a needle nose, and a belt must have fallen out onto the yard. My girlfriend was a little scared and freaked out by this whole incident and did not feel as safe with this occurring. There seems to be an increasing number of homeless in the Magnolia Center area especially around Shamel Park and Low park by Magnolia and Arlington. Also they seem to have taken up camp by the an abandoned dental office on Arlington and the westbound entrance to the 91 freeway. I think there needs to be something done to insure the safety of residents in the Magnolia Center area as well as the entire City of Riverside. The homeless use to be able to stay in the Fairmount Park area but I am not sure this is happening anymore.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Email <doglady6061@att.net>
Date: September 14, 2016 at 8:52:08 PM PDT
To: <cconder@riversideca.gov>
Subject: [External] Homeless

My name is Alicia Salinas and I have lived in my house for 24 years. My house is on a short cul-de-sac that bunts up to hunt parks basketball court. When I moved into my house hunt park was the nicest of the parks in this area exceptionally clean they're always officer sitting over there I suppose when they had a break, there were families with children playing in the park . I saw no graffiti I saw a clean park, it all started to change when they put the skate park in. No sooner did the skate park come and then the shootings at the park began along with graffiti vandalism ,broken bottles and trash . This brought vandalism on to my little cul-de-sac street where tires have been slit, cars painted on windows of cars broken out and speeding up and down my street by people I believe who are looking for certain people in the park . Now some homeless have broke into an empty house at the end of my street where they have destroyed and broken into the back door and windows of this house and have been sleeping in there . Riverside PD has been out a few times but the problem is still there . most disturbing aspect is it has brought a very large number of homeless and these homeless are defecating and urinating in the park ,bringing mounds of trash, baskets ,makeshift homes, feces on the slides they sleep on the slides they sleep in the skate park.I personally have seen them dealing drugs in the park in at least the past five years if not more but the problem has just worsened in the past few years. I no longer take my grandkids to the park because it is a disgusting mess. The school program that feeds the kids during the summer has had to move down to where the kids now have to sit on the grass instead of at the lunch tables because they had to close that off due to the homeless over taking that area. no one wants to go to the park anymore because it's overrun with the homeless and it's not just people sitting there talking amongst themselves it's drug dealing and other unsavory things going on. We as taxpayers should have more rights than the homeless because we work hard to have our homes here in a decent area of Riverside. I was homeless myself in the 70s so I understand it but I never in my life would have done anything like that nor my siblings or my mother who were also homeless. I do TNR here in Riverside that is trap neuter and return Cats which I also feed in various areas here by my house. Two of those areas are located by the Kmart that is on Arlington and Van Buren one is the KFC and the other is the bowling alley. These two particular areas are heavy with the homeless as well and they also bring in mounds of trash they defecate and they urinate right out in the open areas . I personally had to clean it up because they did it right next to where I feed my cats. The employees at the bowling alley and KFC have told me this happens all the time. They have cut the fencing a number of times around the bowling alley they take all the trash out of the dumpster and just leave it there. The Kmart parking lot and surrounding areas always looks like a garbage dump with pillows ,cushions ,bags of trash and clothing and even old disgusting condoms .Just because you are homeless doesn't mean you have to act like a pig and destroy everything. I believe we need to take back our community and the local authorities need to do something about the homeless issue.

Sent from my iPhone

FW: [External] Homeless Trespass and Vandalise at my Business

From: Chad Tomazin <chad.tomazin@gmail.com>

Date: August 21, 2016 at 1:44:45 PM PDT

To: <msoubirous@riversideca.gov>

Subject: [External] Homeless Trespass and Vandalise at my Business

Dear Mr. Soubirous,

My name is Chad Tomazin, and I was born and raised in Riverside CA. I decided to open my dental practice on Magnolia (7154 Magnolia Ave), and I am happy to operate my small business in Riverside.

I am, although, very concerned with the increasing homeless population in Riverside. This, I have noticed, has significantly increased in the past two years. I have already filed two police reports due to homeless and vagrants trespassing and vandalizing my dental office.

I just went to my office on Sunday, and found that once again homeless jumped the front fence and used my front office area as a party/sleep area. I was not fun cleaning up the beer bottles, liquor bottles, cans of red bull and food wrappers. It definitely was not fun picking up the glass drug pipes, or cleaning and washing the human feces from my front office. They also tried to steal the benches from the front area; luckily I had just bolted them to the cement the week before.

I know for FACT that Riverside has been busing in homeless from surrounding cities. I know this because I saw firsthand an unmarked bus in the parking lot of Goodwill on Magnolia with vagrants leaving the bus, and using this area as a drop off point.

I am friends with a variety of small business owner, both in my area, as well as the downtown area, and WE ARE ALL TIRED OF IT. This needs to stop. My staff of eight female employees no longer FEEL SAFE coming to work early (645AM) or leaving late because of the homeless that wander around the area of my business.

I have patients who arrive early in the morning, who wait in their cars until the homeless leave the area of my office.

As I am sure you would agree, this is not conducive to running a small business. In fact, it hurts our business and our city.

Please let me know what the city intends to do to help our small business, and keep our citizens safe.

Sincerely,

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