

**Online Public Comment Report**  
**City Council**  
**March 18, 2025**

## PUBLIC COMMENT: IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT

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**Name:** Allyson Clark

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**Comment - 03/12/2025 09:23 PM: ( Against )**

To: Long Beach City Council Members and Mayor Richardson

Re: Opposition to the Renewal of the Downtown Encampment Resolutions Program at the Vagabond Inn in the 2nd District

Dear City Council Members and Mayor Richardson,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the renewal of the contract for the Downtown Encampment Resolutions Program at the Vagabond Inn located in the 2nd District of Long Beach. As a concerned resident, I believe this property has become a significant safety and environmental concern for our community, and I urge you to reconsider approving this contract.

The Vagabond Inn has a troubling history of issues that have negatively impacted our neighborhood. Multiple fires have occurred at the property, including a recent incident on Sunday night that required five fire engines to respond. Additionally, there is frequent activity involving drug dealers congregating outside the property, contributing to unsafe conditions.

Homeless individuals frequently block our driveway, forcing us to regularly call the police to address the situation. Encampments are often set up in our alley, creating an environmental hazard as trash and debris are scattered throughout the street after being pulled from dumpsters. These conditions pose health and safety risks to residents and businesses alike.

Furthermore, security at the Vagabond Inn is inadequate. The existing security guard has been observed socializing with known drug dealers rather than addressing concerns. This lack of effective security has led to repeated incidents where individuals have attempted to break into our building, checked our doors at night, and stolen our packages. These ongoing safety issues leave me fearful when walking to nearby stores or simply navigating my neighborhood.

The deteriorating condition of this property has had a noticeable impact on property values and has created a disruptive environment with frequent disturbances, including shouting in the streets and repeated police presence.

I believe our community deserves a more effective solution that both addresses homelessness and ensures the safety and well-being of local residents. I respectfully ask you to reconsider renewing the contract for this program at the Vagabond Inn and explore alternative solutions that better serve our community.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss these concerns further and work together toward a positive resolution.

Sincerely,  
Allyson Clark

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**Name:** Cliff Haines

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**Comment - 03/12/2025 09:31 PM: ( Against )**

Dear City Council Members and Mayor Richardson,

I am writing to strongly oppose the renewal of the contract for the Downtown Encampment Resolutions Program at the Vagabond Inn. This property has become a serious nuisance and safety concern for our neighborhood.

Drug dealers frequently gather on the corner near the property, creating unsafe conditions. Homeless individuals often sleep in our alleyway, blocking our driveway and forcing us to call the police — sometimes five times in a single day. These are not good tenants, and the management has failed to control the ongoing issues.

I respectfully ask you to reconsider renewing this contract and explore better solutions that will protect our community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Cliff Haines