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From : "Radu, Peter"
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Subject : RE: Camelia Street encampment

Thank you, Lars. This encampment is on our radar. I am not sure when we will be able to resolve it, because our staff resources are so thin and we're running out of shelter that people want to take. But we will do our best to ensure the footprint doesn't grow too much.

Please excuse us during the next two months. Staffing is at critically low levels and the Homeless Response Team is not dedicated staff—we pull from the same officers who respond to shootings or other serious crimes and the same Public Works staff that manage illegal dumping, graffiti, and public trash around the city. We have a lot of other work to juggle but we will do our best.

That said--if you or your staff are ever threatened, please do call BPD right away and they will prioritize accordingly. It helps them to receive these calls for service and helps us build a record/case for moving towards enforcement.

I appreciate your patience and understanding. Sincerely,

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Hello Peter,

Thanks for the update to the Gilman district, glad to hear things are improving on Harrison.

I want to alert you to an encampment on Camelia Street by the railroad tracks, between the tracks and 4th Street. They have been there about 6 weeks now, leaving lots of trash and dumping waste in the rain sewers, and making our employees very nervous, approaching them at 5 AM when they come to work. There is also an RV which has been parked in one spot on the same block for two weeks now. There is also a light blue Prius

that seems to belong to someone staying there, as it is daily in and around the encampment.

Thanks,

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On 11/9/22, 12:13 PM, "Radu, Peter" <pradu@cityofberkeley.info> wrote:

Dear Harrison St Neighbors,

I wanted to let you know about a very successful operation we were able to perform this morning along Harrison St and Eighth St. Over the past several weeks, the Homeless Response Team has successfully moved 5 people into noncongregate shelter, and another person was offered but refused (their encampment was therefore closed this morning). We have referrals and move-ins pending for at least two more people in the area later this week. The focus of our operation today was to remove the encampments left behind by these folks, as well as to do a general clean-up of the area.

We were able to close nearly every encampment on both sides of Harrison St between 6th and 8th (the encampment at Harrison and 10th was resolved last week). As of this morning, there is only one tent and three RVs remaining on the entire stretch of Harrison between 6th and 8th, all of which have very minimal footprint. The vehicles parked on Harrison between Ninth and Tenth all have a very minimal footprint as well. As for Eighth St, we were able to resolve the large encampment that had set up and was completely blocking the sidewalk along the East side of Eighth, getting back to our promise to keep at least one sidewalk there completely unobstructed for pedestrian passage. We also cleaned up debris in the street. One person in the area was arrested by PD this morning on outstanding warrants. Parking Enforcement continues to routinely visit the area and issue citations to all vehicles including the RVs.

If recent history is any indication, conditions may deteriorate here again. If we had more staffing and resources, we could maintain a more consistent presence in the area—but

know that we've had a flurry of serious criminal activity including some potentially volatile situations elsewhere in the City in recent days and weeks, and so we are constantly in a state of triaging and prioritizing. But with that said -- **this is now easily the cleanest that Harrison St proper has been since the COVID lockdowns.** More importantly, after the intensive outreach and multiple enforcement operations performed in this area since Oct 1, **this is now the least populated the Eighth/Harrison corridor has been in well over a year.** See photos attached, and expect a formal After Action report likely by tomorrow.

We HAVE heard you about your concerns in this area, and we ARE enforcing our laws and balancing that against meaningful service provision in this area. We will continue to do our best to maintain the corridor, and to advocate to our County partners for their assistance as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Sorry for the ongoing impacts you are experiencing, and thank you again for your patience for a this incredibly difficult situation.

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