

**REVISED 2/4/2020**

**TWIN RIVERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 809**

**Resolution of the Board of Trustees  
Concerning the Proposal for the Northgate Family Homeless Shelter**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Twin Rivers Unified School District (the "District") is dedicated to removing barriers to education and providing access to community resources for students and families experiencing homelessness;

**WHEREAS**, the Board is also committed to maximizing student learning opportunities so that students may progress toward graduation and are prepared for post-secondary success;

**WHEREAS**, the Board's commitment to ensuring homeless children have access to education and other services necessary for them to meet the same challenging academic standards as other students is further articulated in Board Policy 6173 and Administrative Regulation 6173;

**WHEREAS**, the District recognizes that homelessness within our community, city, county, and state is a critical subject and effective solutions are needed to meaningfully address this issue;

**WHEREAS**, the District has more than 2,268 students enrolled in its schools who are homeless as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act;

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to resolve the City of Sacramento's increasing homeless population, City Councilmember Jeff Harris of District 3 is proposing the development of a homeless shelter for women and children on city-owned property located at Northgate Boulevard and Patio Avenue ("Northgate Family Homeless Shelter" or "Project"), which is across the street from Garden Valley Elementary School located at 3601 Larchwood Dr, Sacramento, CA 95834

**WHEREAS**, it is the District's understanding that the current proposal for the Northgate Family Homeless Shelter includes a village of 49 cabins to shelter women and children, along with a clubhouse, restroom facilities, playground, dog park, and parking space;

**WHEREAS**, the District recognizes that other states, including Oregon and Washington, are also facing a rise in homelessness and are looking for solutions that, among other things, take into consideration the potential location of homeless shelters and encampments;

**WHEREAS**, a Washington State Senator, for example, has introduced legislation (Senate Bill 5882) that would prevent homeless shelters or encampments from locating within 1,000 feet of a public or private school, or an early learning facility;

**WHEREAS**, the District is supportive of exploring options to effectively address homelessness within our community, but has concerns regarding the close proximity of the proposed Project to the Garden Valley Elementary School;

**WHEREAS**, on November 6, 2019, a District representative met with Councilmember Harris to discuss the Northgate Family Homeless Shelter proposal and the District's requested mitigation measures that would be needed for the Board to support the Project, especially due to its proximity to the Garden Valley Elementary School;

**WHEREAS**, the District proposed the following mitigation measures to protect the safety and welfare of all those impacted, especially relative to the location of the Project:

1. Restrooms to accommodate the number of individuals in the shelter.
2. Complete fencing around the perimeter of the Project without direct access to Garden Valley Elementary School.
3. Additional security around the Project on a 24-hour/7-day per week/365-days per year basis (including additional security patrols that would include Garden Valley Elementary School after hours to relieve the Twin Rivers Police Department of any additional responsibilities).
4. Additional trash collection in and around the Project on a daily basis.
5. Funding for additional homeless counselors located at Garden Valley Elementary School.
6. Funding for a mobility specialist to support homeless students in transition.
7. Funding for additional District teachers hired that is equal to the loss of District funding for students who might not remain enrolled for the full school year at Garden Valley Elementary School.
8. Funding for additional afterschool programs for students enrolled in Garden Valley Elementary School.
9. Funding for increased video surveillance and lighting on the Garden Valley Elementary School campus.
10. Establishment of a teen center on the Project to be open while the Garden Valley Elementary School is in session.
11. Community access and engagement to support the Northgate Family Homeless Shelter as being part of the community, and not simply as a standalone shelter across the street from the District's school.

**WHEREAS**, the District sent Councilmember Harris a letter, dated December 3, 2019, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A to this Resolution and incorporated herein by reference, to reiterate the District's proposed mitigation measures related to the Project and to express the District's desire to continue the dialog with him and other community partners.

~~**WHEREAS,** given the number of mitigation measures for the Project that the District believes are necessary to ensure the safety and welfare of District students, families, and staff, the District must receive assurance that such measures will not be implemented.~~

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, given the possible unintended consequences of placing a homeless shelter in such close proximity to the Garden Valley Elementary School, under the current conditions the Board of Trustees of the Twin Rivers Unified School District opposes the proposed location for the Northgate Family Homeless Shelter.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of February 2020 by the Board of Trustees of the Twin Rivers Unified School District by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOES: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

---

Michelle Rivas  
President of the Board of Trustees  
Twin Rivers Unified School District

## Exhibit A

### December 3, 2019 Letter to Councilmember Harris

#### Exhibit A



#### **Board of Trustees**

*Michelle Rivas*  
*President*

*Michael Baker*  
*Vice President*

*Basim Elkarra*  
*Clerk*

*Bob Bastian*  
*Member*

*Linda Fowler, J.D.*  
*Member*

*Ramona Landeros*  
*Member*

*Rebecca Sandoval*  
*Member*

**Superintendent**  
*Steve Martinez, Ed.D.*

*To inspire each student to  
extraordinary achievement  
every day*

December 3, 2019

*Sent via email*

Councilmember Jeff Harris  
City of Sacramento, City Council District 3  
915 I Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Councilmember Harris,

It was a pleasure to meet with you at Garden Valley Elementary School on November 6, 2019, relative to the Northgate Family Homeless Shelter across the street from Garden Valley Elementary School. We all know homelessness is a serious topic for our area, city, and state that must be addressed. As we discussed, Twin Rivers Unified School District has more than 2,000 Students enrolled that are homeless, and the impact on their educational career can be dramatic.

Following up on our conversation relative to the mitigation that will be needed to gain support from the Board of Trustees for the project would include but not limited to as follows:

- 1) Restrooms to accommodate the number of individuals in the shelter.
- 2) Complete fenced around the project without direct access to the school.
- 3) Additional security around the project on a 24 hour / 7 day / 365 days a year basis.
  - a. Additional security patrols to include Garden Valley School after hours to relieve Twin Rivers Police Department of any additional responsibilities.
- 4) Additional trash collection in and around the project on a daily basis.
- 5) Funding for additional homeless counselors located at Garden Valley School.
- 6) Funding for a Mobility Specialist support homeless students in transition.
- 7) Funding for additional teachers hired, equal to the loss of funding for student that might not be enrolled full year at Garden Valley School.
- 8) Funding for additional afterschool programs for students of Garden Valley School.
- 9) Funding for increased video surveillance and lighting on the Garden Valley Campus.
- 10) Teen Center as part of the main building to be open while Garden Valley School is in session.
- 11) Community access and engagement to support the shelter as a part of the community and not just a shelter next to Garden Valley School.

We would like to continue the dialog with you and the Gardenland Northgate Neighborhood Association of all the mitigation measures to ensure a successful project for all concerned relative to this projects location, next to an elementary school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill McGuire", is written over a horizontal line.

Bill McGuire  
Deputy Superintendent  
Twin Rivers

CC'ed:  
Board of Trustees, Twin Rivers Unified  
Dr. Steve Martinez, Superintendent  
Dr. Kristen Coates, Associate Superintendent  
Stacey Firpo, Principal Garden Valley Elementary School

Physical Address: 5115 Dudley Blvd. • McClellan, CA 95652  
Mailing Address: 3222 Winona Way • North Highlands, CA 95660  
(916) 566-1600 • FAX (916) 566-1784 • [www.twinriversusd.org](http://www.twinriversusd.org)