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TTY/TDD: (510) 839-6451**DATE:** September 26, 2019**TO:** City Councilmembers and Members of the Public Safety Committee**FROM:** Councilmember Noel Gallo, Council District 5**SUBJECT:** Emergency Closure of Bond Street Encampment Between 42nd Avenue and High Street

RECOMMENDATION

Councilmember Noel Gallo recommends that the City Council adopt:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO CLOSE THE ENCAMPMENT ON 4200-4300 BLOCK OF BOND STREET BEHIND OAKLAND CHARTER ACADEMY, RESIDENTS HOMES AND SURROUNDING BUSINESSES DUE TO SERIOUS AND CONTINUAL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, ILLEGAL DUMPING, HEALTH AND FIRE HAZARDS THAT VIOLATES CALIFORNIA'S PENAL CODE SECTION 626 AND THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS ASSESSMENT FROM ALAMEDA COUNTY.

SUMMARY

The Bond Street encampment has created an unpleasant and unhealthy environment in and around the 4200 block of Bond Street beginning in December 2017. Oakland Charter Academy's back entrance and recreational space for the students borders the east side of the encampment on Bond Street. The encampment is also on the posterior yard of the homes of the Residents on the 4200 Block of E. 17th Street. Creating safety issues for the students and the residents due to the drug abuse, drug sales, drug paraphernalia, prostitution, public urination, defecation and vulgar language. They also have experienced destruction of their private property, solicitation of money from the children, the infestation of rodents and mosquitoes, late night arguments, fights and confrontations resulting in threats by occupants of the encampment. This site has been surveyed and evaluated by the Oakland Police Department, the Fire Marshal and Alameda County Vector Control. All of which, have stated that this encampment is a dangerous health, safety and fire hazard to occupants of the encampment and the Oakland Charter Academy students and neighboring residents.

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BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

The 4200-4300 Block of Bond Street has become a magnet for illegal dumping, graffiti, and criminal activity. Homeless encampments adjacent to school facilities continue to interfere with the City's mission of safe and clean routes to schools. State of California Penal Code Section 626 defines "Safe School Zones" as property within 1,500 feet of a school. This Zone allows for the empowerment of principals, selected representative, school police and/or security or local law enforcement to restrict the presence of any individual without lawful business to be on campus or adjacent public property. If the presence or actions of said individual(s) interfere with the peaceful school or pupil activities during regular school hours, or within 60 minutes before or after the school day, or 60 minutes before or after a school-sponsored activity at the school site; individual must leave immediately (or be arrested).

Under State of California Penal Code Section 626, the Oakland Unified School District has designated 1,000 feet as Safe School Zone for all schools under their jurisdiction. The City of Oakland has an urgent responsibility to assist and support our schools and pupils to ensure safe and clean routes to schools and enforcement of California Penal Code Section 626.

The Public Works Department routinely services this area due to illegal dumping. Tents and frequent parking of RVs accumulate large amounts of debris and at times blocking the roadway completely. The School, Residents, and Business Owners of the surrounding area have met with City officials about the illegal activities including the routine harassment to students, tenants, residents' and their families, customers.

Public Works Agency (PWA) was requested to provide their illegal dumping work orders and service requests within 200 feet of 4200-4300 Block of Bond Street. Additionally, the Oakland Police Department was requested to provide criminal offense data and assess the level of criminal activity for the last two years. Fire Department was requested to provide their fire incident reports and assess the level of criminal activity for the last two years. Alameda County Vector Control was requested to provide their reports for the area.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the City caused by closing this Encampment.

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

Notices will be sent as required.

COORDINATION

Council Member Gallo's Office is coordinating with the City Attorney's Office, the Department of Transportation, Fire Department, Public Works, the Oakland Police Department, and the City Administrator's Office in developing the resolution and report.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: By closing this encampment the City will help prevent illegal dumping that requires expenditure of City resources on an ongoing basis. It also will reduce police and fire response costs associated with this location.

Environmental: The accumulation of illegal dumping contributes to environmental degradation in this Central East Oakland area. It also contributes to the rodent infestation in area.

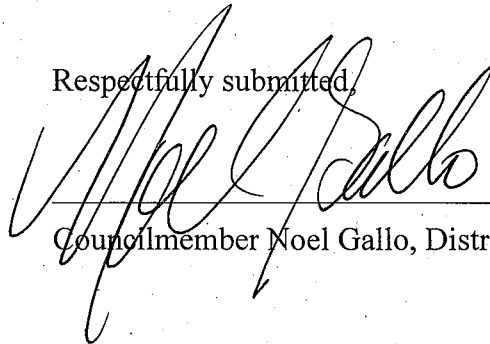
Social Equity: To ensure safe and clean routes to schools for all students. Minimizing criminal activity in this area also supports the adjacent business and allows for them to provide a safer work environment for their employees and their tenants. Residents can have use of their properties back yards and restore their lives peacefully in their homes, their children can walk to school, they can open their house windows and use their driveways safely. The neighbors can beautify the area and collaborating with Department of Transportation a Safe Routes to School Action plan can be implemented per Alameda County's Assessment recommendations.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff Recommends That The City Council Conduct A Public Hearing And Upon Conclusion, Use The Authority Granted Under California Penal Code Section 626, To Authorize The City Administrator, Or Her Designee, To Temporarily Close The Encampment On 4200-4300 Block Of Bond Street Due To Serious And Continual Criminal Activity And Illegal Dumping. That Public Works Prioritize And Complete Encampment Clean Ups On Sidewalks And Parkways Adjacent, And Within 1,000 Feet Near A School. For The Oakland Police Department Report Back In 30 Days Detailing The Operational Enforcement Of California Penal Code Section 626 To Include But Not Limited To Schools Without School Police Like Charter And Private Schools Specifically As It Relates To Homeless Encampments.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Rosa Velazquez at 510-238-7005.

Respectfully submitted,



Councilmember Noel Gallo, District 5

Prepared by:
Rosa Velazquez, Office of
Councilmember Noel Gallo, District 5

Attachments:

A – Proposed Resolution

B- Supporting Documents from the Bond Street Neighbors

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Attachment I – Signed Petitions a total of 236

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BOND STREET ENCAMPMENT

Letter to Council Member Noel Gallo

September 19, 2019

September 19, 2019

Council Member Noel Gallo
1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Bond Street Encampment In Oakland California

Dear Council Member Gallo,

This letter is being forwarded to you by your constituents, residents of the 4200 block of E 17th Street. On or about October 23rd, 2018, we submitted three letters to you regarding the encampment situated on one city block of Bond Street between High Street and 42nd Avenue. Currently, we have a total of thirteen letters, addressed to you and/or City Administrator Sabrina Landreth, penned by homeowners, residents, Dr. Philip G Ellingberg, Dean of Students at the Oakland Charter Academy and Laurie Umeh, member of the neighboring Melrose community, all of which address the issues, conditions and hardships that we are facing due to the Bond Street Encampment (Attachments A-1 thru A-13). This encampment has negatively impacted the lives of neighboring homeowners and residents, especially those who reside on the east side of the of the 4200 block of E 17th Street where their backyards are adjacent to the encampment.

The Bond Street encampment has created an unpleasant and unhealthy environment in and around the 4200 block of Bond Street. The Oakland Charter Academy's back entrance borders the east side of the encampment on Bond Street. School administrators and parents are appalled at the conditions and circumstances of which the students attending that school are faced with daily while traveling to and from school and participating in activities on the school yard. The students' sight lines from the school's yard is a direct path (less than 50 feet) to the encampment (Attachment B-1- thru B-4). To note a few things that they are faced with every day; evidence of drug abuse, drug sales, drug paraphernalia, prostitution, public urination, defecation and vulgar language. In addition, residents of the 4200 block of E 17th Street have experienced the destruction of their private property, solicitation of money from their children, the infestation of rodents and mosquitoes, late night arguments, fights and confrontations resulting in threats by occupants of the encampment. This site has been surveyed and evaluated by the Oakland Police Department, the Fire Marshal and Alameda County Vector Control. All of which, have stated that this encampment is a dangerous health, safety and fire hazard to occupants of the encampment, the Oakland Charter Academy students and neighboring residents.

We are aware that you have been in communication with Mayor Libby Schaaf, City Administrator Sabrina Landreth, and Assistant to the City Administrator, Joe DeVries regarding this issue specifically communicating our concerns to them in a letter via e-mail on August 22, 2019 (Attachment C). The administrative response to this communication was the placement of portable toilets at the site and to

continue regular clean and clear visits. This response by the City of Oakland and its administrators is totally unacceptable. This action has and will only further promote and encourage the squatting of individuals at the Bond Street encampment. As Oakland residents and taxpaying citizens, we are demanding that the entire homeless encampment be shut down and closed by removing it and utilizing enforcement to prevent any attempts at re-encampment in this location.

According to the City of Oakland's Encampment Management Policy, dated December 1, 2017, (Attachment D), there are four active interventions in response to homeless encampments. The only suitable, plausible and correct action for the City of Oakland to pursue is the "Closure – removing the encampment and using enforcement to prevent re-encampment". The other noted interventions in the policy, such as clean and clearing the site, debris/garbage pick-up and the installation of portable toilets has not remedied the disgusting situation adjacent to the Oakland Charter Academy and resident's backyards. It has only exacerbated an already despicable situation that will most likely attract more occupants.

As detailed below, the Bond Street encampment meets and exceeds the City of Oakland's Encampment Policy's criteria for closure and removing the encampment and utilizing enforcement to prevent the re-encampment on Bond Street. Evidence supporting this is as follows:

Safety

In March 2019, Alameda County completed a School Safety Assessment for the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program for the Oakland Charter Academy (Attachment H). In this assessment, members of the team observed conditions of routes to and from school that were taken by its students. Among many recommendations that were made, there was the recommendation to re-establish an ideal Bond Street rolling drop off for students. It also recommended that "the school district contact the City of Oakland's administration and Oakland Police Department to seek relocation of the homeless community currently camping on Bond Street".

The occupants at the Bond Street encampment, their tents and structures are situated along the sidewalks which begin at resident's fences and protrude beyond the walkway into the street thereby obstructing a lane of Bond Street between High Street and 42nd Avenue. This poses the risk of vehicular accidents involving students, pedestrians, the occupants of the encampment as well as vehicles vs vehicles due to the obstructed sight lines and other hazardous conditions. In addition, there is a toddler that has been living in a van in the encampment for the past year with an individual who is believed to be her mother. The van is parked on the west side of Bond Street and is covered with a tarp and miscellaneous items. The unsanitary living conditions and known safety hazards in the encampment constitute child endangerment violations.

There are risks of fires surrounding the area of the encampment. Occupants of the encampment utilize open flames to cook food and as a source of heat. Winter is coming and occupants of the Bond Street encampment will be once again, regularly igniting fires that will be dangerously close to private property. There is the risk of fire damage to dwellings, fences and garages of residents that live on the east side of the 4200 block of E 17th Street. This has occurred previously. The homeowners at 4244 E 17th Street had their fence severely damaged by a fire ignited by an encampment occupant in April of

2018 and another resident at 4238 E 17th had a fire that burned dangerously close to their fence (Attachment E-1 and E-2).

Another safety issue involves a resident overhearing an argument in the Bond Street encampment regarding a lost/stolen/misplaced firearm. One of the individuals ultimately stating that they would use it to injure someone when it was located.

Health

The 4200 block of E 17th Street has for years been a nice and quiet place to reside. Looking one block to the east at the current deplorable condition of the 4200 Bond Street encampment is upsetting to us all. It is a health hazard that the City of Oakland and its administrators has allowed to progressively worsen over the past 1 ½ to 2 years. They have allowed the site to evolve into an illegal gathering of occupants that continually discard trash, paraphernalia and miscellaneous debris that has attracted rodents, mosquitoes and seagulls to name a few (Attachment F-1 thru F-16). The visual presence of so many rodents is inexcusable and something that has not readily been observed in the neighborhood before. The rodents have invaded resident's homes and are compromising some of their electrical systems. The human feces and urinating on or near the back fences of the E 17th Street residences is appalling. Buckets of human feces are often discarded in (and thus contaminates) the water diversion channel on 42nd Avenue just around the corner of the north end of Bond Street. Research has shown that this channel is designed to collect rain water which flows directly into a storm drain at Bancroft Street and 42nd Avenue. This storm drain, as with all storm drains in the city of Oakland, California, runs into the San Francisco Bay without treatment. This in itself, is another serious health hazard as raw sewage ultimately ends up in the bay.

Dead rodents and garbage have been thrown over the fences and into the backyards of E 17th Street residents. The odor wafting from the Bond Street encampment is sickening and can be smelled as far as the homes of residents living on the west side of the 4200 Block of E 17th Street. This has created a need for residents to keep their windows closed, which can be especially uncomfortable on warm days. More importantly, there is evidence of drug use, as captured in a photo by a resident near their home and the encampment, which shows discarded used hypodermic syringes and miscellaneous paraphernalia, (Attachment G). This is yet, another health hazard for everyone who is in and around the site, the students of the Oakland Charter Academy, residents of E 17th Street, the occupants of the encampment and the general public. Again, the infestation of rodents, mosquitoes, discarded hypodermic syringes creates the risk of exposure of many diseases, some of which can have deadly health consequences.

As noted previously, one temporary solution offered by Oakland City officials to the residents of the 4200 block of E 17th Street's first set of letters, was to install portable toilets at the encampment. One such portable toilet was installed very near the back entrance of the Oakland Charter Academy. This not only poses a health risk to the students but is a safety risk to their well-being as well.

As we all are aware, a good night's sleep and rest is essential to good health. Residents of the 4200 Block of E 17th Street whose backyards border the Bond Street encampment and those neighboring it have been unable to rest and sleep well since it commenced. Some have reported that they are suffering from severe medical issues, including persistent headaches, stress and emotional trauma causing them to seek medical treatment for relief. Some of the residents are mature seniors and some

have parents/relatives who reside and visit with them who are the same. This is not the way they want to live their lives. We are all subjected to loud talking, arguments that often escalate into violent confrontations and loud thumping music, all subject to occur anytime throughout the day or night.

This disruption to our peaceful, safe and non-problematic block is upsetting and unacceptable. We have asked and are asking again for the elimination of the Bond Street encampment so that our block is restored to its peaceful and neighborly atmosphere.

Location

As stated previously, the Bond Street encampment and its occupants are located directly behind the rear entrance to the Oakland Charter Academy. It first began in and/or around August of 2016, with the erection of one tent. It has now engulfed the entire block and prevents public access. With all of the unsafe and unlawful activities stated previously, this presents clear and egregious violations of numerous State and City of Oakland ordinances. The first being, the State of California Penal Code Section 626, which defines "safe school zones" as being property within 1,500 feet of a school. Furthermore, the Oakland Unified School District, within the boundaries of its jurisdiction, has designated 1,000 feet as a "safe school zone". A memorandum from Oakland's City Attorney's Office refers to the term "Drug-Free Zones" as well, whereby under state law, violators can be subject to enhanced penalties if convicted of possession for distribution of certain narcotics. As stated in Council Member Noel Gallo's letter to Mayor Libby Schaaf and Oakland City Administrators, numerous City of Oakland ordinances are also being violated. Please refer to (Attachment B) for a detailed list of these ordinances.

Numerous residents have witnessed what they believe to be illegal narcotics transactions. As shown in, ([Attachment G](#)), some have even discovered discarded syringes behind their fences in the Bond Street encampment. Students attending the Oakland Charter Academy and pedestrians are subject to re-directing their paths away from Bond Street to avoid exposure to illegal activities and discarded paraphernalia. At the closest point, the Bond Street encampment begins less than 50 feet from the back entrance to the Oakland Charter Academy and the school yard where students assemble before and after school, for lunch and recess. During their time on the yard, students have full view of all that is going on in the encampment. According to California state law, the City of Oakland and its administrators are preventing the school from being a safe and drug free zone. In addition, residents have lost the use of their backyards due to the smells, overheard vulgar and derogatory conversations, thefts and trespassing on their properties. The location, conditions and activities has not, and is not allowing homeowners to access their backyards for pleasure or conduct routine maintenance of their properties. In one instance, this has prevented one homeowner from timely completing a permitted building project. Also, the water diversion channel on 42nd Avenue at the north end of Bond Street is constantly being contaminated by human waste and debris. Legal parking spaces, for many residents and guests of the apartment building located at the corner of Bond and High Streets are limited. What used to be available parking for them on Bond Street, is now nonexistent due to the threat of vehicle break-ins and overflowing tents and debris into the street.

Size

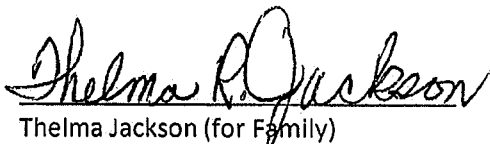
The size of the Bond Street encampment has had a negative effect on our neighborhood and the community. It extends the entire length of the 4200 block of Bond Street and the occupants, tents and miscellaneous debris spilling over the curb into the lanes of the street leaves only one lane clear for vehicles to pass. These are unsafe conditions for students, pedestrians and vehicles.

The City of Oakland has been negligent in addressing the issues stated above in a timely and effective manner. We the residents demand that the Bond Street encampment be closed immediately and action(s) taken to prevent the re-encampment of the same. We have been in communication with the faculty and parents of the Oakland Charter Academy and neighboring businesses who are in total agreement with our position and demands. If this problem is not addressed and eradicated in a sensible and suitable timeframe, we are prepared to and will initiate legal action against the City of Oakland and the responsible city officials to allow the judicial system to rule on the city's negligence of affording students their rights to a safe and healthy passage to and from school and neighboring residents their rights to privacy and a safe neighborhood.

We are also poised to contact the local television news and print media outlets, utilize social media, distribute and collect signatures on a petition to voice our concerns to you, the community and local Bay Area in an effort to expose the lack of attention to these matters by the City of Oakland, its administrators and politicians.

We are asking that you, Councilmember Gallo, Mayor Libby Schaaf, City Administrator Sabrina Landreth and other City of Oakland officials take action to resolve our requests that have been outlined in this letter.

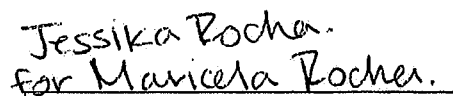
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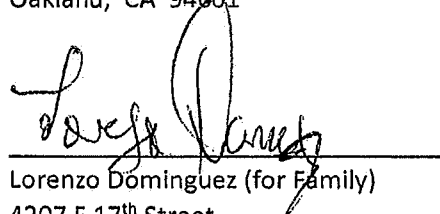
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Oakland, CA 94601



Esteelmer Castillo (for Family)
4206 E 17th Street
Oakland, CA 94601



Maricela Rocha (for Family)
4201 E 17th Street
Oakland, CA 94601

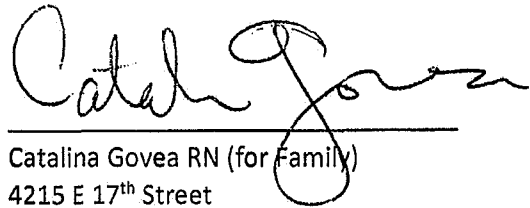


Lorenzo Dominguez (for Family)
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Dyanna El Haroussi (for Family)

4214 E 17th Street
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Catalina Govea RN (for Family)

4215 E 17th Street
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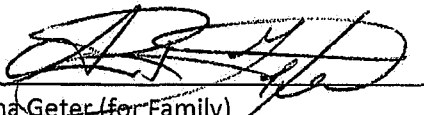
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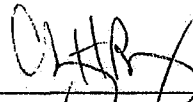
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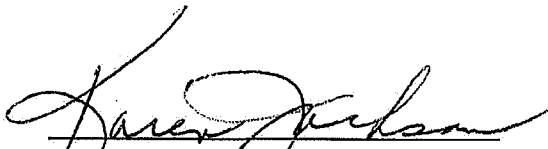
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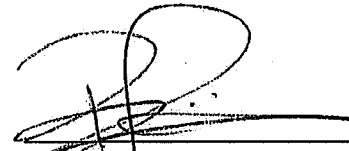
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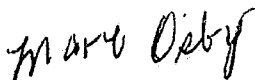
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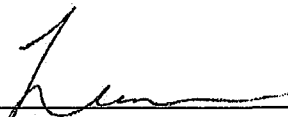
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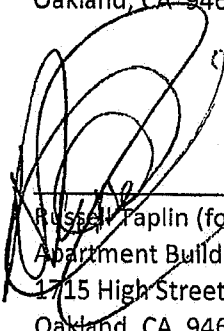
Mary Osby (for Family)

4239 E 17th Street
Oakland, CA 94601



Alex Lum (for Family)

4244 E 17th Street
Oakland, CA 94601



Russell Paplin (for Tenants) OWNERS

Apartment Building located at:

1715 High Street
Oakland, CA 94601



Robert Moncada

AMPS Outreach Coordinator
Oakland Charter Academy
Oakland, CA 94601



Rafiullah Amini , Property Manager and for tenants at:
Apartment Building located at:
1715 High Street and 1627 High Street
Oakland, CA 94601

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ATTACHMENT A1 – A13

Letters to Councilmember, Noel Gallo, City Administrator, Sabrina Landreth and
Assistant to the City Administrator, Joe Devries

Please see attached PDF documents.

August 4, 2019

Attention: Sabrina Landreth, Oakland City Administrator

Re: Homeless encampment on Bond Street between High Street and 42nd Avenue
in Oakland, California, 94601

My name is Thelma Jackson, I own a duplex at 4200 E. 17th Street. My son lives in the 4200 unit and I live in the rear unit, 4202 E. 17th Street. My son and I have lived here for 27 years. I am 85 years old and my son is disabled.

I am submitting this letter regarding the homeless encampment on Bond Street between High Street and 42nd Avenue in Oakland, CA. My backyard and fence borders the west side of this block of Bond Street. Beginning in October of 2018, I really began to notice the mass move in of homeless to this encampment. I have observed drug use, littered streets, drug dealing, cars driving up parking and the homeless people buying drugs from these cars, selling drugs themselves, nudity, urination and defecation in public view, prostitution, loud arguments, fights, trash and garbage all the way down the block. Too much of this block of Bond street is blocked by obstacles. The encampment is even blocking one lane of the street. The drainage ditch that runs along the side of my duplex on 42nd Street is used by the homeless for dumping trash. They also utilize this ditch and area to dump their bowel movements. I personally witnessed a five gallon can of feces. The smell coming from Bond Street is so disgusting, that I can not open my kitchen window to allow air in.

In addition, this homeless encampment on Bond Street has placed an undo financial hardship on me. In one instance, Assistant Code Enforcement Inspector, Seith Gunnari, placed a lien against my property for \$2,805.00 and fined me because there was graffiti on my fence that I was not even aware of. I, in addition, I have had to pay filing fees and other expenses to clear this up. I believe that the homeless encampment only serves to attract the graffiti artist.

The activities on Bond Street have been upsetting and frightening to both myself and my son who gets quite disturbed from the things that are transpiring on Bond Street. As a resident of Oakland, CA and a long time taxpaying citizen, I am requesting that the homeless encampment on Bond Street be eradicated immediately so that the residents in this community and the children and Staff of the Oakland Charter Academy can live and go to school in peace.

Sincerely,
Thelma R. Jackson

On Mon, Jul 22, 2019 at 14:50, Esteelmer RenÃ© Castillo DÃaz

<esteelmer@discoinvest.com> wrote:

To whom it may concern.

My name is Esteelmer Castillo and I'm the owner of one of the houses affected by the homeless people living at Bond street between High street and 42nd ave.

The Following are my issues with the homeless people.

1) They impact my health by using the street as a toilet to do all of they're needs.

I've had to remove human feces and disinfect because the odor is strong. I have a 5 yr old girl and a 1 yr old so I have to do whatever I can to keep them safe from any type of disease or infection.

2) Ever since they moved in I've had multiple break ins, I've installed a security camera system in order to feel safe and secure.

3) My quality of life is affected because I can't really use my back patio do to the smell the homeless produce and loud music they hear.

4) My financial impact is that I have to try to keep as clean as possible from all there garbage and feces they leave. I've made multiple dump runs because they like to pile a bunch of garbage behind my property. I don't like the fact that the City of Oakland merely cleans around them when it should be easier to just simply relocate all of them and keep the street clean.

5) Many of them have jobs and 1 in particular works at a Goodwill store. He drives what appears to be a delivery truck for the store and unloads all the

good stuff and sells it behind my property. Not cool to have a flea market stand behind my property everyday.

6) The majority if not all of them have cars and save there parking space in front of each individual tent. Not good because many people that pay rent or own around the street need to park preferably close to they're home.

7) I've seen toddler living in that environment, between all the homeless. That kid should be taken from the parents and given to a foster home or something because it's not healthy or safe for the boy.

8) They do drugs and sell drugs. Many shady people in nice cars come and visit them daily and specially at night.

Those are my concerns regarding the homeless people at Bond street between High street and 42nd ave. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at esteelmer@discoinvest.com.

Sincerely,

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Oakland CA 94601
510-2279029

From: Dyanna Zaroual <dyanna-e@sbcglobal.net>

To: C. Vallee <cvallee@cvalleeinvestments.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 21, 2019, 02:54:12 PM PDT

Subject: Homeless encampment

Dear Catherine,

My daughter Maria and I have not been impacted nearly so much as others living on this block. However, I'm not at all comfortable with the situation. Here is a list of the incidents that have bothered me:

Numerous loud fights, including one between a prostitute and her client

Periodic loud music played on a defective speaker late at night

I've heard gunfire

A large rat-hole appeared in our back yard and on 2 occasions our cats brought rats into the house.

My daughter observed drug dealing from a parked car while she was painting over graffiti on the outside of the fence.

At one point on July 4th I smelled burning plastic coming from Bond St.

Obviously, it's an eyesore.

Hope this helps. Let me know if you need anything more.

Dyanna El Haroussi

4214 E. 17th St.

Oakland, CA 94601

July 23, 2019

Subject: Homeless encampment at Bond Street, between High Street and 42nd Ave., Oakland, CA

Attention Oakland City Administrator, Sabrina Landreth:
cityadmisitrator@oaklandca.gov

My name is Catalina Govea RN. I live at 4215 E 17th St. I have lived here for 3 years. I have lived in Oakland for over 45 years. I recently retired from the Alameda Health System, with my last assignment in HIV Services.

When I first moved here, I frequently walked to the local stores, used the Melrose Library and I would walk to Bart or take the E14th or Foothill buses. I now drive most of the time.

With the recent increase in the Bond Street encampment population, I now hear loud arguments late into the night. My home is on the Bancroft side of E 17th St. I can only imagine how unsettling and disruptive having one's bedroom or kitchen window facing the encampment must be. Actually there is an encampment starting on Bancroft and I do hear loud discourse from there.

My major concern is the threat to public health that is present. The issues of low quality shelter unfit for long time habitation, lack of sanitation services, potable H2O and safe waste disposal all affect not only the people in the encampment but the people who live, work and attend school nearby.

The lack of waste disposal and used needles are the cause of contagious diseases. The health of vulnerable populations could be effected. There is a sizable elderly and very young population in this neighborhood.

There are also extremely vulnerable people in the encampment; mental health issues, drug addiction with the strong possibility of a dual diagnosis with HIV, women and children exist in this encampment.

Please reach out to those vulnerable people to provide the needed services, relocate and close this encampment.

Catalina Govea RN
4215 E 17th St. Oakland, 94602
catalinagovea4160@att.net

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of my brother Bryan, I would like to express my concerns regarding the homeless population around us. It has come to my attention that this situation isn't going to resolve itself and something has to be done.

With my nieces and nephews going back to school, with my friends and family coming over for dinners and gatherings, the homeless population around us have been extremely bothersome.

1. They are loud and it keeps us up at night.
2. It is smelly and there are rodents.
3. They intimidate my children in my own home.
4. They told my parents to "shut up" during a family party at 530pm.

These are just SOME of the MANY reoccurring problems that we have to deal with.

However, there is one crucial concern and that is mine and my family's health. Because they live so close to us... literally behind our backyards, there is an increased risk that we will come in contact with diseases associated with homelessness. In addition, we're also afraid that drugs will eventually become a problem. This raises a major concern for me and my family.

With all that is said, thank you for reaching out to us and I hope we can/will work towards bettering our neighborhood and community.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to email me! I hope you had a wonderful Thursday and have a great week.

Best,

Teresa Nguyen

July 22, 2019

To: Oakland City Administrator, Sabrina Landreth
1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 3rd Floor
Oakland, California 94612

Subject: Homeless encampment on Bond Street, between High Street and 42nd Avenue in
Oakland, California

Dear City Administrator Sabrina Landreth,

My name is Anna Geter and I reside in the 4200 block of East 17th Street in Oakland, California. I am a home owner and have resided there for the past 28 years. The block of East 17th Street where I live sits between High Street and 42nd Avenue. I am reaching out to you regarding the homeless encampment on the 4200 block of Bond Street that has become a nuisance to the neighborhood and surrounding community. The encampment is situated directly behind my home and backyard as well as all of my neighbors on the east side of the block on my street.

The block of East 17th Street that I reside on is not a through street, presenting somewhat of a cul-de-sac. For the past 28 years that I have lived here, it has been a quiet, peaceful, tree lined street of which neighbors are composed of a very diverse group of ethnicities and ages. What individuals at the homeless encampment have done, is disrupt the serenity of this block, especially the residents whose backyards butt up against it on Bond Street.

I am well aware that the plight of homelessness in Oakland, the Bay Area and in our nation has reached epidemic proportions and I sympathize with those that are affected, however, the situation on Bond Street is disturbing and very stressful for me and other residents who have to live with it every day. I, and my neighbors, have had numerous conversations and some serious confrontations with the homeless on Bond Street about the accumulation of garbage, furniture, noise, their tents, fires and damage to our properties.

This homeless encampment first began to materialize approximately one year ago. The first pup tent that I was aware of was set up in July 2018. At that time, I notified the City of Oakland through phone calls and the City of Oakland's 311 – Oakland Call Center website. The only feedback that I recall receiving was notice of the website's tickets being closed but the homeless encampment issue was not addressed and all that transpired, was a Clear and Clean - the collection of their trash and garbage.

I have in the past, regularly spent relaxing times in my backyard with no worries and had no problem taking walks to the store and around the neighborhood. With the homeless encampment as it is now, I spend as little time as possible in my backyard and I will not venture out for neighborhood walks. The conditions on Bond Street have prevented me from utilizing my yard to have family and friends over for special occasions because it is just so embarrassing.

I would almost always use Bond Street to access 42nd Avenue which is a straight shot to the Hwy 880 entrance. I have not driven down this block of Bond Street for months because the sight of the ridiculousness that the homeless have created behind our homes makes me ill. As a matter of fact, I will not even look down that block when I cross Bond Street because of this. Furthermore, many people utilize Bond Street on their way to the Hwy 880 northbound and southbound onramps. The homeless encampment, as it is (spilling into one of the lanes) has created a driving and roadway safety hazard for motorists using the street. No one wants to see or deal with that when driving. It has become an eyesore and embarrassment for the neighborhood, community and the City of Oakland.

My fence and my neighbor's fence, facing Bond Street, are chain link fences with wooden slats as all of the others are, I believe, standard wood fences. You can see through our chain link fences very easily. With that, we can see just what anyone on the other side of the fence is doing and in turn, they can see what is going on in our yards, at our back doors and back windows. At this time, I don't even want to spend any time in my back yard to garden, work on projects (which I used to do often), wash my vehicle or access my garage because the majority of the time there is someone at or near my back fence. My neighbor has young children and he says that the stench of urine at the back of his yard is awful and he doesn't want his children to wander back to that area. This is very disconcerting and I feel, an invasion of my/our privacy. From my windows, back door and yard, I have observed individuals changing their clothing, performing their hygiene rituals. I don't want to constantly see this.

Everyday, there is some type of commotion on Bond Street. Be it loud talking, shouting, use of profanity, or loud music with the bass bumping. There have been many loud and aggressive arguments that have ensued. I mostly, keep my windows closed to drown out the aggravating noises. The smell that wafts into my backyard is sickening. Never before have I observed rodents running into it, but ... I now have on several occasions. Also, I have noticed seagulls circling over Bond Street. I believe that this is due to the garbage and debris that has accumulated. Where is it that seagulls often circle like this? The garbage dumps. This situation is becoming intolerable. It is not only offensive; it poses an unnecessary financial burden. I can see where my fence is bowing from the weight of one individual's makeshift tent as well as other random articles that have been placed up against it. In addition, I am unable to access the back of my garage for regular maintenance because access is blocked. I haven't been able to go back there for more than a year, and I am sure that there are some needed maintenance and repairs that are needed. I have asked individuals to move and clean the area but there is little or no compliance with my requests.

Located directly behind my home is the entrance to the Oakland Charter Academy. I am accustomed to seeing and hearing the students as they assemble for school, play during recess and their lunch hour and their special activities on the yard. It is sad to know that these students have to witness this everyday while attending school. It just should not be. In the past, I would observe parents dropping off and picking up their children at the Bond Street entrance. I believe that this is a much safer, less congested and controllable drop off/pick up place for the children than the Foothill entrance. With the current conditions presented by the homeless encampment and the individuals squatting there, this is no longer an option for school officials and parents. The unknown individuals that loiter near the campus, the debris, the paraphernalia, the unpredictable activities and obscene language is totally unacceptable for school children to witness these conditions and have navigate it just exercise their rights to attend school. It is my opinion, that if this situation was in another district in Oakland, say District 4, this would have never been allowed to start up let alone fester into what it has on Bond Street.

Just over a year ago, there was another homeless encampment on Bond Street that was just two to three blocks south of where the current one is located. It is now dismantled and the area cleared. My question is to you, is ... what procedure was used to achieve it and why can't it be utilized to dismantle and clear the 4200 block of Bond Street now? I, and I am sure, my neighbors, would like to have the same thing happen in this situation.

In November 2018, I met with Mr. Kino Carson who was at the time, Site Director of the Oakland Charter Academy to discuss the homeless encampment. In an e-mail to me, he shared a Facebook video post that he made of the encampment. At that time, he had received 7,100 views of this post. The video can be viewed at: https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10217972276121402&id=1320167140. He was at the time hopeful that the City of Oakland would clean up and dismantle the encampment behind the school. In the e-mail he stated in part, the following: "after months of phone calls, community/volunteer clean-ups and emails it comes as a relief to know that together we are taking a stance to relocate our homeless encampment from behind the middle school where 10 and 11 year old boys and girls are forced to walk into the busy street or take a completely different route due to the feces (dog & Human), drugs, needles, alcohol bottles, garbage, not including the inappropriate indecent exposure, sexual conduct, fights, smell and drug use, could possibly come to an end". His hopes, unfortunately, did not transpire. After viewing the video, you can tell from the tents and makeshift structures in the video, that the homeless encampment has only grown by unthinkable measures.

I am aware that there is a growing epidemic of homelessness in Oakland and neighboring cities. While driving through Oakland you can't avoid seeing them. However, I have not observed any homeless encampments that are in the backyards of homeowners or right next to private residences. I have primarily observed them being in vacant lots or under transit structures rather than in such close proximity to residences.

Not wanting to only include the negative impact that the homeless encampment has had on me, my neighbors and our quality of life, I would also like to offer three potential solutions that could resolve and alleviate the homeless encampment on Bond Street. 1) is to make the 4200 Block of Bond street an three lane street; 2) is to place some type of posts to act as barriers along the street so that there's no possibility of tents and encampments going up; 3) relocating the homeless to a City owned structure that is currently being unused, such as the vacant North County Jail facility.

City Administrator Landreth, I am requesting that you and other city officials take note of the negative impact that the homeless encampment on Bond Street is having on our neighborhood and take action to connect with those that are living in the encampment offer them alternatives for shelter and resources that will improve their quality of life. I am also requesting that this encampment be closed, cleared and cleaned as soon as possible to ensure that the residents of my community can return to the quiet and safe place that it once was and to provide the students of the Oakland Charter Academy the safe learning environment that they have a right to.

If additional contact or discussions are needed with me, I can be reached at the email address of Annabybay@aol.com.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Anna Geter

To whom it may concern:

My family (which consists of me, Cherryl my husband Juan, 75 year old elderly mother Erlomda, and 2 children, Yasnybe age 3 months and Delilah age 10 months) and I reside at 4232 E 17th St in Oakland. For the last year our home has been significantly impacted by the homeless encampment directly behind our house. I myself suffer from congestive heart failure and asthma and the stress of having to do with this homeless encampment has put a toll on my health.

My daughters and I do not go in our backyard anymore because of the homeless problem. The language of the homeless people in the back is very vulgar and I refuse to let my daughters be exposed to that. In the middle of the night, from our bedroom on the second floor, you can hear arguments between the homeless. They argue about drugs, money, sex, people stealing, and one time we even heard them arguing about a gun missing and if and when they found it, they were going to shoot the person who stole it. From our bedroom, we can also hear drug deals going down and prostitution going on.

The homeless encampment has also brought in a slew of other problems, such as the vector problem we are having. We have mice, beetles and other insects now invading our home. We have bought so many mouse traps and insecticides to help remedy the problem, but it still continues. I have a 10 month old that crawls and it is very difficult to have her crawl on the floor because of the droppings from the mice. We are constantly sweeping and mopping our floors to make sure that our daughters do not get sick from the invasion of these mice. Our food, clothing and shoes have also been destroyed by mice and we have had to throw out these items.

We also have dogs that have suffered from skin infections from pests that have eaten at their skin. Because of this we have had to take them to the vet and have them treated for their skin infections.

Ever since the homeless encampment situated here, our household has also suffered many incidents of theft in which they stole many personal belongings. Although we report these incidents to the police, nothing ever happens and we are basically out the money we work so hard for to buy those things.

Our neighborhood was once a pretty great place to live here in Oakland, but in the last year, it has become a constant nightmare because of all the problems that this homeless encampment has brought with it. Our home is a place

where we are supposed to feel safe and comfortable, but unfortunately, due to the lack of action from the police, the politicians and the City of Oakland, this is no longer so. How sick will someone have to become or how much financial loss do we all have to suffer before any action is taken? The talk of the homeless encampment having rights is infuriating because what about the rights of the people who live and who go to school in this neighborhood? Are our rights not as important and as valid as theirs? The rights of this neighborhood are being infringed on and NOTHING is being done. If this problem happened in the Oakland Hills or in the Piedmont area, it would have not have gone as long as it has. I and my neighbors just want our neighborhood back and it is imperative that the City of Oakland take action in this matter!

Sincerely,

Cherryl Hidalgo Reyes

October 18, 2018

To Noel Gallo and the city council team of our neighborhood:

My name is Rocio Miceli and I am a resident at 4238 E. 17th St Oakland. My husband and our two boys ages 11 and 7 having been living here for several years. We first moved from San Francisco back in 2006 and we have been fortunate enough to never encounter any issues or concerns until the current Homeless encampment that began over a year ago. At first we did not think much of the situation, until we began seeing more and more homeless arrive with tents that have now become permanent. As you may all understand, our greatest concern with this homeless encampment is our children, our health and tranquility as good tax paying residents of Oakland. This Homeless encampment needs to end now!

My son used to be able to walk every morning to school now he cannot because he has been approached on a few occasions by these homeless. He has seen drug needles and homeless shooting up drugs. I too have been witness to that and it's disgusting! At times he wasn't even able to cross to the next block because the corner (Bond & High St) had a mountain high of garbage with 3-4 mattresses all piled up there. The garbage is theirs we have all seen these people dump their garbage there. The garbage is a health hazard to everyone including the Homeless and I have seen rats come out of that pile of garbage and filth.

There are two schools and a park just blocks away from the Homeless encampment and this is a huge risk and soon a liability to the city of Oakland. My son attends the Oakland Charter Academy on Foothill Blvd and he can see the encampment from the school premises. The children there have also talked amongst each other about the drugs they see the homeless use. We have talked about this several times at the dinner table with our son. They have been advised on a few occasions from their teachers to stay away from the fence to avoid seeing them. Fremont High School also on Foothill Blvd has hundreds of children passing by this area on a daily basis.

Some of the homeless also come over to our block and peek into our homes. There are a few in particular who like to go behind an older neighbor's back yard and sleep there. One in particular was forced out of one house that was vacant because he was sleeping on the front porch. My husband has had to confront these homeless because they were peeking in our windows and sneaking into our back yard. They have opened our water hoses several times and begged for money. We no longer feel safe in our homes. My youngest child once screamed because he saw a man peek into the window right behind him when he was watching TV in the living room!

Every single night we hear arguing and singing and loud disturbances coming from the encampment. There are also children living at these encampments, the children are no more than 7 years old. If this isn't a case of child endangerment then I don't know what is! We all work in our household and many times we have lost sleep because of how loud and rowdy the homeless are. There have been several fights that have broken out in the middle of the night.

We have begun construction of a second unit/cottage in our back yard in the hopes to rent it out. Our intent was to have a back door on Bond street for the future tenant but with this homeless situation how will we be able to do this? How are we supposed to rent this new unit when the homeless problem is eminent? We have considered moving from our neighborhood in the past, although it was always more of a desire from my husband. I actually love living in Oakland, it is close to everything and I have met wonderful neighbors. We use to entertain often family and friends (I enjoy cooking and hosting) but now we are embarrassed to have people over. It's embarrassing to have guests ask "What's going on back there?" when we have a BBQ in our own backyard. Our kids cannot play outside anymore without fear that the homeless are watching them and asking them for money. Before if we had a birthday party with more guests, they used to be able to park behind our home on Bond St, that's not the case anymore. When will this stop? Will the homeless who are not paying to live on Bond St take over and will the tax payers have to move out? Why do they have to live in a residential area near schools and cause this disturbance that is taking a toll on the whole community? There has to be a solution to this problem and while the city council begins to contemplate the solutions and continues to only have random clean ups the homeless people need to go elsewhere! We all have had enough with all of this! Last Saturday (10/13/2018) I cancelled a school event at my sons school to stay home between 9am -12pm to wait and speak to the council that was supposed to come over to the homeless encampment and there was a "No show"! We are frustrated and tired of having to take time away from our busy work schedules to try to get the council to resolve this mess. Please acknowledge the problem and move adequately and with a strong sense of urgency to resolve this problem ASAP before it's too late. If you are not able to fix/end this problem please direct us on what we have to do and where and whom we need to go/contact. Please contact me at any time to further discuss this problem.

Sincerely,

Rocio Miceli

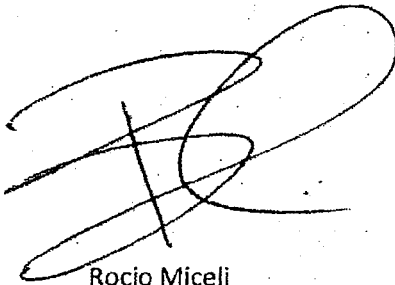
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To Noel Gallo & Peter Prows,

July 22, 2019

Hello my name is Rocio Miceli resident at 4238 E. 17th St. As you both are well aware the homeless encampment is taking a toll on every single resident on our block and surrounding neighbors. We are angry, frustrated and have literally lost respect for our city's leaders who have allowed the encampment to flourish as it has. It really is a total disgrace and a reminder that if we want real results we need an entire cleanup of who runs this city. I would like to see if Mayor Libby Shaft would be ok if she had this mess in her backyard! How is it that this started with one man and now we have several tents, human feces, needles drug dealers, garbage ,rats , destroyed property just feet away from our homes? This has been lingering for too long and it just infuriates me that these homeless people (who are up to no good with their drinking, drugs , and drug dealing) have more rights than us the tax payers! As a mother of two young boys I am concerned for their wellbeing and this encampment has affected them greatly. They can no longer play outside, invite friends over, constantly get waken up in the middle of the night by them. They have approached my oldest son (12 years old) on his way to school and yelled to him and my youngest(8 years old) into our yard from their tents. I have been stressed to the point of suffering from anxiety because I constantly keep thinking about the money and time we have put to build a second unit that more than likely will not get rented because of the homeless encampment just 6 feet away! Several times when the entire city is not allowed to turn on a fireplace , these homeless people begin fires that have been as high as 6- 7 feet, literally inches away from our wood fences. I have been forced to start taking anxiety medication on and off to relieve the stress. How much longer will this continue? When we bought this home back in 2005 we never imagined we would have a homeless encampment in our backyard. We have decided that sooner or later we will have to leave this neighborhood if nothing changes. Please feel free to call me or email me directly if you would like to speak to me directly about this and the many other stories my family and I have witnessed.

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Rocio Miceli

(415) 615-2505

October 23, 2018

To councilman Noel Gallo,

My family lives at 4244 East 17th Street in Oakland, CA for over 35 years. We have been trying to address the Homeless encampment on Bond Street (between High & 42th) since late last year. We were hoping to discuss this issue with you in person on your scheduled weekly homeless cleanup on Saturday 10/13/2018. My brother cancelled his baby sitting commitment with his grand-daughter in order to speak with you. Unfortunately, he wasted the whole day waiting for your team that didn't show. Anyway, we would like to share information on our contacts with Oakland city officials regarding the camp, see below.

9/4/2018 – My family called OAK311 to report Homeless encampment. We were given existing SR #836594 for this known issue.

9/4/2018 – My family called Neighborhood Services Staff Ana Martinez for Area 4 and was told to report problem to OAK311.

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9/4/2018 – My family called Oakland Community Resource Office for Area 4-23 Miguel Ramos – unable to leave message as his mailbox is full.

7/11/2018 – My family called police to report homeless encampment again.

4/18/2018 – My family called police and fire department to report fire. The homeless people burned down a section of the fence in the back of the resident. Police report #180418000261. We spent \$300 to repair the fence.

2/2/2018 – My family called police (~noon) to report homeless encampment again. This time, the police officer came out (~7 pm) to speak with my family and took a police report (#18020200509).

1/23/2018 – My family called police to report homeless encampment again. Police report #45412318.

12/29/2017 – My family called police to report homeless encampment again.

12/13/2017 – My family called police to report homeless encampment. At this time, the camp consists of one tent.

Please feel free to contact me via email (sys690@netzero.com) or via cell phone (530)391-0689 any time to discuss this issue. Thank you!

Chris



Russ Taplin <russ@riazinc.com>

Bond Street Encampment

1 message

Russ Taplin <russ@riazinc.com>

Wed, Jul 24, 2019 at 8:59 AM

To: sys690 <sys690@netzero.com>, dyanna-e <dyanna-e@sbcglobal.net>, Maxim Reshulsky <mreshulsky@riazinc.com>

We operate a 32 apartment building at 1715 High Street, which is located at the corner of Bond and High Street. We have been concerned about the Bond Street encampment since the first tent went up and have continued to be concerned as the encampment has grown and grown to the extent that people are now living five feet away from bedrooms in our building.

1. We are constantly concerned about the increase risk of fire which is presented by the presence of this encampment. The Oakland fire department responded to a fire that was set by a homeless person behind our offices at 2744 e 11th Street. In my conversation with fire department personal after they extinguished the fire, we learned that the fire department frequently responds to fires involving "homeless" encampments. We have also see the charred remains of fires in various encampments and fear that the Bond Street encampment will be a source of yet another fire that will imperil ourselves, our tenants and our neighbors.

As you are probably aware the fire department inspects apartment buildings on an annual basis and we are required to comply with their fire inspection reports. On the other hand the Bond Street encampment poses a much greater fire risk to the neighborhood and to the best of our knowledge there has been accountability for fire risks posed by the encampment.

2. Within the last two months, we requested a plumbing vendor to respond to a plumbing problem at 1715 High Street during daylight hours. The plumbing vendor parked his vehicle on Bond Street, went into the building and returned to his vehicle within 20 minutes to discover that his truck has been broken into and his tools stolen.

3. Our resident manager has small children has been concerned about the safety of his family given the presence of the Bond Street Project and has resigned his position as resident manager ceffective July 31, 2019 and is moving to a new location which he has determined is safer for his children.

4. Several of our tenants have had unpleasant interactions with residents of the homeless encampment and our tenants have expressed concerns for their safety given the presence of the Bond Street encampment. If you think it will be helpful, we can talk to all of our tenants at 1715 High Street and ask them to express their concerns and experience living next to the Bond Street Encampment. Among the concerns expressed to us are the presence of discarded needles, weapons, random discharge of a gun, fear of violence, human defecation, fire and altercations

We hope that the Bond Street Encampment will be terminated in the near future.

Respectfully,
Best Bay Apartments Inc.
By A. Russell Taplin

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

From: Stephanie Hayden <stephanie.hayden@melrosecommunity.org>

Date: 9/8/19 10:57 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: sys690 <sys690@netzero.com>

Subject: Fwd: Homeless encampment on Bond St. between High St. & 42nd Ave.

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From: Laurie Umeh <lumeh2@yahoo.com>

Date: Thu, Sep 5, 2019 at 2:24 PM

Subject: Homeless encampment on Bond St. between High St. & 42nd Ave.

To: cityadministratoroffice@oaklandca.gov <cityadministratoroffice@oaklandca.gov>, Sheng Thao <sthao@oaklandca.gov>, Noel Gallo <ngallo@oaklandca.gov>

Cc: Stephanie Hayden <stephanie.hayden@melrosecommunity.org>

RE: Homeless encampment on Bond St. between High St. & 42nd Ave.

Residents from the street adjacent to Bond St. made a plea at our Melrose High Hopes Neighborhood Council meeting on August 28 for the City to remove this encampment that abuts their back yards. They complained of noise, litter, human waste, drug dealing, prostitution. They also pointed out the encampment is very close to the Oakland Charter Academy.

I drove past the Bond St. encampment the next day. it was quiet & appeared well-established. portable toilets were on site. i also noticed the Oakland Charter Academy play yard is directly across the street. The homeless encampment is within the line of vision for these kids.

I think this encampment needs to be relocated, hopefully as a unit. If there is prostitution & drug dealing, kids should not have to be exposed to this. i am also sympathetic to the neighbors who are deprived of the enjoyment of their back yards.

Laurie Umeh
2560 Renwick St.
Oakland

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Stephanie Hayden

Co-Chair

Melrose Community Council

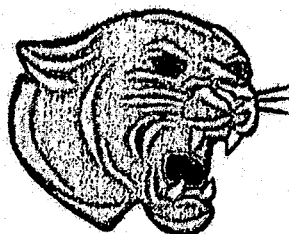
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**OAKLAND
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To whom it may concern,

As the administrative team at Oakland Charter Academy, we are truly concerned about the safety of our students due to the horrible, unsanitary, drug infestation of Bond Street located directly behind our school. Often times students are forced to walk in the middle of the street due to trash and dumping along the sidewalk. Parents have expressed their frustration and have threatened to remove their students from the school due to the disturbing conditions of Bond street. Many students often are forced to take alternate routes causing an increase in tardiness in efforts to avoid this unsafe, inappropriate and unsanitary environment. There have been several incidents where I have personally asked individuals living on the street to refrain from smoking and/or partaking in alcohol or drugs, as well as inappropriate sexual activity in the presence of our children. On more than one occasion I have asked individuals to put on clothing and be understanding when urinating or having a bowel-movement in or around our children.

I wonder how many of our community leaders children attend schools in or around this type of environment? I wonder what steps they would take to ensure their kids are in a safe learning environment? Why is this acceptable for some kids and unacceptable for others? What have our children done to deserve such treatment? Bond street is a serious issue that warrants immediate attention.

Sincerely,

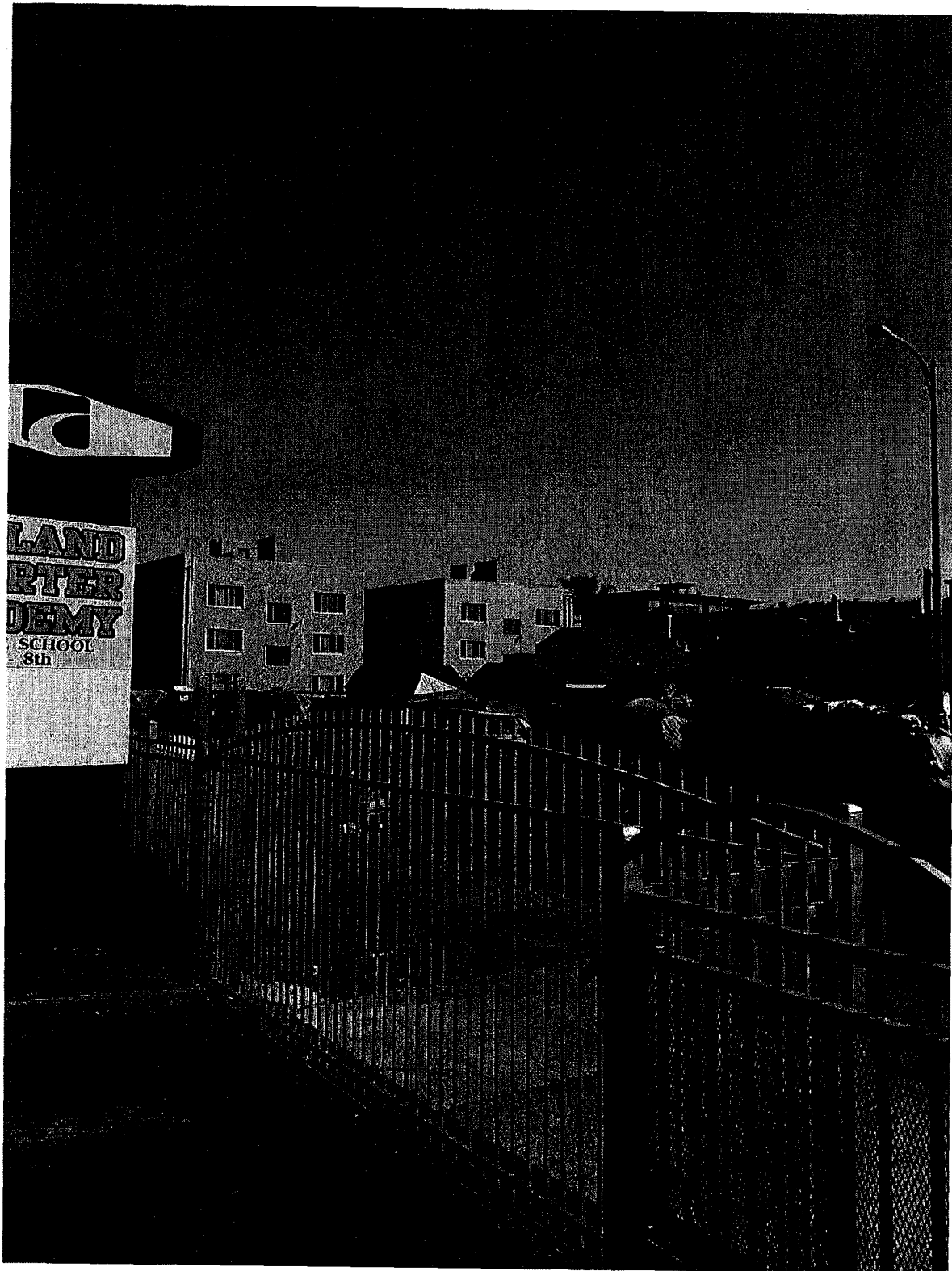
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Lucas Kelleher
Principal
Oakland Charter Academy

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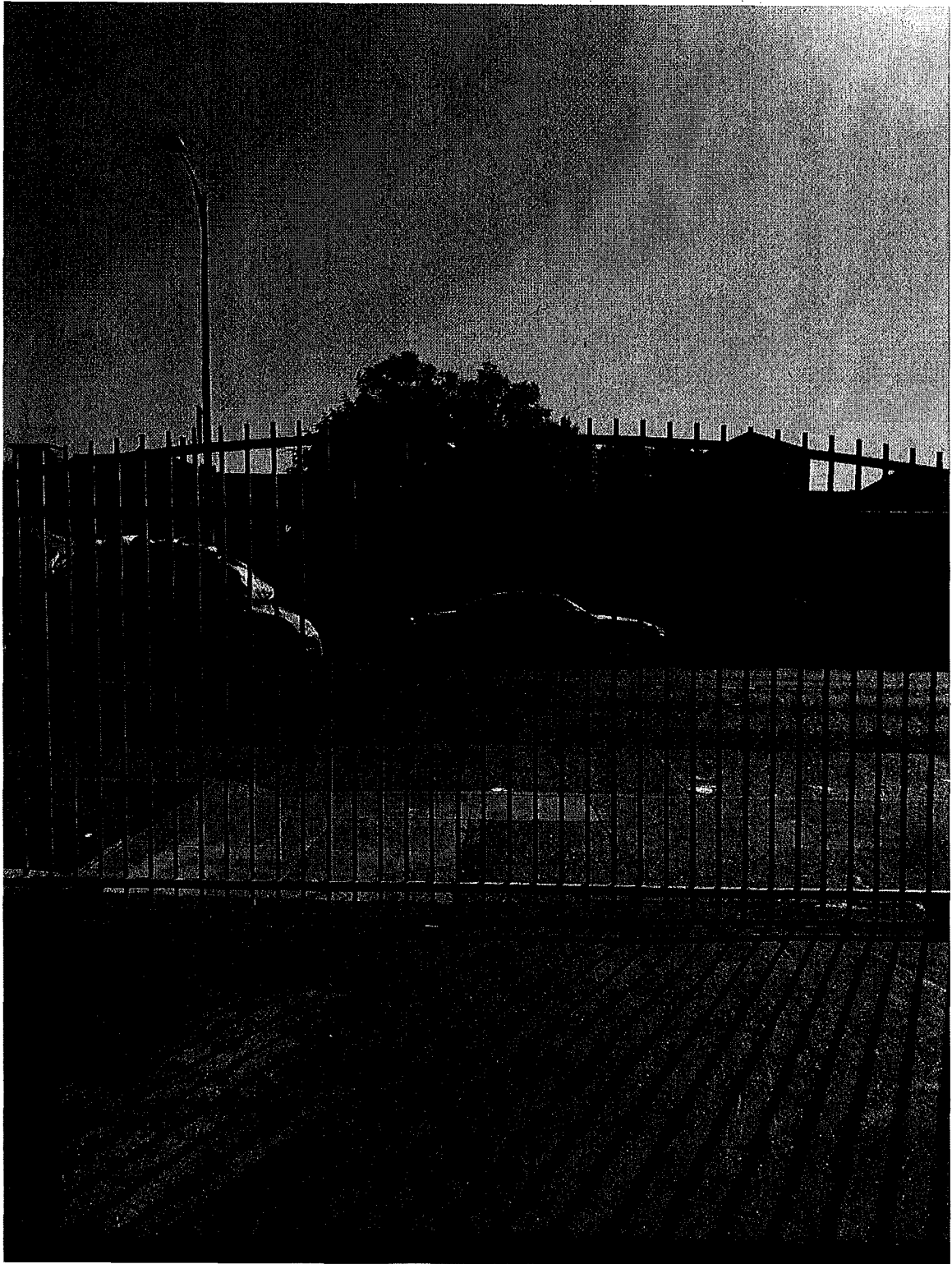
Dr. Philip G. Ellingerg, Sr.
Dean of Students
Oakland Charter Academy

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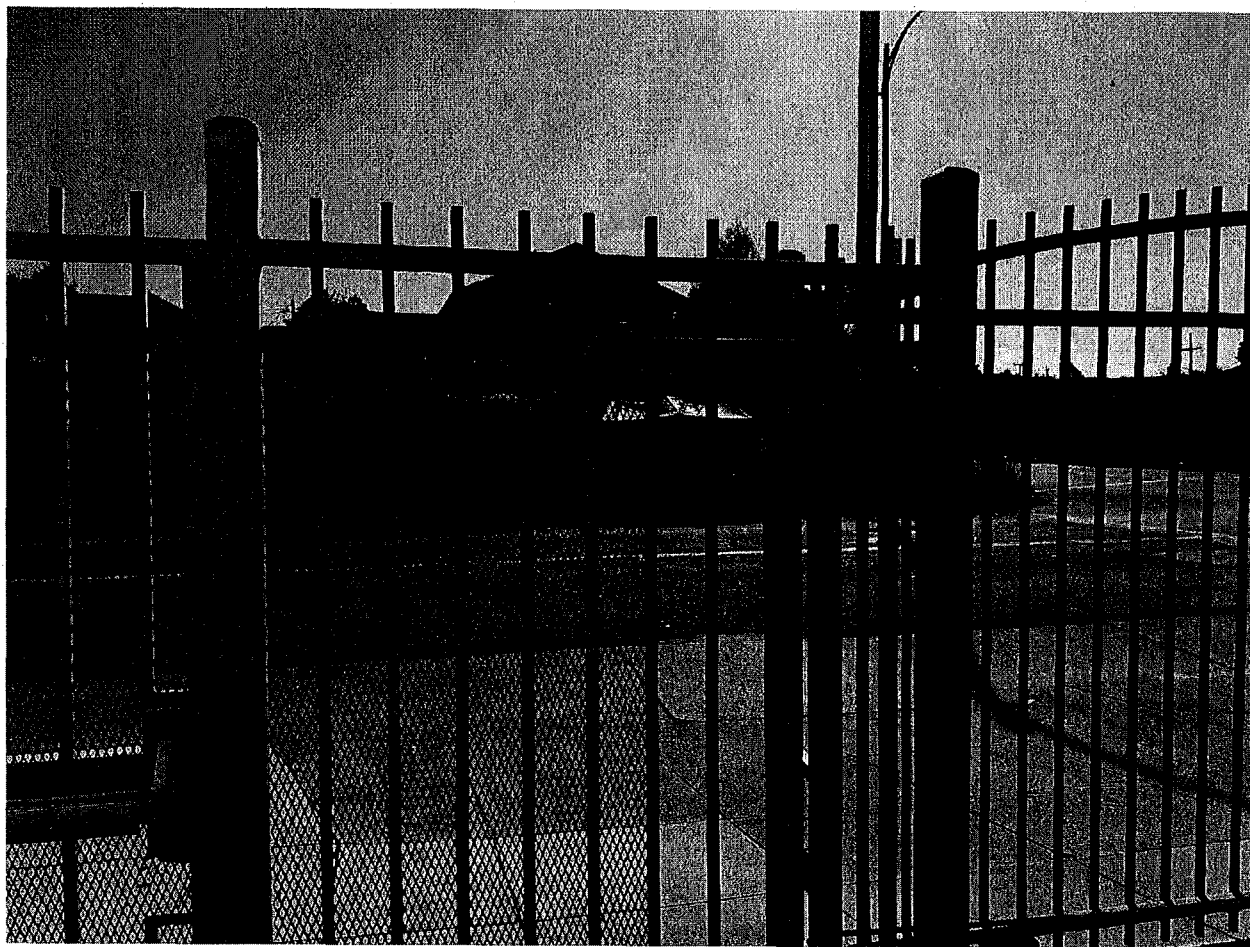
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Dear Mayor Libby Shaaf and City Administrators,

I am contacting you in regards to our continuous efforts in helping our constituents' in addressing the lack of response from the City to prioritize the health, fire and safety concerns of the students, staff and parents of Oakland Charter Academy, the residents, and the businesses that are being negatively impacted due to the actions of the individuals at the homeless encampment on Bond St. They are tired of waiting for the response of the City in finding solutions to the Bond St. encampment. Just like those individuals choosing to live on Bond St. the residents and students deserve for their rights to be considered as well.

The students need to have a safe learning environment as well as a safe and drug free street to walk to and from school. Our children cannot continue to be exposed to individuals doing drugs, selling drugs, violent behavior, nudity, prostitution, urination and defecation in public view, being harassed when walking to and from school or at recess, walking through a massive littered street that include broken glass, used syringes and condoms, dead rats and smells of feces and urine.

The residents need to be able to restore their lives in their own home, a resident testified to starting to take medication due to the emotional distress and traumas of feeling helpless to a worsening situation that started over a year ago. Residents have also experienced unexpected financial costs to damages to their property due to the fires started by some of the individuals living on Bond St. They are also being harassed in their own property, a family shared not being able to leave their curtains open because they have individuals going to their back yard and peeking through the windows into their kids' rooms or while they eat dinner. Residents cannot open their windows due to the disgusting smell of feces, urine and garbage. They are tired of not being able to enjoy their homes due to the loud noise and the outbreak of rodents in the area.

The businesses have also expressed their need to be able to have a positive business climate for their customers, they are having constant complaints about their customers being harassed in the parking lot or inside the business/buildings. They are law abiding citizens that pay their taxes and deserve to have a safe route to school and home, and restore their peace.

We have received resident letters and numerous calls and complaints of the horrors they are experiencing because of the individuals' that are living on Bond St. It is their **actions** of breaking the law that our community is livid and dismayed by our City's deficiency to act on the situation. Following are some of the legislation that as a City we should be enforcing in our streets and in our community:

STATE & CITY LEGISLATION FOR SAFETY AND DRUG FREE ZONES:

- State of California Penal Code Section 626 defines “Safe School Zones” as property within 1,500 feet of a school. This Zone allows for the empowerment of principals, selected representative, school police and/or security or local law enforcement to restrict the presence of any individual without lawful business to be on campus or adjacent public property. If the presence or actions of said individual(s) interfere with the peaceful school or pupil activities during regular school hours, or within 60 minutes before or after the school day, or 60 minutes before or after a school-sponsored activity at the school site; individual must leave immediately (or be arrested).

Under State of California Penal Code Section 626, the Oakland Unified School District has designated 1,000 feet as Safe School Zone for all schools under their jurisdiction.

California Penal Code Section 626 does not impinge upon the lawful exercise of constitutionally protected rights of freedom of speech or assembly.

The City of Oakland has an urgent responsibility to assist and support our schools and pupils to ensure safe and clean routes to schools and enforcement of California Penal Code Section 626.

- As stated on the memorandum from the Oakland’s City Attorney’s Office, the term “Drug-Free Zones” is used generally to refer to areas where the community has focused on eliminating drug trafficking. The term has a more precise meaning under State law. When used in its legal sense, the term “Drug-Free Zones” refers to specific locations where State law provides a penalty or, more typically, a penalty enhancement for persons convicted of possession for distribution of certain narcotics.

The locations subject to enhanced penalties are defined in Health and Safety Code §§ 11353.1, 11353.5, 11353.6, 11353.7, 113580.1, 11380.5 and Oakland’s Municipal Code § 12.64.400.1 They include the grounds of a church or synagogue, a playground, public or private youth center, public swimming pool, and additional areas. The two enhancement areas most commonly referred to are school zones (***within 1,000 feet of any public or private elementary, vocational, junior high, or high school, during school hours or when minors are using the facility***) and park zones (public parks or ocean fronts including adjacent public parking lots and sidewalks.)

Prohibits to sale or distribution of any controlled substance not covered by 11353 to a minor while on the grounds of a school, public playground, child day care facility, church, or synagogue.

Any person convicted of violating 11351.5, 11352, or 11379.6 receives a mandatory enhancement if the violation occurred within 1,000 feet of a school.

CITY ORDINANCES:

- Chapter 8.10 – Vandalism by defacement of Property – Graffiti (Article VI)
- Chapter 8.11 – Illegal Dumping and Littering

- Chapter 8.18 – Nuisances (8.18.010 through 8.18.070)
- Chapter 8.38 – Sanitation (8.38.030, 8.38.100, 8.38.160, 8.38.170)
- Chapter 8.40 – Miscellaneous Health and Safety Regulations (8.40.080)
- Chapter 8.50 – Emergency Services Organization and Disaster Council (8.50.080)
- Chapter 9.08

9.08.030 – Obscenity

9.08.040 - Immoral exhibitions—Abatement—Appeal

9.08.080 - Immoral dress

9.08.100 - Drunkenness

9.08.160 - Sitting or lying on streets.

9.08.170 - Obstructing pedestrians.

9.08.180 - Alcoholic beverages on public streets or on adjacent private
thereto.

property

No person shall drink any alcoholic beverage: (1) on any public street, sidewalk, alley, highway, city park, city recreation area, city open space or playground; or (2) within **fifty (50) feet** of any public street, sidewalk, alley, highway, city park, city recreation area, city open space, or playground while on private property open to public view without the express permission of the owner, his or her agent, or the person in lawful possession thereof.

- 9.08.260 - Prohibition of prostitution and prostitution related offenses.
- Chapter 9.16 – Property Offenses (9.16.10 & 9.16.20)
- Chapter 9.32 – Trespass Upon Certain Classes of Property (9.32.040 & 9.32.050)
- Chapter 9.56 – Nuisance Vehicles (9.56.130)
- Chapter 9.58 – Loitering for the Purpose of Engaging in Illegal Drug Activity (9.58.020)
- Chapter 12.24 - Street and Sidewalk Use Regulations (12.24.040 & 12.24.070)

Per our City of Oakland mission statement our administrators' responsibilities are "to deliver of effective, courteous and responsive services which includes enforcing the laws, ordinances and policies" for the protection and safety of our constituents. We know the Bond St. encampment extremely well, not only the problems but the individuals that live there who are violating the safety of the residents and school children. Attached you will also see four sample letters of the experiences this community is facing daily. The Bond St. encampment situation was supposed to be a "temporary location" just like other areas in the city. By locating portable toilets on Bond St. our constituents feel the City is not creating a permanent solution rather allowing individuals to keep breaking the law and developing more issues in the community; meanwhile, it is putting their health and safety at risk. The school, residents and business owners have unified to pursue legal action if needed for your neglect in enforcing the law. The Bond St. community wants the Bond St. encampment to be cleared out. We appreciate your immediate response and cooperation to clear Bond St. encampment.

Respectfully,

Council Member - Noel Gallo

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City of Oakland - Encampment Management Policy

The purpose of this policy is to provide increased clarity and coordination around all aspects of managing encampments in Oakland. This policy addresses which encampments are closed, cleaned or provided with health and safety interventions as resources are available, and the reason for the selected approach, including which City departments are involved in the process. The streets are not a safe and healthy place for people to live. This policy is one part of the City's larger strategy to address homelessness in Oakland and only addresses the physical management of homeless encampments. Other City and County policies address the needs of specific populations and how those populations are connected to services and housing.

The following guiding principles have informed the development of this policy:

Ensuring adequate housing of all types, including permanent supportive and deeply affordable housing, is the solution to homelessness. Low barrier pathways to permanent housing are the best solution to addressing encampments. There are many reasons that people may sleep and live in encampment settings, including a sense of community and safety. There are many reasons that other community members may have concerns about encampments within their communities, including concerns related to health, sanitation, and safety. The City must balance the interests of unsheltered residents with the rights of other community residents.

Interventions in Response to Encampments There are currently four active interventions that the City may take in regards to an encampment. Alternatively, the City could take no action. The active interventions include: 1. Closure- removing the encampment and using enforcement to prevent re-encampment 2. Cleaning- temporarily moving an encampment so that the location can be cleaned to resolve health and hygiene issues and then allowing the encampment residents to return 3. Temporary Health and Safety Measures – providing services to address the immediate health and safety needs of persons at an encampment and surrounding neighbors such as barriers to protect campers from traffic, portable toilets and wash stations, regular garbage pick up 4. Debris pick-up – scheduled collection of debris associated or near encampment

Criteria The following four sets of criteria (safety, health, location, size) will be applied when deciding if, and when, any of the actions listed above are warranted.

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Safety

- Objective hazards to occupants of an encampment such as proximity to moving vehicles and steep slopes.
- Generating many calls for service to emergency responders, including Police response due to criminal activity Difficulty in extending emergency services to the site due to factors such as location or density of the encampment itself
- Fire hazards, including potential and actual fire activity

Health

- Excessive quantities of garbage, trash, or debris. Uncontrolled presence of needles, human waste, or other hazardous material.
- Vector hazards (e.g. rats)
- Other active health hazards to occupants or to the surrounding neighborhood

Location

- The proximity of the encampment to community resources including but not limited to schools, health centers, senior centers, etc.
- Preventing public access required by law, e.g. blocking a sidewalk
- Imminent work scheduled at the site for which the encampment will pose an obstruction
- Damage to environmentally critical areas ☐ Neighborhood impacts ☐ length of time the encampment has been present at a location.
- Damage to public infrastructure

Size

- The size of the encampment is having a disproportionate impact on its surrounding neighborhood
- The size of the encampment is creating unsafe conditions for the occupants

Process

1. Master List of Encampments: The Department of Public Works and the Department of Human Services will jointly maintain a master list of encampments considered for interventions in Oakland. The list will include information about the encampments relating to the four criteria above: safety, health, location, size.

2. Encampment Management Team: The City will create an Encampment Management Team (EMT) which will meet regularly to review/update the list and decide which encampments will be designated for closure, cleaning, health and safety interventions, or debris pickup in the following weeks based on available resources and capacity. This group will include staff from Public Works, Human Services, City Administrator's Office,

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Oakland Police Department, Oakland Fire Department, and as needed, the City Attorney's Office.

3. Street Outreach Assessments: The work of the EMT will be significantly informed by the City's contracted Street Outreach providers who are continuously assessing encampments and their residents.

4. Shelter/Housing Availability: Prior to reaching any decision to close an encampment, the EMT will consider the availability of alternate safer locations or other housing or shelter opportunities for the occupants of that encampment. Should shelter or other housing be available, it will be communicated to the occupants by the City's contracted Street Outreach provider in advance of the closure. The availability of shelter will be a significant, but not dispositive, factor in determining whether to close an encampment.

Other Considerations: The criteria used for assessing an encampment must be flexible and may take into consideration criteria outside of those listed above. These circumstances may include:

- Development of a new, large encampment
- Change in circumstances of an existing encampment related to health, safety, location or size
- Ensuring equity in addressing encampments in the City
- Any circumstances not considered in the criteria such as sudden public health emergencies, emergency construction projects in encamped areas, state or other regulatory requirements or environmental challenges like flood danger.

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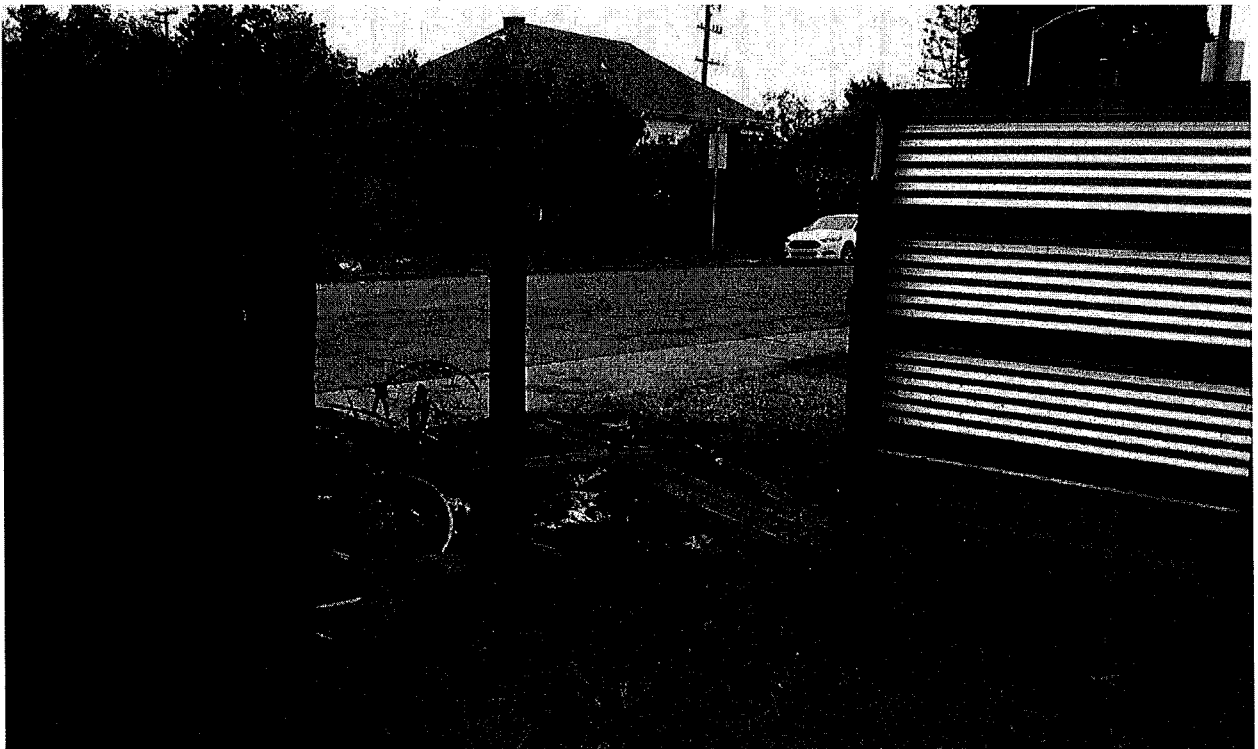


Photo of resident's (4244 E 17th Street) burned fence at site of Bond Street encampment.

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Photo of fire burning dangerously close to resident's fence (4238 E 17th Street)
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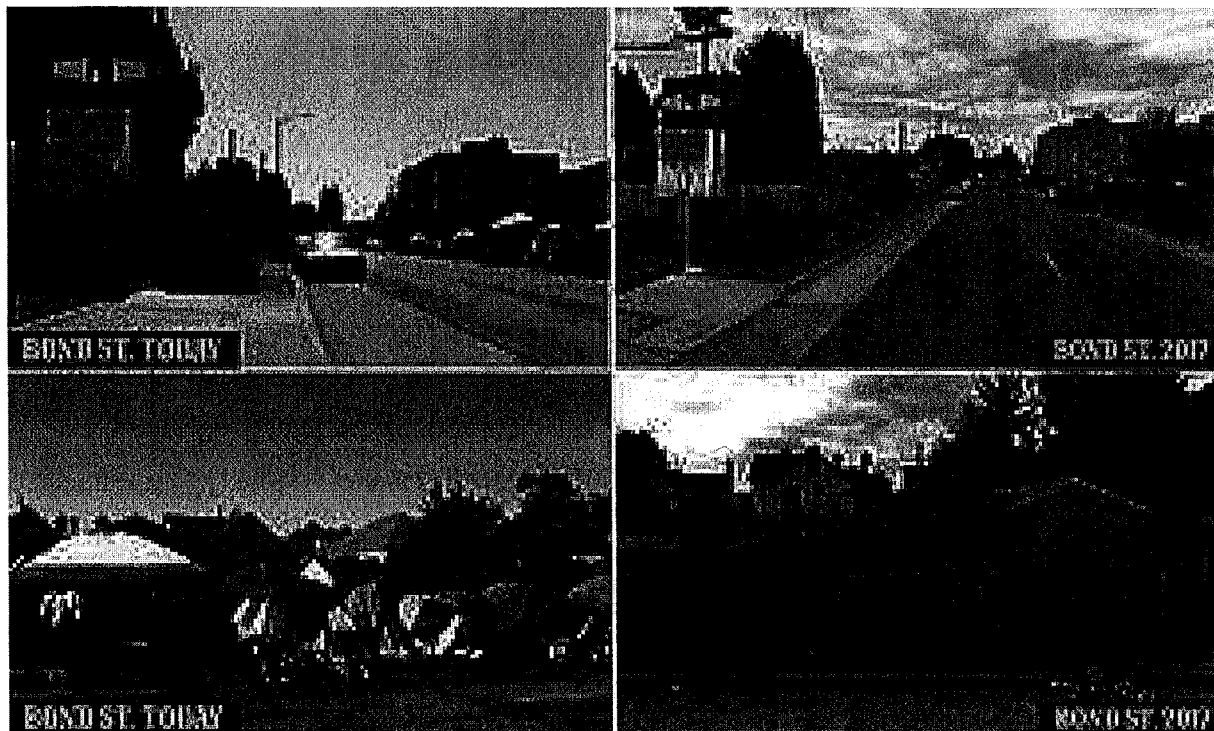
4200 Block of E 17th Street (west side)
Resident's backyards are adjacent to 4200 Block of Bond Street

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4200 Block of E 17th Street (east side)

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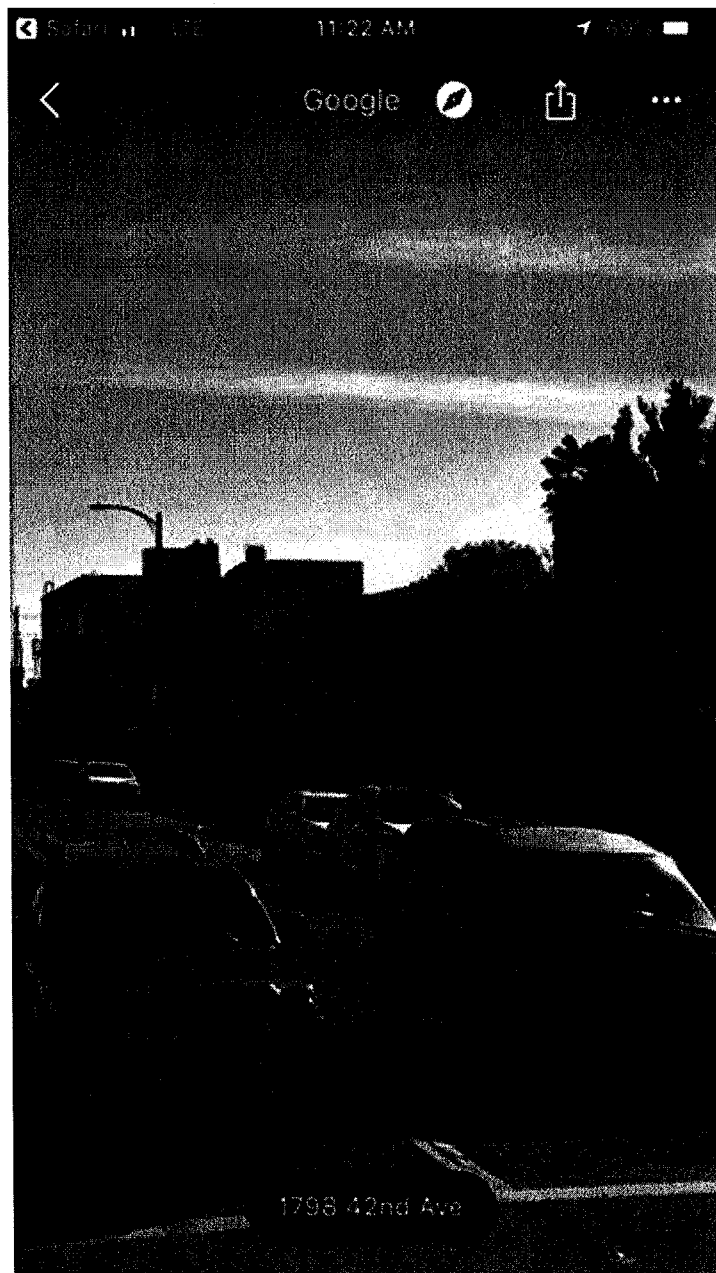
Photos of Bond Street in 2017 and Bond Street Today.

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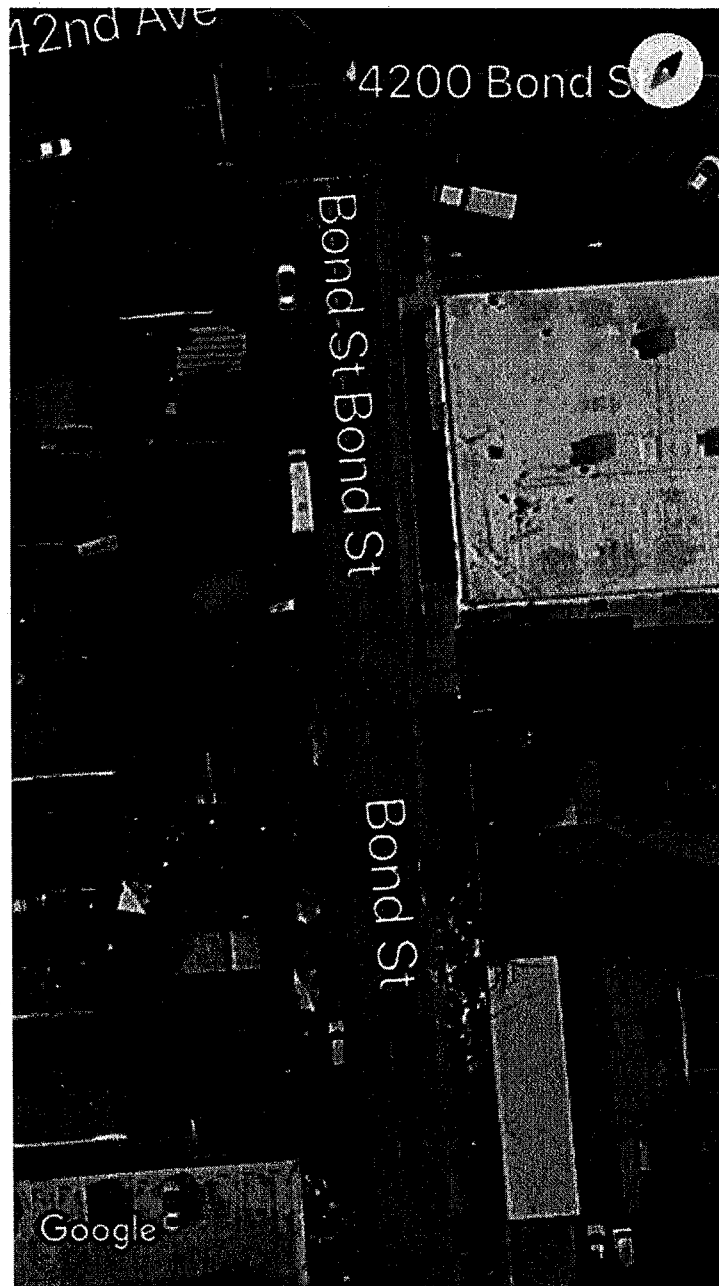
Photo of Bond Street in 2017 prior to encampment.
Google search (September 11, 2019)

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Google photo of Bond Street from 42nd Avenue prior to encampment.

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Google photo of Bond Street from 42nd Avenue showing encampment.

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Conditions of Bond Street encampment that are well within 1000 feet of the Oakland Charter Academy.

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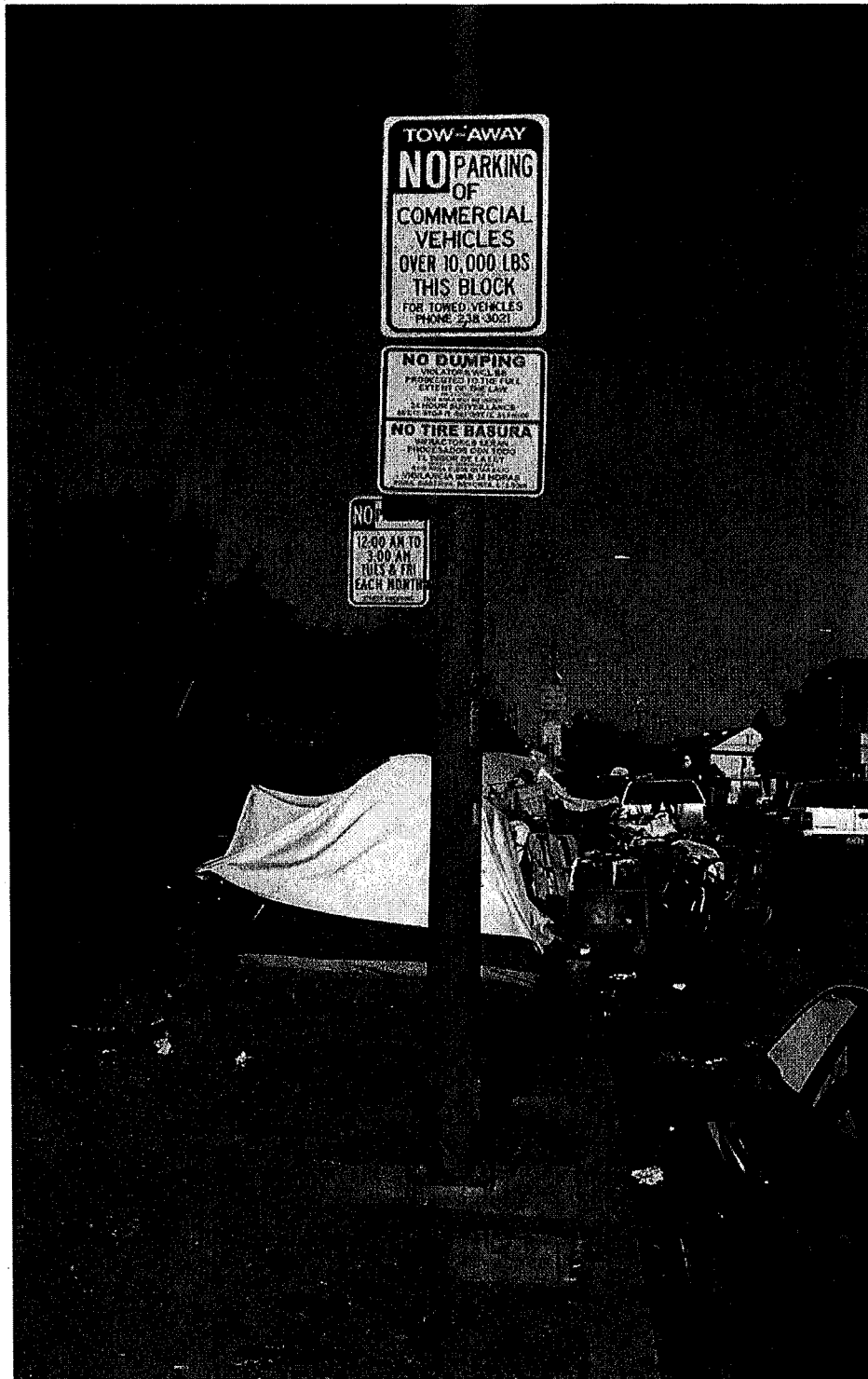


Photo of Bond Street encampment.

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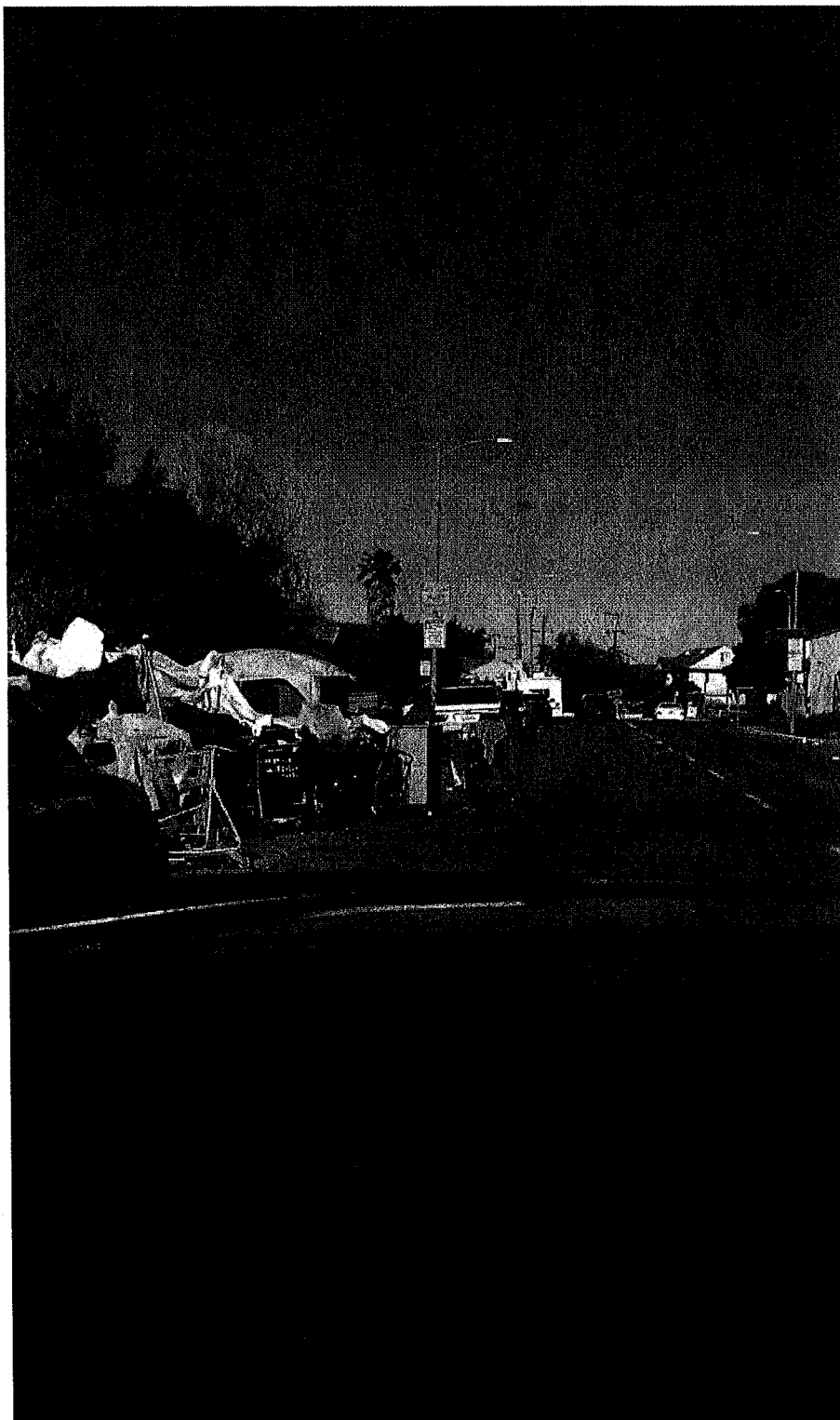
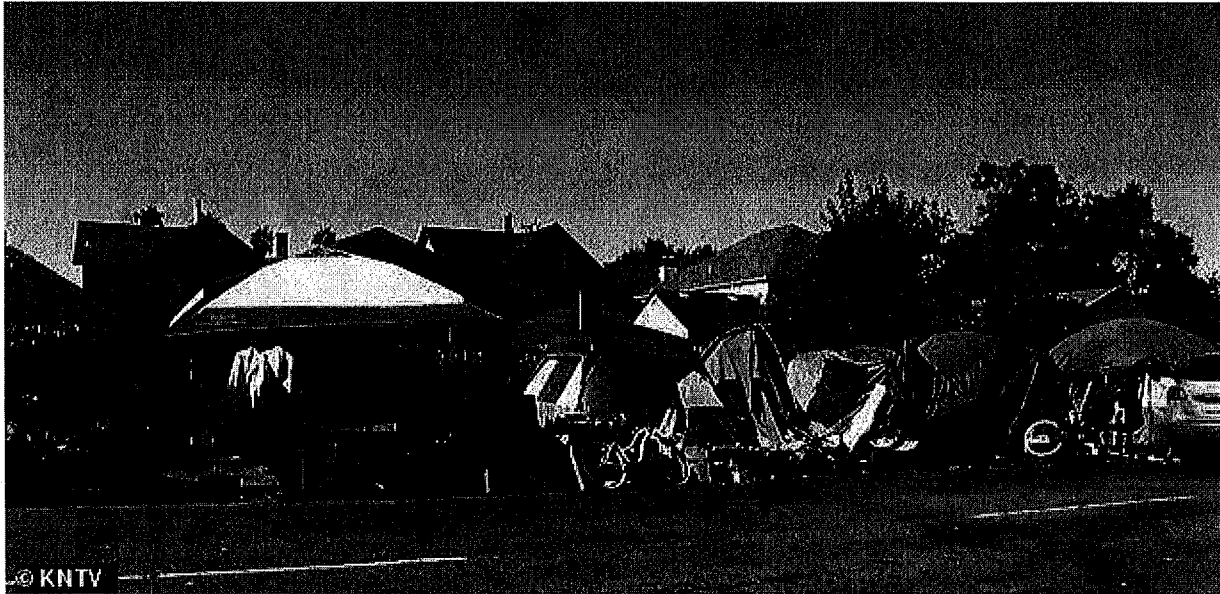


Photo of Bond Street encampment.

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KNTV Google photo of Bond Street encampment.



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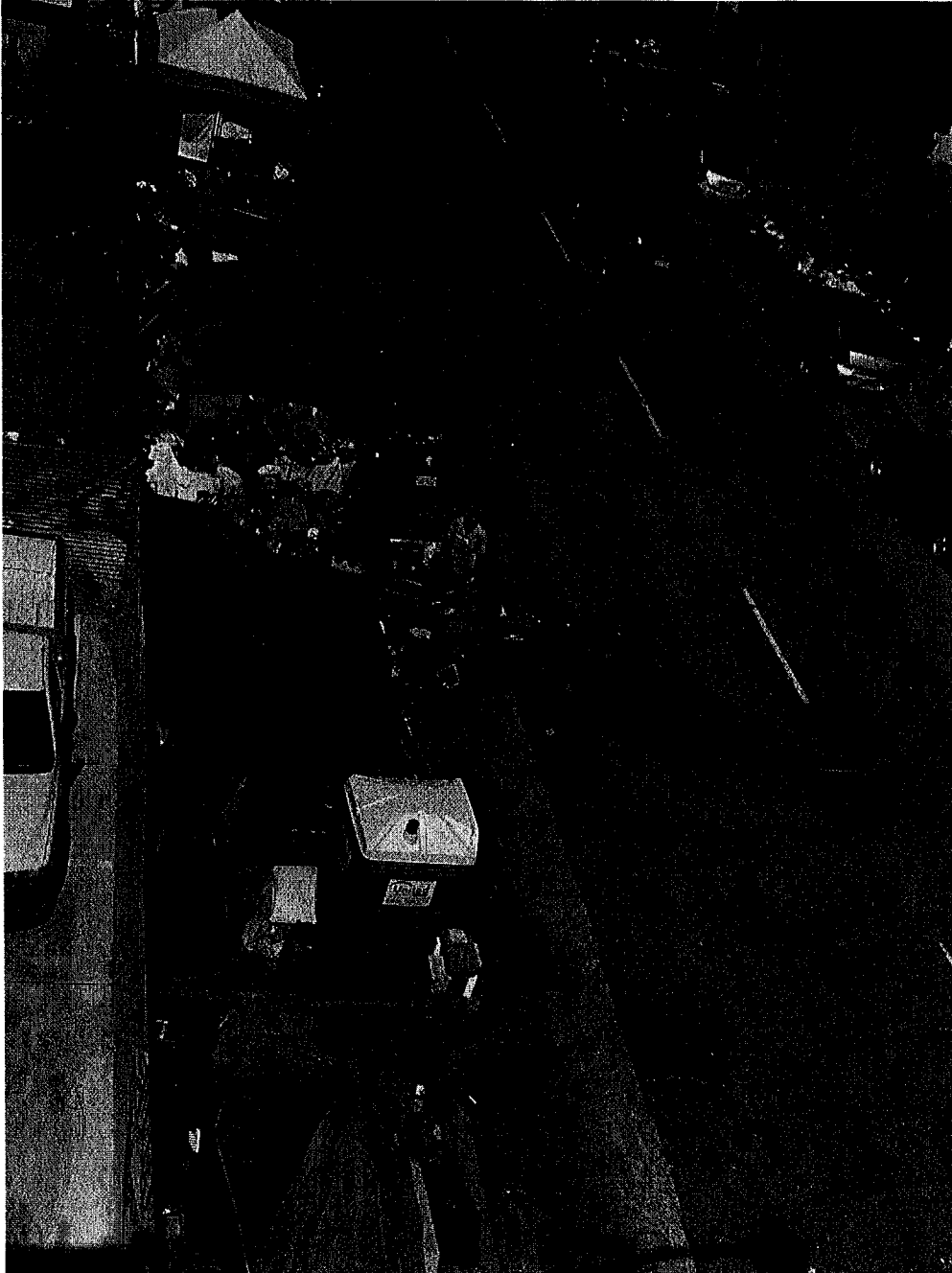


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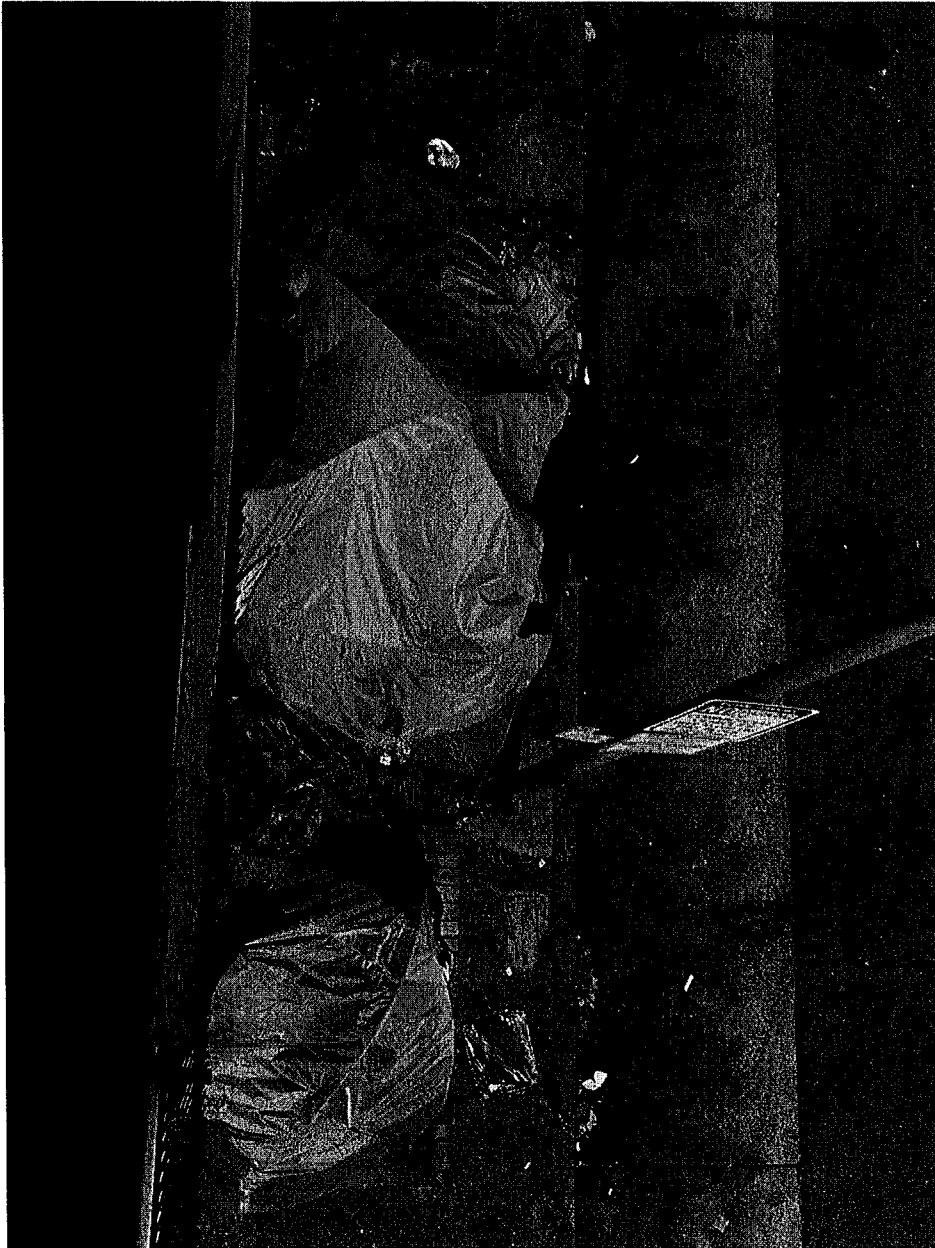


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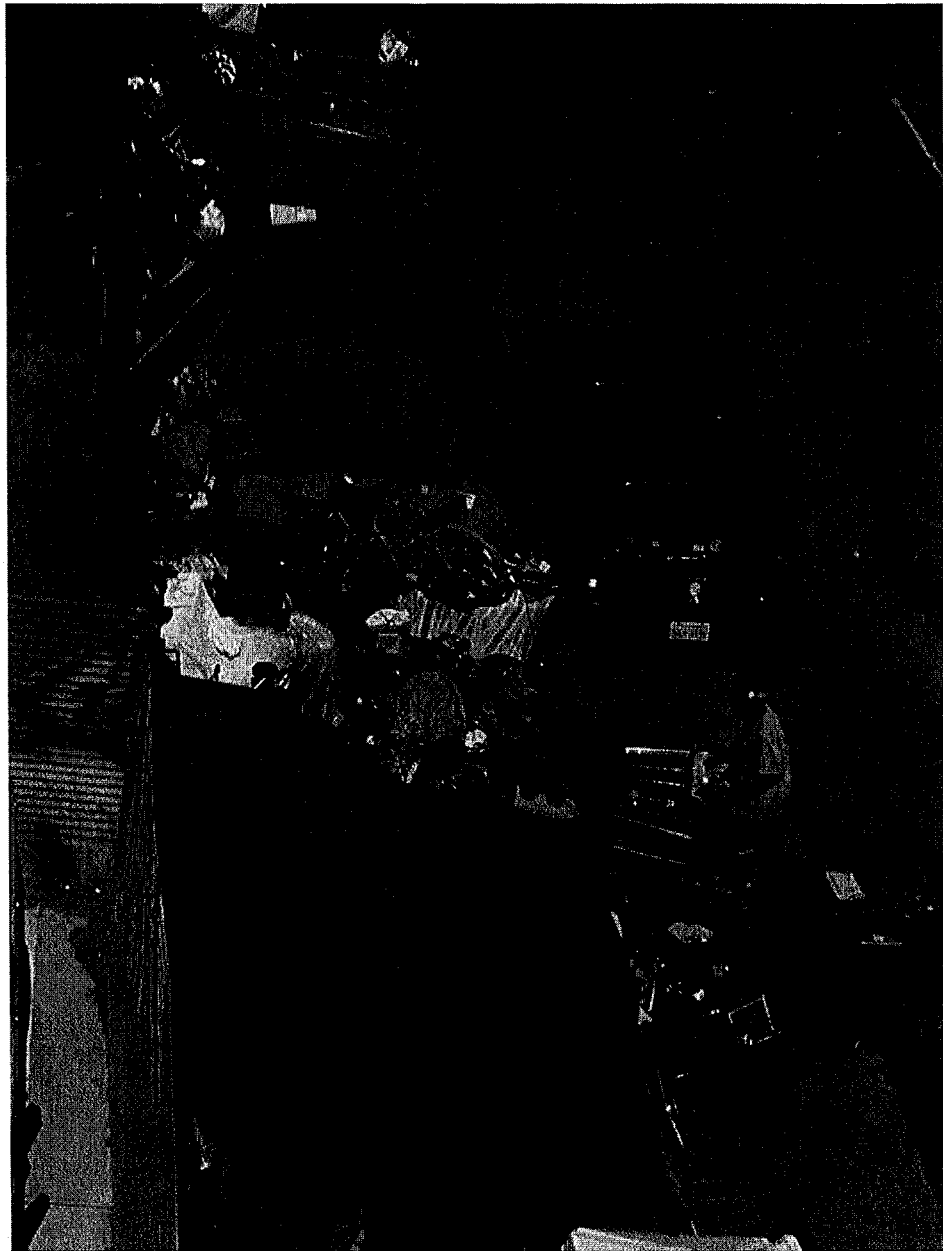


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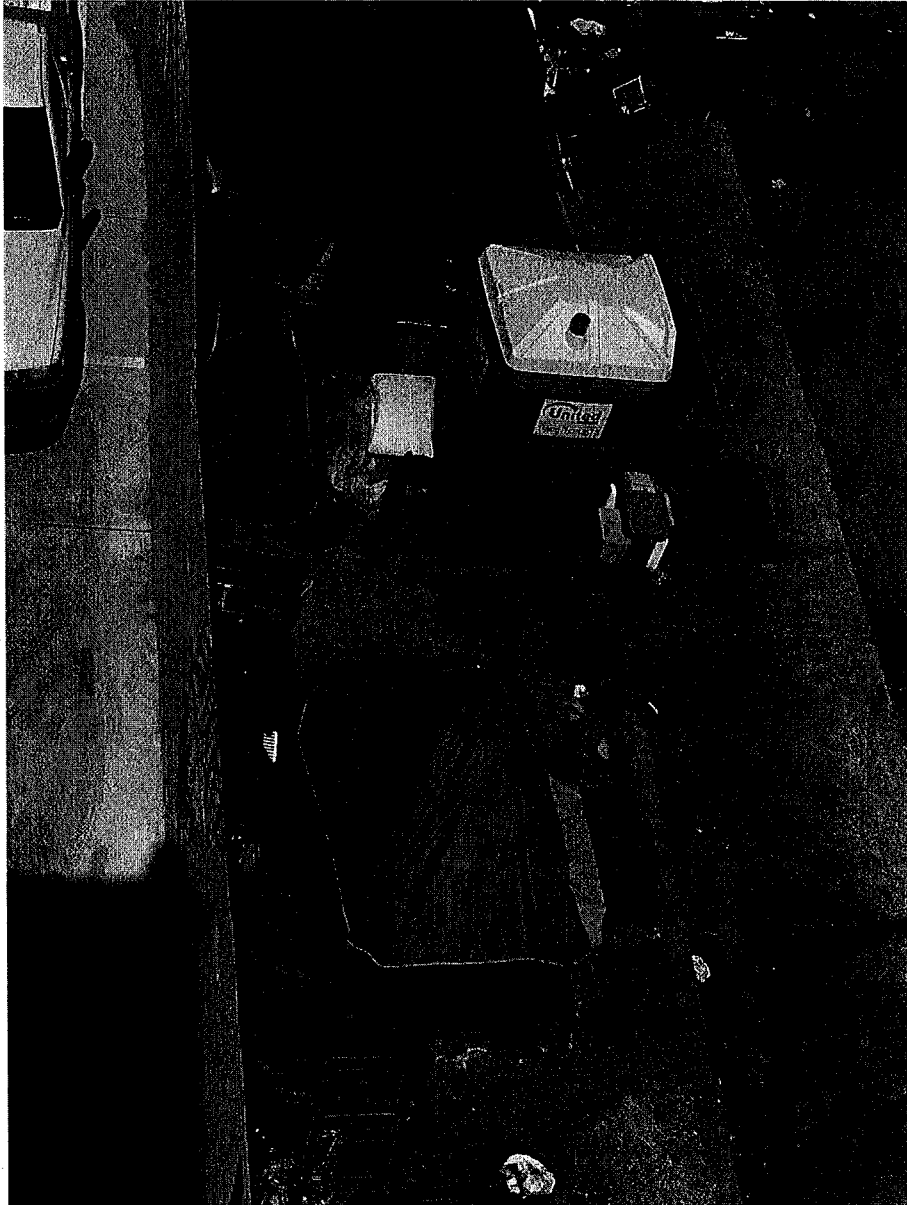


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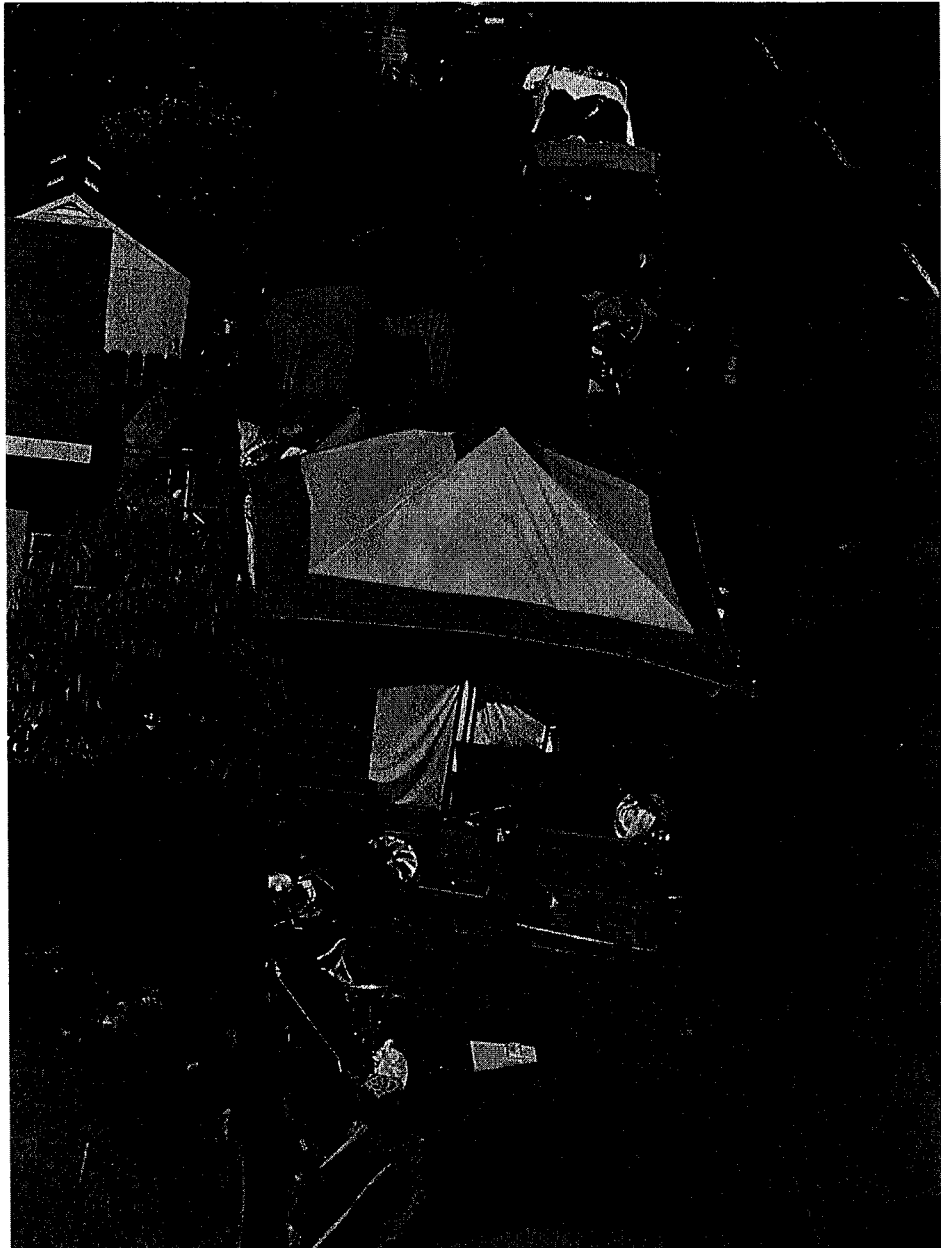


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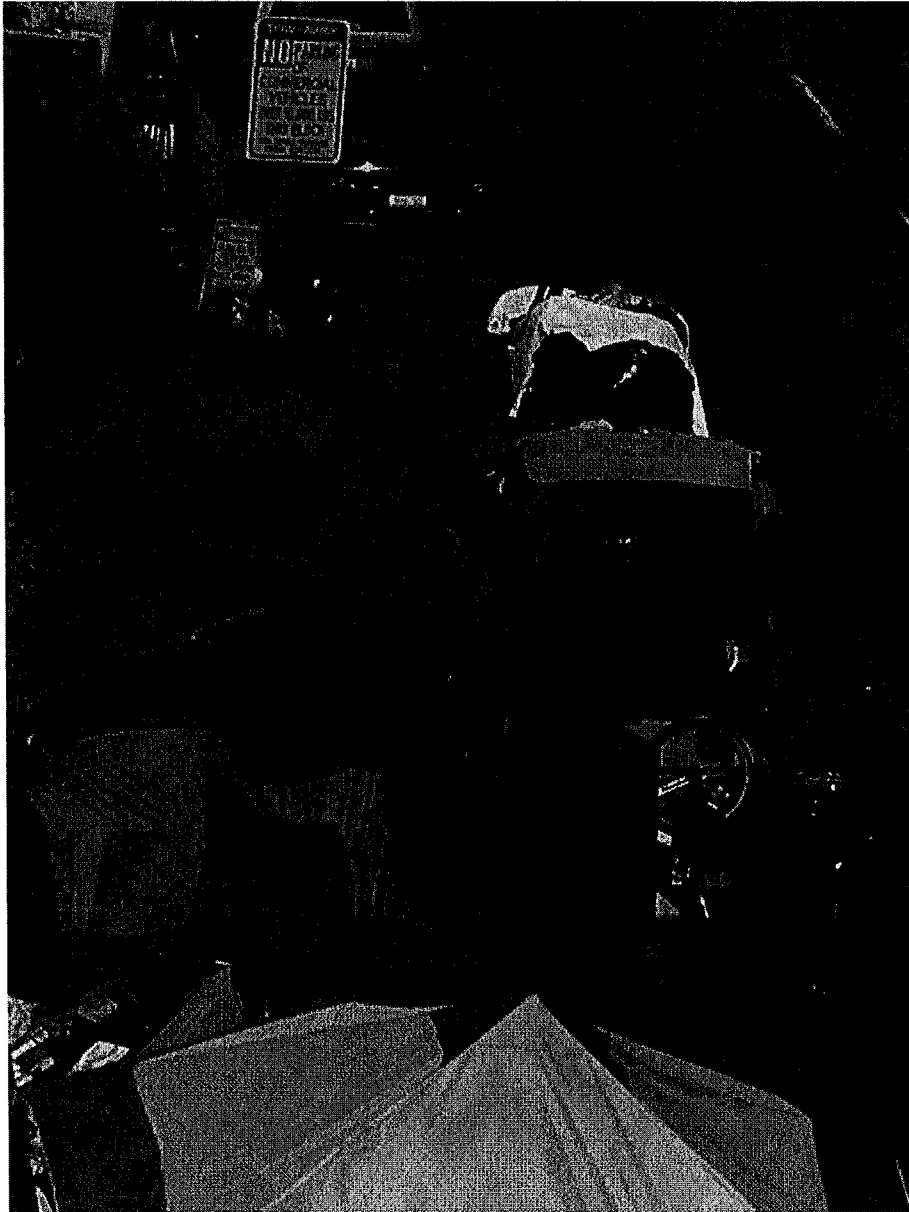
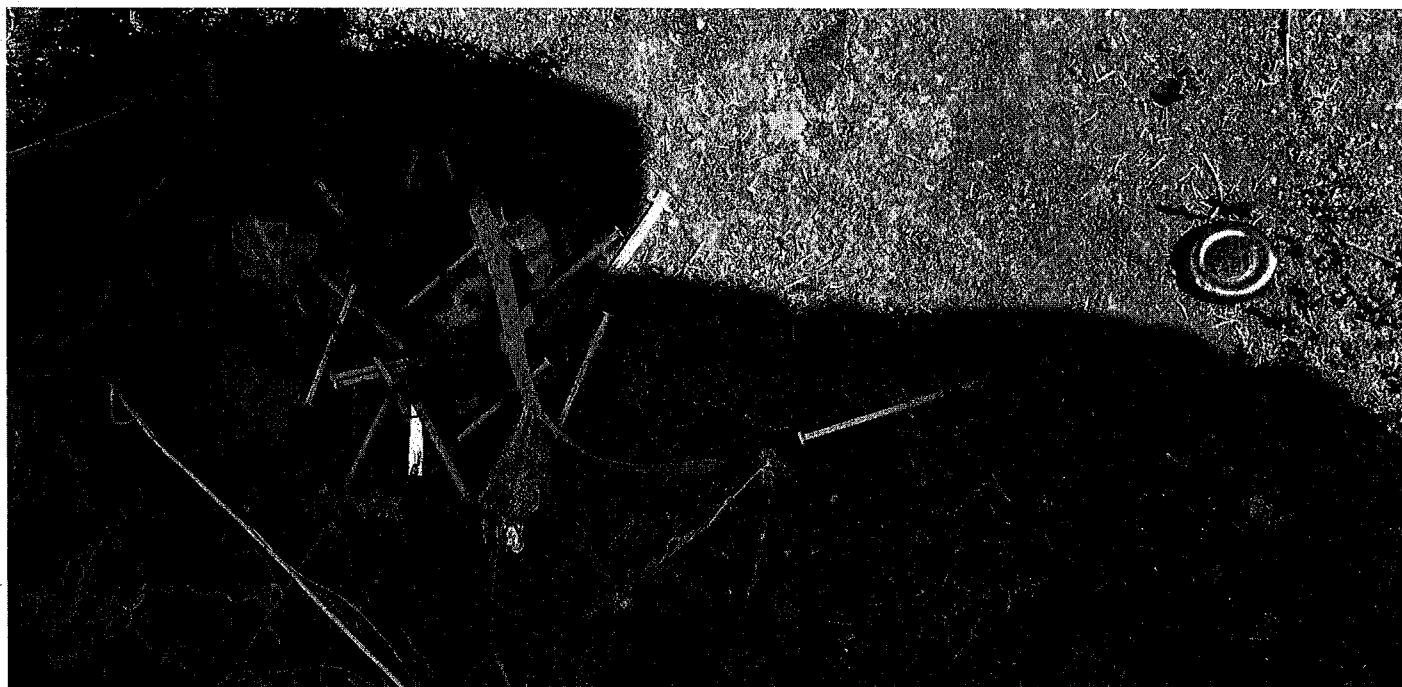


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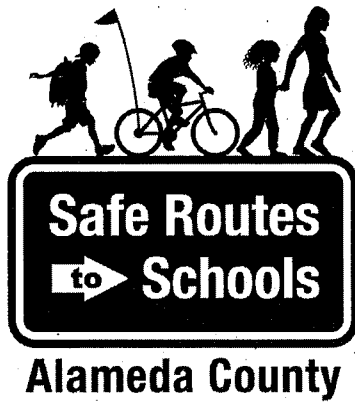


Discarded syringes and drug paraphernalia found by resident on Bond Street.

ATTACHMENT H

Alameda County Safe Routes to School School Safety Assessment, Technical Memorandum

Please see attached PDF document.



School Safety Assessment Technical Memorandum

Oakland Charter Academy

Oakland Unified School District

March 2019

OAKLAND CHARTER ACADEMY


A school safety assessment was conducted at Oakland Charter Academy in Oakland during the afternoon dismissal on March 27, 2019. The assessment was attended by representatives from the City of Oakland, Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools staff, Oakland Charter Academy staff, and 3 students.

Participants included:

- Beaver Boonsook, Transportation Engineer, OakDOT
- Jessyca Mitchell, Staff, Oakland Charter Academy
- Osiah Carbonneau, Staff, Oakland Charter Academy
- Aleida Andrino-Chavez, Alameda County SR2S Team
- Jeannette Cooper, Alameda County SR2S School Site Coordinator
- Nick Bleich, Engineer, Alameda County SR2S Team
- Ben Frazier, Planner, Alameda County SR2S Team
- 3 Oakland Charter Academy students

School Information

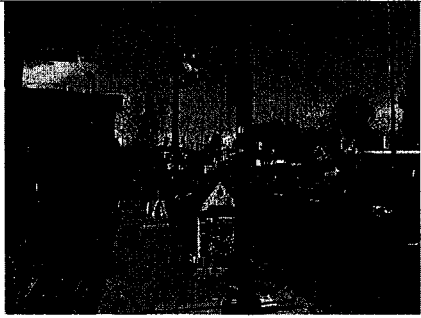
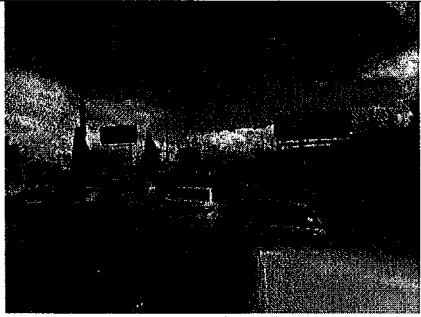
Location & Enrollment

	Address:	4215 Foothill Blvd, Oakland, CA 94601
	Morning Bell(s):	8:00 AM
	Afternoon Bell(s):	Monday-Thursday: 3:00 PM Friday: 1:00 PM
	Grade Levels:	Grades 6 - 8
	Enrollment:	250
	School Type (neighborhood/ magnet/charter):	Charter

Bikes, Buses, and Drop-off/Pick-up

Does the school have bike racks? What is the capacity? Is it secure bike parking?	Oakland Charter Academy has one bike rack that holds approximately three bikes. It is not enclosed, but is locked within the gated campus.
On a typical day, what percentage of racks are used?	Typically, no students bike to school.

Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program

Is the school served by local transit agencies? Are there stops within 1/2 mile?		Oakland Charter is served by AC Transit lines 40, 14, and 648 with bus stops located along Foothill Boulevard and High Street.
Does the school have special pick-up/drop-off policies/procedures?		School pick-up and drop-off activity occurs along the school's Foothill Blvd frontage. No activity occurs within the gated campus area.

Note: Oakland Charter Academy is not served by school buses.

Frontage Streets

Street Name	Width	Lanes	Posted Speed Limit	Traffic Volumes	Notes
Foothill Blvd	54 feet	4 lanes	25 mph	16,337 ADT	Curb extensions
Bond St	40 feet	2 lanes, one way	25 mph	-	No sidewalks
42 nd Ave	76 feet	4 lanes	30 mph	10,906 ADT	No sidewalks

Existing Conditions

Overview

Oakland Charter Academy is located at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and 42nd Avenue. The school is contained within a fenced-off campus that occupies half of the block bound by 42nd Avenue, Foothill Boulevard, High Street, and Bond Street. Most pick-up and drop-off activities occur on Foothill Boulevard in the small frontage of the school. Many Oakland Charter Academy students walk or take AC Transit to/from school. The most commonly used AC Transit stops are within two blocks of the campus. No drop-off or pick-up activity currently occurs on Bond Street due to safety concerns regarding a homeless encampment and this gate currently being locked.

Observations

The following existing conditions were observed or reported by participants during the school safety assessment (SSA).

1. Foothill Boulevard/42nd Avenue

- ♦ Foothill Boulevard/42nd Avenue is a four-way signalized intersection.
- ♦ The raised medians on 42nd Avenue serve as refuge islands and the southwest corner (immediately adjacent to Oakland Charter) has a curb extension.
- ♦ The intersection has decorative crosswalks outlined by white transverse crosswalk markings.
- ♦ There are no sidewalks west of the intersection on either side of 42nd Avenue.
- ♦ Students traveling northbound on AC Transit Line 40 need to cross the intersection twice to access the northeast corner.
- ♦ There is a Ford GoBike Station at the northwest corner along Foothill.
- ♦ Students reported that the traffic signal controller does not always register their actuation from the push button to activate the pedestrian signal.



Left: The southern crossing of Foothill Boulevard, looking east from the school.

Right: The western crossing of 42nd Avenue, looking north from the school.

2. Foothill Boulevard

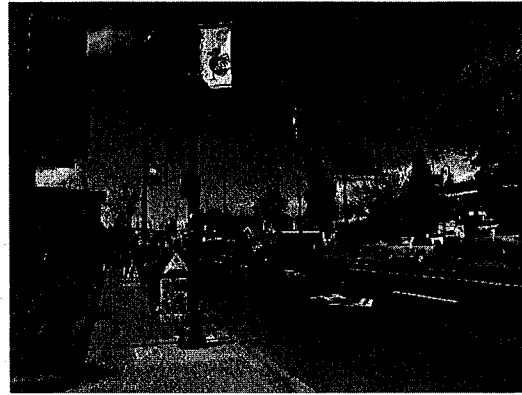
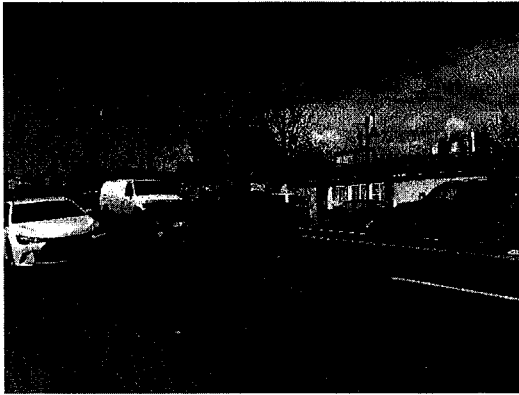
- ◆ Oakland Charter Academy has approximately 130 feet of frontage along Foothill Boulevard; providing queuing/loading space for approximately five vehicles.
 - This curb space restricts parking during drop-off hours, 7:30AM-9:00AM and 3:00PM-4:00PM. The curb is painted white, but the paint is faded.
- ◆ All student access in and out of the campus occurs via the pedestrian gate located on Foothill Boulevard.
- ◆ Only school staff vehicles are allowed to use the on-site parking within the gated area. The gate is kept closed and is remotely opened when an authorized vehicle needs access.
- ◆ Parents were observed idling in front of the vehicle gate, blocking the driveway, to load/unload students.
- ◆ The sidewalk area immediately in front of the school is very congested with students moving and congregating.
- ◆ The curb space is used by motorists for parking and loading passengers.
- ◆ Parents were observed stopping their vehicles in the southbound right travel lane for student loading/unloading; these students were walking among vehicles entering the travel lane from the parking lane.
- ◆ Multiple vehicles were observed performing U-turns from the northbound direction of Foothill Boulevard into either the parking or travel lanes in front of the school to pick-up students.
- ◆ Many students were observed crossing mid-block in front of the school to reach parked or idling vehicles on the northbound side of Foothill Boulevard.
- ◆ There are sharrows on this segment of Foothill Boulevard. No bicyclists were observed during the assessment.
- ◆ Students who need to access the southbound AC Transit Line 40 or buses along High Street walk south on Foothill Boulevard.
- ◆ After school, many students walk to the Foothill Boulevard/High Street intersection to shop at the convenience stores at the Exxon and Chevron gas stations.

Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program

- o Because of the volume of students walking toward High Street to the bus stops and the gas stations, the sidewalk on this segment of Foothill Boulevard is very congested.



Above: Foothill Boulevard, looking towards High Street. This picture shows Oakland Charter Academy students boarding vehicles along the curb and walking among vehicles idling in the travel lane. This creates congestion and safety issues on Foothill Boulevard.



Left: A driver performing a mid-block U-turn on Foothill Boulevard to pick up a student.

Right: Foothill Boulevard, near High Street; the two gas stations and the southbound AC Transit 40 stop.

3. Foothill Boulevard/High Street

- ◆ Foothill Boulevard/High Street is a four-way signalized intersection.
- ◆ All four crosswalks are marked with yellow transverse markings.
- ◆ Fremont High School fronts the northeastern corner.
- ◆ School staff reported that students regularly use this intersection to access the Exxon gas station and shop at the convenience store.
- ◆ Multiple AC Transit buses serve this intersection.
 - School staff noted that there are not shelters at these bus stops and expressed concern for students who have to wait for the buses in inclement weather.
- ◆ Students were observed congregating around the gas stations and blocking the driveway (on foot), which presents safety hazards if a motorist tries to enter the gas station.
 - Some of these students were waiting for the bus and others were just hanging around with friends.
- ◆ Some students were riding shared electric scooters around this intersection area.
 - Students were observed riding both on the sidewalk and in the street.
 - Shared electric scooters (Lime and Bird) are intended for use by those eighteen and older.



Above: Foothill Boulevard/High Street looking southeast towards Fremont High.

4. Bond Street

- ◆ There is one locked pedestrian access gate to the school on Bond Street.
 - In past years, this gate was available for student loading and unloading, however, with an increase in the homeless population living on this segment of Bond Street, families and the school administration stopped using Bond Street as a pick up/drop-off location. Bond is a calm and low vehicular volume neighborhood street but with the homeless encampment, children are often exposed to unsafe, unsanitary conditions, and illegal or inappropriate activity. School staff currently keep this gate locked and dismiss students at the front gate/entrance facing Foothill Boulevard, which is a major arterial with high vehicular volume and speeds, and heavy vehicle traffic, exposing children to unsafe street conditions.

On several occasions, school staff has contacted the police to report unsafe conditions and illegal or inappropriate activities at the Bond Street homeless encampment. In particular, when children are in Physical Education in the backyard, where there is unobstructed view of the encampment from the school.

- ◆ There are no paved sidewalks on either side of the street, further limiting its practical use as a loading space or route for students.
- ◆ The school is the only land use fronting on this block of Bond Street, which provides an ideal location for a designated drop-off/pick-up area.
 - One of the properties fronting along East 17th Street has added a garage door and non-standard ramp to allow for access to/from their property via Bond Street.



Above: The homeless encampment on Bond Street, across the street from Oakland Charter Academy.

5. 42nd Avenue

- ◆ Curb, gutter and sidewalks are not present on 42nd Street west of Foothill Boulevard. There are wide outside travel lanes of approximately 17 feet, which transitions to an unpaved / vegetated shoulder area that abuts property fences.
 - The wide outside travel lanes and No Parking restrictions create a space for vehicles to queue before picking-up students.
 - On the eastbound intersection approach the lanes are configured with a marked Left Turn Only, and a shared right/through lane.
- ◆ On the eastern side of 42nd Avenue, parents routinely pull over to drop-off/pick-up students from this location.
 - This unmarked shoulder area is also used as a queuing space for some parents until they can find a parking spot on Foothill Boulevard. Some cars pull partially off the asphalt into the unpaved shoulder.
 - The curb extension at the southwest corner forces queuing vehicles back into the shared right/through travel lane in order to make a right turn onto Foothill Boulevard
- ◆ Cars idling close to the intersection limit the visibility of pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross at the intersection at Foothill Boulevard.

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Left: The end of the sidewalk along 42nd Avenue at Foothill Boulevard (looking south).

Right: A car idling, mostly in the unpaved area, on 42nd Avenue waiting to pick up a student.

Recommendations

Engineering Recommendations

Recommendations to improve infrastructure or operations surrounding Oakland Charter Academy are presented in the conceptual improvement plan on the following pages.

Policy & Program Recommendations

In addition to engineering improvements, the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program has many encouragement and educational activities that can benefit students and the campus community of the Oakland Charter Academy.

The School Site Coordinator for Oakland Charter Academy is Jeannette Cooper. The Site Coordinator can help schedule, organize, and promote many of the program offerings of Alameda County SR2S Program. The contact information for the Site Coordinator is below:

Jeannette Cooper, jcooper@alamedacountysr2s.org

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Site Coordinator if you have any questions or concerns, or if you wish to move forward with additional programming activities.

Programs

The following improvements are recommendations for policy and program implementation at Oakland Charter Academy to increase safety and active commutes to school.

- ◆ Develop Walk and Bicycle Route Maps
 - The SR2S Program can create recommended Walking Route Maps. These maps illustrate preferred routes to school for walking. Maps also provide safety tips to encourage better travel behavior. These maps can also be used as a part of Walking School Buses (WSBs) or other Walk and Roll to School activities. Park and Walk and WSB meeting locations are also shown on these maps where appropriate.
- ◆ Encourage and Help Facilitate Carpooling
 - The SR2S Program can assist schools in working with parents to connect them with other families who live nearby to increase the number of students carpooling. This can reduce congestion by reducing the number of vehicles coming to campus.
- ◆ Facilitate Walking School Buses
 - Walking School Buses (WSBs) are groups of students, led by parent/adult chaperone(s) that meet at designated locations and times to gather and walk to school together. WSBs can be regular events, occurring daily, weekly, or monthly or occur in coordination with other events like International Walk and Roll to School Day or the Golden Sneaker Contest. SR2S staff can assist schools with the planning, coordination, and execution of the WSBs. Walking in groups with parental supervision can not only increase the visibility of these road users, but also reduce barriers to walking or biking for some families while making it fun and exciting for the students.

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- ◆ Schedule the Step Up Crew Assembly
 - Step Up Crew is a fun, interactive assembly that teaches lessons about safely walking and bicycling to and from school. The Step Up Crew Assembly also includes information about how to ride transit. The Step Crew assembly is tailored to middle school students.
- ◆ Participate in International Walk and Roll to School Day (IRW2SD), the Golden Sneaker Contest (GSC), and Bike to School Day (B2SD)
 - These are the three main countywide encouragement events that occur throughout the academic year. All schools can participate in International Walk and Roll to School Day, held in October every year. The Golden Sneaker Contest, held in spring, is for elementary and middle schools and is a two-week contest both within schools and across the county challenging classrooms to travel to/from school using active and shared modes. All schools can also participate in Bike to School Day, held in tandem with Bike to Work Day, which encourages schools to sponsor Energizer Stations and students and families to bike to school.
- ◆ Staff Curb Supervision
 - If a staff member can be made available, they could be stationed along the curb and discourage students from crossing mid-block.
- ◆ Bond Street Rolling Drop Off
 - The school district should contact the City of Oakland administration and Oakland Police Department to seek relocation of the homeless community currently camping on Bond Street
 - After the homeless encampment is relocated and sidewalks have been constructed, Bond Street is an ideal location for a rolling drop-off. With these improvements, Bond Street can become the primary loading/unloading location for Oakland Charter Academy. The SR2S Program can help with the development of a new drop-off plan.

Transit Recommendations

- ◆ Oakland Charter Academy is served by transit with multiple bus stops within close proximity to the campus.
- ◆ The two intersections that students most frequently use for boarding and alighting are:
 - Foothill Boulevard/42nd Avenue
 - Foothill Boulevard/High Street
- ◆ There is limited sidewalk space available to provide additional bus stop amenities. The limited width should prioritize pedestrian throughput.
- ◆ Long-term streetscape improvements would benefit active modes and transit users and provide a more comfortable experience for these users.
 - These improvements could include bus shelters, street trees, buffer areas, and other items that improve the walking and transit experience.



Safe Routes to Schools Improvement Plan Oakland Charter Academy, Oakland

Site Assessment held March 2019

- 1 Foothill Boulevard/42nd Avenue**
 - Restripe transverse crosswalk markings in yellow, maintaining the interior decoration
 - Consider modifying the signal cycle to provide pedestrians with a leading pedestrian interval for all four crossings
- 2 Foothill Boulevard**
 - Install a R3-4 No U-Turn sign for northbound Foothill Blvd traffic
 - Long Term: To create a uniform/consistent corridor design, redesign the one block between 42nd Avenue and High Street with two travel lanes and a center turn lane
- 3 Foothill Boulevard/High Street**
 - Upgrade the four transverse crosswalks to yellow high visibility crosswalks
- 4 Bond Street**
 - Construct sidewalks on the eastern side of Bond Street, between High Street and 42nd Avenue
 - Install an additional 160 feet of white curb loading space on Bond Street
 - Install R25D School Loading Signs along all white curb areas along Bond Street
 - Upgrade the four transverse crosswalks at the Bond Street/High Street intersection to yellow transverse crosswalks
 - Install a high visibility crosswalk across Bond Street at 42nd Avenue
 - The school, school district, and OPD should work together to provide social services and relocate the disadvantaged community members currently camping on Bond Street
 - Once these improvements have been implemented, Bond Street should become the primary drop-off area for Oakland Charter Academy; shifting activity away from Foothill Boulevard
- 5 42nd Ave**
 - Install R26S No Stopping Anytime signs on the eastern side of 42nd Avenue between Bond Street and Foothill Boulevard
 - Long Term: Construct sidewalks on 42nd Avenue between Foothill Boulevard and International Boulevard

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Improvements not to scale



The Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program is funded by the Alameda County Transportation Commission. Your support is critical to making our roads safer.

The above items are recommendations only and based on Safe Routes to Schools site assessment best practices. Feasibility determination, final design, accessibility, funding, and implementation of any recommended improvements is the responsibility of the appropriate governing agency.

BOND STREET ENCAMPMENT

Signed Petitions

September 19, 2019

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Please provide affordable housing for these people				
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Hector Rubio				
Nicholas Charles Bernstein		3500 64th Ave Oakland CA	Nbernstein.ch@gmail.com	Isiah Isiah 411

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Juan A. Alvarez	PIPH	1754 81st Ave. Oakland CA.		
^{GILDA ALVAREZ} Gilda Alvarez	P.I.P.H.	1754 81 Ave Oakland CA 94621		
Olga Perez	P.I.P.H.	836 34th Ave CA 94619		
Silvia Lopez	PIPH	3221		
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Carmela Geronimo	PIPH	2833 Foothill BLVD		
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MARIO ALGRIJA	PIPH	2085 Putner Ford St Oakland CA 94601		
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San fisco Bautista	PIPH	2240 94th Av Oakland		
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MELYN SALAZAR	PIPH	3762 BECKMAN AVE.		

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Tony Rodriguez	ilava Hawaiian BBQ	1446 High St Oakland		
Chan YUNG	ilava BBQ	1446 High St Oakland		
Karla Mendoza	ilava Hawaiian BBQ			
Juan Garcia		2246 42nd Ave		
Bayet Jacint		2246 42nd Ave		
Norma Agravante		1462 High St Oakland		
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Kristina Clark	WSS	1620 High St Oakland		

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Andre TS/az		5285 Foothill Blvd	eisler5883@gmail.com	
Donald Smith		1462B High St	bigboystrucking717@yahoo.com	
Lea's Donut		1448 High		
Puposa Salvadoreña		1462 High	Jsmys towing@gmail.com	
Vanessa Sanchez		514 Schacter Hayward	vannyyy24@gmail.com	
Freeang		5835 OAKland CA 94612	K. Maria Rodriguez@yahoo.com	
Subway		foothill Blvd HIGH ST	Subway 49988@gmail.com	
CONFianza Insurance		4419 Foothill Blvd	amartinez@confianzains.com	

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Catalina Govea Resident 4215 E 17th St Oakland, CA

Ines Pérez resident 3419 Harper St. Oakland

LESLIE GOMEZ RESIDENT 3973 WHITTLE AVE OAKLAND

YADIRA CAZARES Resident 3973 Whittle Ave Oakland

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Sheila Tuk		4401 Penniman Ave Oakland CA 94619		
Donald Watts		4546 Penniman ave Oakland	DrWatts44@yahoo.com	
Johnny Martin		4532 Penniman Avenue		
Angela Bolden		2439 Harrington ave	Dredanger208@gmail.com	
Cynthia Bennett		4544 Penniman Ave	mscynthia.bennett@yahoo.com	
Carlos Perez		4454 Penniman Ave		
Noah Hays		2615 39th Ave.	lwe altras altras@me.com	
Karynn Kelly		2639 Maxwell Av	Blessedones@yahoo.com	
Kamila Jernigan		4401 Penniman Ave.		
Edward Bennett		4532 Penniman Ave.		
Paul Thomas		4544 Penniman Ave, OAKLAND		

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Angeles Miceli	Resident	4238 E 17th St		Drugs, Safety, Food
Santiago Miceli	Resident	4238 E 17th St	NA	Drugs, Safety
Jamie Sampino	Resident	4238 E 17th St		garbage, safety
Antonino Sampino	Resident	4238 E 17th St		garbage, safety
Sofia Sampino	Resident	4238 E 17th St		garbage, safety
Ingrid Naranjo	Visitor	103 Alden Glen		garbage, safety, Drugs
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Santiago Hernandez	Visitor	27 Francis St		Drugs, safety, violence
Daniel Rodriguez	Resident	200 International Blvd	Dimmy10819237@gmail.com	Drugs, violence
Claudio Alvarez	Visitor	25th Ave	Ave 2000@yahoo.com	Violence, garbage, safety
Perelope Rossi	Visitor	2927 76th Ave Oakland	NA	Violence
Charlie Sampino	Visitor	2927 76th Ave Oakland	NA	Fifth, violence
Henry Sosa	Visitor	27 Francis St SF CA	NA	Garbage, Drugs
Tiffany Garcia	Visitor	2608 Evergreen Ave South SF		Violence

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1627 High Street Residents

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Rosanna Martin		#104		
VLAD		1627 High St #105		
Ben		1627 High St Oakland CA		
Zoila B.		#109		
Jennifer Hatch		#109		
Carlos Chinchilla		#207		
Bernard		#208		
Wanda White		#208		
Wanda White		1627 High St #203		
Maria Almazan		#204		
Rel Maldonado		1627 High St. Apt. #301		
Elva Martinez		High St APT 310		
Ivan L.		#304		

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Name:	Business:	Address:	Email:	Comments:
Cristina Reyes		2705 E 11th Oakland.		Por favor Homeless muevanlos.
Consuelo Jimenez		7120 Holly St Oakland.		Mas Seguridad
Gloria Jimenez		3088 E 15th St AP#8 Oakland CA 94601		Ayuda
George Lupian		2705 E 11th Oakland CA		USAN DRUGAS enfrente de niños
Margata Ma		2559 Renwick St		
Miguel Ramirez		2035 Solano Way Oakland		Nositamos que muevan los homeless por seguridad de los niños
Maria Arroyo		1910 98th Ave Oakland		
Jose Monor		1733 29th Oakland		
Jose Morales P		Oakland CA 1925 E St		
Rogelio R		2559. Renwick St		

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Francisco Vargas		2022 Foothill Blvd Oakland		
Irma Abilon M.		2047 Mitchell St Oakland		
Prudencia M.		2039 Mitchell St Apt A		
Estuardo Pablo	Primavera Guatemala	4421 foothill Blvd Oakland		
Santos Carrillo				
Elvira Alilon	Primavera			
Irma Matias	Primavera			
Leshia Molina				
Reina Castro	coin laundry	4510 Bond St Oakland CA 94621		

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2013 SEP 26 PM 5:56 **RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.**

Introduced by Councilmember Noel Gallo

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO CLOSE THE ENCAMPMENT ON 4200-4300 BLOCK OF BOND STREET BEHIND OAKLAND CHARTER ACADEMY, RESIDENTS HOMES AND SURROUNDING BUSINESSES DUE TO SERIOUS AND CONTINUAL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, ILLEGAL DUMPING, HEALTH AND FIRE HAZARDS THAT VIOLATES CALIFORNIA'S PENAL CODE SECTION 626 AND THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS ASSESSMENT FROM ALAMEDA COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Under State of California Penal Code Section 626, the Oakland Unified School District has designated 1,000 feet as Safe School Zone for all schools under their jurisdiction. The City of Oakland has an urgent responsibility to assist and support our schools and pupils to ensure safe and clean routes to schools and enforcement of California Penal Code Section 626; and

WHEREAS, State of California Penal Code Section 626 defines "Safe School Zones" as property within 1,500 feet of a school. This Zone allows for the empowerment of principals, selected representative, school police and/or security or local law enforcement to restrict the presence of any individual without lawful business to be on campus or adjacent public property. If the presence or actions of said individual(s) interfere with the peaceful school or pupil activities during regular school hours, or within 60 minutes before or after the school day, or 60 minutes before or after a school-sponsored activity at the school site; individual must leave immediately (or be arrested); and

WHEREAS, The 4200-4300 Block of Bond Street has become a magnet for illegal dumping, graffiti, and criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, Homeless encampments adjacent to school facilities continue to interfere with the City's mission of safe and clean routes to schools; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, Staff Recommends That The City Council Conduct A Public Hearing And Upon Conclusion, Use The Authority Granted Under California Penal Code Section 626, To Authorize The City Administrator, Or Her Designee, To Temporarily Close The Encampment On 4200-4300 Block Of Bond Street Due To Serious And Continual Criminal Activity And Illegal Dumping; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Public Works Prioritize And Complete Encampment Clean Ups On Sidewalks And Parkways Adjacent, And Within 1,000 Feet Near A School; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, For The Oakland Police Department Report Back In 30 Days,
Detailing The Operational Enforcement Of California Penal Code Section 626 To Include But
Not Limited To Schools Without School Police Like Charter And Private Schools Specifically
As It Relates To Homeless Encampments.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA;

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California