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Mayor - City of Portland
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RE: Continued Permit & GNA violations - Mayor's Homeless tent - NW Naito

Mayor Wilson:

In November of 2024 we communicated to you about the n4safe volunteers concerns over the Homeless facility on NW Naito Parkway. We heard back from Kris Taft that a meeting would be scheduled. To date n4safe volunteers have not heard back.

To keep you up to date **this is letter 18 in just over 10 months illustrating how the former Mayor's promises were made, and never kept**

On behalf of Neighbors4SafeSmartShelters (n4safe) volunteers, supporters and members over 1000 strong, together are submitting this letter to you and Council. This letter is a follow up to the letters to Mayor Wheeler and the Council members dated 12/17/23; 1/9/24; 3/15/24; 5/20/24; 5/27/24; 6/16/24; 6/30/24; 7/5/2024; 7/19/2024, 7/27/24; 8/11/24; 8/16; 8/27; 9/2; 9/15, 10/11; 11/18/24 (**18 letters** on recent violations/no response so far) to provide additional documentation of the ongoing operational failures and violations of your homeless facility.

Please note **continuing and many new GNA/Permit violations photos**.
Daily occurrence, no action.

Please respond to n4safe volunteer's questions. Most recent photo attached.

n4safe volunteers are writing again today to illustrate the continued failed operation of the illegally transformed temporary shelter into a permanent homeless facility on NW Naito.

The existing GNA requires clean-up, no tents, camping and no garbage within 1000 feet of the facility. As you can see by the additional new photo - the most basic requirements of the existing GNA are not being followed. **Tents are always around the facility - even if they are removed it's weeks after being reported - facility residents or other homeless making their home just outside the doors.**

The approved "permit" requires security for the operation. These questions continued to be posed to you and your office - still no answer:

-Who is providing the 24/7 security required?

-How does the community make contact when there are violations of the law and the former GNA (which must be in operation)? Please, what is the answer?

This is yet another example of why the promised temporary facility should be removed and placed in a more suitable location. **Promises made - never kept.**

The former Harbor of Hope center is run by whom, what entity?

The NW Naito facility continues to be riddled with health and safety hazards, and has forced local home owners, renters and other residents to retreat into their homes rather than enjoy the neighborhood they sought to experience.

The former Mayor's office, Harbor of Hope, Prosper Portland and all the parties involved have failed to honor the signed promises to what was to be a 5 year operation. It is now a permanent center with no commitment to improve safety and security nor abide critical GNA requirements.

For more almost 5 years, letters to city government have gone unanswered. In addition to the reporting of the numerous violation, the questions below are critical to understanding the state of city action regarding the homeless situation, Please respond:

Because Mayor's Homeless Facility is a city shelter what are their stats on the dashboard? How is the info independently verified?

Volunteers and the media are leery of the data being ***provided by the shelters with no independent verification.*** The shelter operators have a vested interest in keeping the Federal, state and county tax dollars.

When the Federal tax dollars budget is finished in June, 2025, does that mean the NW Naito Facility will lose total funding unless, as suggested in the press, the county takes it over? Unfortunately, that would mean ***more incompetence because the county sub-contracted with failed businesses like Transition Projects and Urban Alchemy, and others.***

There are only one or two GNAs (of the 9 promised) in place in city run facilities - so management and operational successes are NOT monitored or binding, nor transparent to the public.

Information has not been - ***along with the lack of tracking when residents leave, where they go and follow up as to whether they are back in the street or at a different shelter. What's the answer?***

N4Safe has tried many times to communicate in a constructive, collaborative and considerate manner. ***The result is the city's constant and consistent dismissal of viable concerns, reports of lease and GNA violations, illegal camping within the 1000 foot GNA mandated perimeter, and indifferent comments and responses from your office staff who represent you.***

N4S volunteers urge you to relocate the NW Naito residents and the OHOH Navigation Center tent in accordance with The Pearl District Urban Renewal District Plan and other legal documents that have been heretofore ignored. **N4safe volunteers urge you to relocate the temporary structure to a suitable and successful site like Bybee Lakes.**

Respectfully,
-the volunteers at n4safe

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***neighbors4safesmartshelters** (n4safe) Neighbors 4 Safe Smart Shelters is a coalition of neighbors and business owners of Northwest Portland, River area and the Pearl District working together to find safe, smart solutions to the homeless crisis in Portland that support the needs of homeless individuals, while respecting the safety and security of our shared communities. N4safe opposes the PROPOSED SRV on NW Naito Pkwy and the lease/permit renewal for OHOH Navigation Center.

Note from Mayor-Elect Wilsons Office:

On Nov 19, 2024, at 12:00 PM, Kris Taft <kris@keithwilsonformayor.com> wrote:

N4Safe Volunteers,

Thank you for reaching out to Mayor-Elect Keith Wilson. I am organizing all incoming requests and will work to find the earliest possible meeting time. Mayor-elect Wilson is taking office with a new form of government and an entirely new role. Please understand that any delay is simply a reflection of the volume of work at hand.

Thanks for your interest and patience.

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