



Dear Friends of Mission Hills,

ACTION PETITIONED: *Oppose the recommendation by Mayor Kevin Faulconer to place 28 Permanent Supportive Housing units at the entrance to Mission Hills’ businesses at 925 West Washington.*

PETITION SUMMARY: *Say “NO!” to Permanent Supportive Housing at 925 West Washington Street, the old Mission Hills Library site and western gateway to Mission Hills’ businesses.*

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (**HUD**) is a federal agency that describes Permanent Supportive Housing as “a model that combines low-barrier affordable **housing**, health care, and **supportive** services to help individuals and families lead more stable lives.” This is not affordable housing. This is not subsidized housing. This is a proposed 28 unit development where the homeless population will live and receive medical, psychological and social services on-site.

In **June 2018** the Mission Hills BID (BID), Mission Hills Town Council, and Mission Hills Heritage were asked by Councilmember Chris Ward for a community recommendation on the future usage of the old Mission Hills Library.

In response, the BID developed an online survey which began on July 1 and concluded on Saturday July 21. There were 438 respondents. With neutrality and transparency in mind, Councilmember Ward’s staff joined the BID in reviewing ALL of the responses. The outcome was posted on the BID website at <http://missionhillsbid.com/results-current-mission-hills-library-re-use-survey/>.

In **October 2018** the BID sent a letter to Councilmember Ward stating “the Mission Hills BID supports the re-use of the Old Library site for a business use or mixed use with retail on the ground floor.”

In **November 2018** the Mission Hills Town Council sent a letter to Councilmember Ward outlining their support for preserving the building as it exists, to adaptively reuse for active public or business use, and to retain parking for the neighboring fire station.

On **January 25, 2019** Councilmember Chris Ward issued a memo to Mayor Kevin Faulconer conveying the recommendations of the community of Mission Hills.

On **May 7, 2019** Mayor Kevin Faulconer released an announcement that the property was being considered for development as a 28 unit residence for homeless individuals.

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