



# Summary of Community Report on Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330

Navigation Centers can be a part of the solution to homelessness. However, the city must consider the surrounding community when deciding where to place Navigation Centers.



## Navigation Centers can bring significant problems

**Crime.** Studies show a direct correlation between crime rate and proximity to homeless shelters. By a 3-to-1 margin, neighbors of existing Navigation Centers felt crime increased rather than decreased after a Center opened.

**Encampments.** The majority (51%) of Navigation Center neighbors felt visible homelessness increased or remained the same after a Center opened.

**Drug Use.** The Department of Homelessness estimates a third of homeless persons are drug addicts. Using the city's own data, we can expect 75 drug users at a 225-bed Navigation Center who are forced to use drugs outside the Center.

## Seawall Lot 330 is the wrong location

**Neighborhood Demographics.** The proposed location is surrounded by a densely-populated and fast-growing family neighborhood.

**Major Thoroughfare.** Thousands of pedestrians and vehicles pass the site of the proposed Navigation Center each day.

**Size Is Disproportionate to Community Needs.** Our neighborhood has far fewer than 225 homeless persons needing shelter.

## Facts & Data

Study shows homeless shelters increase breaking and entering crimes by **83%** and thefts from cars by **43%**.

**12%** of guests of a previous Navigation Center had to leave due to violence or other rule violations.

**20%** of guests who successfully exited a Navigation Center were subsequently booked in jail.

Population of children in our neighborhood has grown by **49%** in the last 5 years.



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