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Dear Bay Vista Residents,

As the Executive Director of Bremerton Housing Authority, I have been meeting with Mayor Wheeler, Kitsap County officials, and other community organizations on the development of shelter housing in Bremerton. I strongly believe that a comprehensive plan that provides wrap around services, provides safety and security, and offers a path to permanent housing will have the most successful outcomes for our unhoused residents and for our community.

Bremerton Housing Authority has been closely following the City of Bremerton's plans to develop shelter housing within city limits. Although the proposal is in early stages of development, the BHA Board of Commissioners and our leadership team want to ensure that our residents and neighbors are informed and have the resources that you need to get information, to ask questions, and to have your voices heard in the community. Since it is not always easy to understand what is happening in our city, I'm writing to you today to make you aware of the plan and provide resources on how to share your voice.

At the City of Bremerton City Council Study Session held on October 11, 2023, Mayor Wheeler outlined the three shelter options that are being considered:

- Regulated outdoor encampment
- Pallet Community temporary tiny home site
- Sprung Structure temporary shelter building

In his presentation summary, he noted the following details about the proposed shelter development:

*SUMMARY: The administration has executed a Professional Services Agreement with Parametrix, Inc., to complete 30% design and permitting for grading and utilities on 3 undeveloped acres of property adjacent to its Public Works Offices at 100 Oyster Bay Avenue North. Staff will update Council on this contract, and next steps associated with this development.*

*HANDOUTS: Professional Services Agreement*

*STUDY SESSION AGENDA:  No Presentation  Full Presentation*



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The full presentation is available at the QR code below, and the recording of the Study Session can be watched at [www.bremertonwa.gov](http://www.bremertonwa.gov).

Engagement between residents and the city council can establish trust between the community and local authorities, leading to a more collaborative approach to addressing homelessness. If you would like to share your thoughts on the proposal, we encourage you to speak directly with the Bremerton City Council in the following ways:

- **Contact Your City Council Representative:** Bay Vista is located in City of Bremerton District 6 and your City Council representative is Anna Mockler. She can be reached at [Anna.Mockler@ci.bremerton.wa.us](mailto:Anna.Mockler@ci.bremerton.wa.us).
- **Submit Comments to the City Council:** To submit comments or questions to the Bremerton City Council, they can also be reached by email at [City.Council@ci.bremerton.wa.us](mailto:City.Council@ci.bremerton.wa.us) or by phone 360-473-5280.
- **Join a City Council Meeting:** For more information on how to join the next Bremerton City Council meeting, visit the City of Bremerton website at <https://www.bremertonwa.gov/691/Council-Meetings> or call 360-473-5280.

If you would like to provide your feedback to me or the Bremerton Housing Authority leadership team, please email me directly at [jstanton@bremertonhousing.org](mailto:jstanton@bremertonhousing.org). If you would like to provide your feedback to our Board of Commissioners, please email them at [bha-board@bha-board.org](mailto:bha-board@bha-board.org).

Listening to our residents is a key part of our long-term strategy to provide safe, quality, and affordable housing. While there are many things that are out of our control, we will always do our best with the limited resources we have to carry out our mission and to serve you.

Sincerely,



Jill Stanton  
Executive Director  
Bremerton Housing Authority



*Scan this code with your phone to view Mayor Wheeler's presentation on shelter options in Bremerton from the October 11, 2023 Study Session.*