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To: [City Clerk](#)
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Dear Monrovia City Council,

Concerning item: CC-6:

On the recent Monrovia survey, one of the items was future of the Community Center. I think "as-built" plans are important for any building but should Monrovia be funding anything beyond that until this is discussed further.

Personally, I don't feel like we have a "Community" Center any more and barely a Library Park. They have become homeless encampments. I will not attend any activities at the center, nor allow my children to. As it does not really even include a "Senior Center" (compared to most neighboring cities), it is not somewhere I want my parents or other seniors either.

The Homeless situation is complex and requires much focus these days, as the issue often (per LA about 75%) seems to be more a drug and mental health crisis. Plus per LA, the longer someone is homeless, the high the probability that they will remain homeless.

I think we do the homeless a dis-service by not helping them in a meaningful way, and we do this community a dis-service by allowing the homeless to take over and trash our parks, centers, and streets.

But homelessness is not the topic here. Beyond the as-build plans, I do hope that the remaining \$60K is not spent on the Community Center unless / until this related issue is addressed.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

>> from a 30+ year resident