

LPCA Q&A: Safe Ground Informational Sheet

for Surrounding Neighborhoods (W & 6th Street)

Safe Ground Services and Population

- How long will the Safe Ground spot be available at W & 6th? Do you have a specific time frame?
- Are all populations welcome (women, men, mentally ill, children, handicapped)? If so, how do you protect vulnerable groups from harm in the camp?
- Is there a limit to the number of campsites allowed at Safe Ground?
- How much space will be required between campsites?
- Who will maintain the water stations and toilets? Do you have a schedule (i.e. Mondays and Tuesdays)?
- Who will maintain garbage disposal?
- What services will you offer to help people move forward? i.e. Job training, mental health, drug rehab, work to connect back to families.
- Has there been a discussion of compulsory treatment/training as a condition of residency at the Safe Ground site?
- What outreach groups are tasked with visiting Safe Ground residents and offering services (please provide a list)?
- Are you encouraging other organizations not affiliated with the City to visit the Safe Ground site and provide services? Such as Salvation Army, Churches and other non-profits and community groups.
- Warming Centers closed on March 31, 2021; what is being done to ensure a safe transition from one area to another for those living at the warming centers?

Safe Ground Rules

- Who will supervise the Safe Ground area to ensure rules are followed?
- Will drug and alcohol use be allowed on the Safe Ground site? If they can be used, what are the rules?
- What are the rules for personal management of pets and keeping a campsite orderly?
- What are the rules for cooking/barbecue and fire safety?
- How will food be provided or managed at the Safe Ground site?
- If, for some reason a resident is causing trouble for others at the site, or stealing from neighbors, do you have a plan to address this?
- What are the plans to manage the surrounding area? For instance, those who refuse to follow Safe Ground rules but camp next to the site? What is the plan of engagement?
- What are the plans to manage people looking to take advantage of Safe Ground residents? For instance, offering drugs, offering to sell/buy stolen goods? Other illegal and unsafe propositions?

Safe Ground Help and Support

- If an individual wants to volunteer and support the Safe Ground space, what can they do? Who should they contact?

- If an organization or group wants to support Safe Ground, what are the needs? Who should they contact?
- If someone witnesses any issue of concern at the Safe Ground site, who can they contact?