

# Community Support for Temple Beth El

It is estimated there are 52,765 homeless in Los Angeles, and less than 500 homeless in San Pedro. Many of them are families, some with children. The Democratic Club of San Pedro recognizes that this is a complicated issue, but in an era where some of the highest officials in the land have made light of people's infirmities or advocated throwing protestors out into freezing temperatures without their coats and stimulating an environment where it's okay to send pipe bombs through the mail to political adversaries, we feel that the bullying in this country has gone far too far.

Recently Temple Beth El was on the bullied side of a smear campaign when it dared to permit ten vetted families, fully insured, to use their parking lot as a safe haven for their families who have had to endure the indignities and deprivations that come with living in one's car. The flyers listed Councilman Joe Busciano's office, in a poor attempt to legitimize the efforts of bullies who were too cowardly to give their own names on the flyer — yet their poorly informed effort managed to raise the ire of some neighbors and now jeopardizes the only hope for stability these fellow humans are hoping to have in their lives. The San Pedro Democratic Club repudiates all political bullying of any kind and stands firmly with Temple Beth El and their efforts towards taking a positive step towards getting families back into productive lives once again.

Doing nothing is making a decision to continue adding to the desperation of these families. We challenge anyone who has an understanding of the problems facing the homeless to offer their positive plans for making a difference in these people's lives in comments to this paper. Help the children of these fellow Americans like those above to have hope once again to live the American dream.



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