

**From:** [Paulina Fayer](#)  
**To:** [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** My most recent horrendous experience with the mentally ill homeless  
**Date:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 1:55:18 PM

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Hello again,

[https://youtu.be/eH\\_vzfw7B2M](https://youtu.be/eH_vzfw7B2M)

I spoke to this incident during the public hearing when we discussed conservatorship, # 3.

Paulina Fayer

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 23, 2020, at 1:11 PM, Paulina Fayer <plfayer@icloud.com> wrote:

My name is Paulina Fayer. I will make this brief, especially since I am chiming in on this agenda item as we wrap up. The focus here is on the mentally ill street homeless population. I support the viewpoint regarding the street crisis response, expressed by Rescue SF and a couple of the other callers. By the way, I am against defunding the police. In fact, I view the police as essential in this effort.

Thank you for your time.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Paulina Fayer <plfayer@icloud.com>  
**Date:** July 23, 2020 at 11:57:35 AM PDT  
**To:** John.carroll@sfgov.org  
**Subject:** Topic # 3 Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT

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The details of my vision are a lot for this forum, in the interest of time, and I don't want to claim I have it all figured out and to come off as I'm not open to pragmatic input and compromise.

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**From:** [Paulina Fayer](#)  
**To:** [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Carolyn Thomas](#)  
**To:** [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Date: July 23, 2020 Item #3  
**Date:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 11:08:49 AM

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My name is Carolyn Thomas.

I'm concerned San Francisco isn't sufficiently addressing the challenges of the mentally ill drug addicted people -- particularly the unhoused.

Regular encounters occur between those living on the streets and others – including our already stressed businesses and families with children. The behavior ranges from speaking irrationally, to waving objects, to open drug use and forcibly blocking passage. The encounters have seemingly become a "normal" part of SF life. The encounters are often unpredictable, and affect the health and safety of everyone.

A May 26 SF Chronicle article stated data from Dept of Public Health, “The number of homeless people in San Francisco that died over a recent eight-week period spiked compared to the same time last year, an increase officials say was likely driven by drug overdoses, underlying medical conditions and the disruption to shelter and services due to the coronavirus pandemic.” Conservatorship might have saved some of these lives.

I advocate additional shelter options and the shoring up of all the processes to provide necessary services. Please close the gap for those that need assistance, including additional housing

options and implementing this new conservatorship program  
SB 1045.

Respectfully,  
Carolyn Thomas

**From:** [Benjamin Lintschinger](#)  
**To:** [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Neighborhood Services Item 1 6/25/20  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 4:02:03 PM

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Dear John,

I was not able to operate the call-in system today so wanted to submit our public comment for the record. Thank you so much,

Ben Lintschinger

Good morning Supervisors,

My name is Ben Lintschinger and I am here representing the GLIDE Foundation. I was unable to comment publicly by phone today, though I did listen, so submit this comment for the record regarding “housing conservatorships” and hope you will review it.

Our organization has consistently asked for the priority on mental health treatment to be on voluntary services. But I want to offer something new to what I heard others comment.

What was briefly touched upon by Dr. Morris was that this issue is eco-systemic. People who are suffering mental health issues, especially on the street are affected by their environment and by history, both personal and political. Their “illness” is wrapped up in their experiences and how have been treated in society. How they are treated is the difference between worsening “sickness” and “treatment.”

Attempting to confine people, which is the type of housing conservatorship I heard Chair Mandelman ask about and refer to, is not a medical procedure. It is definitionally incarceration. And those who perform it, predominantly actual police, are performing the duty of a police officer.

This is the conversation we are having nationally about the effects of policing mental health, poverty, and race, which are all linked in oppression. Those who have to live as the targets of societal racism and economic oppression suffer more pain which manifests in our construct of mental illness. The answer is more of what’s missing, as early and often as possible: housing, opportunity, care.

Voluntary services and far even more so general investment in the families and communities of targeting groups is the only way to prevent the extreme pain on the streets. Pain which leads to greater (more medicalized) problems that can be scary and disturbing to see.

We are in the middle of a national reckoning and we’re realizing that we need to stop our

complicity in systems of enforcement that many of us have seen as protective against “the dangerous people,” whoever they might be. Mental health activists grabbed the popular attention of their day to make it very hard to use mental health as an excuse to capture and confine people. Because it is awful. Because it is prejudiced. Because it does not work. Black Lives Matter activists are showing the world that more than ever.

SB 1045 is a measure which frames homelessness and mental health as a lack of needed force in addressing the problem. This frame has harmed marginalized people for a long time. The overwhelming majority of people in pain are looking for help. We can use our resources to help unhoused people off the street in better, more effective ways.

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