

ELDRIDGE/WEST OAKS SN (17)

Dear HOA Presidents and Boards,

As President of Super Neighborhood 17, SN17, I would like to inform you that the Homeless and Panhandlers that populate West Houston, are a growing issue that needs be addressed. This issue is not a question of being charitable, but rather a question of public safety and how we, the public, unknowingly perpetuate bad behavior rather than helping those in need. The Homeless and Panhandlers are very different in their needs and behavior.

SN17, has formed a Committee on the Homeless. Its objectives are simple: One, to insure that the genuinely homeless are informed, and are put in contact with organizations that provide an opportunity for assistance, education, and keeping homeless families together.

Two, to discourage panhandlers, located at street intersections, who ask for money that, in part, supports their alcohol and drug habits.

I am attaching a letter that the full Board of SN17 strongly recommends to be distributed to each resident in your HOA and/or Neighborhood. The Homeless committee has, and will continue to meet with the City, HPD, and businesses in the area to insure that the genuine homeless are not forgotten, and the opportunistic panhandlers are clearly discouraged from breaking the law and compromising public safety.

Please contact me through our website should you have any questions. It is my sincere hope you will support this effort in assisting the Homeless and protecting our neighborhoods and property values.

Sincerely,

Doug Parrish
President SN 17