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**Subject:** OTBPDA 2/8/12 Action Alert - Clarification of Information  
**Date:** February 9, 2012 3:20:37 PM PST  
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Adrian,  
I received notice of an action alert that you sent to the Old Town Business District members entitled, "Homeless Shelter Proposed in Old Town District," and I wanted to take an opportunity to correct the information that was expressed in that email.

**Addressing the title of the alert, there is no homeless shelter proposed in Old Town Pittsburg.** The action that the city is in the process of taking is to amend the zoning ordinance to identify one of the non-industrial zoning districts where emergency shelters could be added to the list of allowed uses (along with grocery store, office, auto repair, etc.). This zoning change is a requirement of all California cities. The draft zoning text changes would allow emergency shelters in at least one of the city's 22 non-industrial zoning districts, and would replace existing provisions in the Pittsburg municipal code that currently allow (with city council approval) shelters in all zoning districts of the city. The city is not building a shelter, and no private or nonprofit organizations have approached the city requesting to operate a shelter.

**As a result of comments we received at the first public hearing, the East 10th Street corridor has already been eliminated from the list of possible zoning districts.** The first draft of the text changes shared at the January 24 planning commission meeting included language that would have allowed only churches and similar assembly uses located along the East 10th Street corridor to request a permit from the city to offer emergency shelter to homeless persons in the community. At the January 24 planning commission meeting, Faultless Cleaners' business owner and a resident of a property near the corridor expressed concern about this draft provision. Based on their input at the meeting, the draft was subsequently revised to eliminate the East 10th Street corridor from the draft document. We received other comments and suggestions on the draft document at that meeting, and we will be presenting a second draft with those revisions at the continued public hearing later this month.

**The next planning commission meeting on this item is February 28, not February 14.** Correcting the dates referenced, the email indicates that the next planning commission meeting to review the draft text is scheduled for February 14. At the planning commission meeting on January 24, the planning commission moved to continue the item to February 28 to allow staff time to conduct additional research, revise the draft document, and to afford additional time for public input. There is no planning commission meeting for February 14. Also to clarify, the planning commission will only make a recommendation on the matter; the city council will make the "final decision" at its own public hearing later this spring, after they have received the planning commission's recommendation.

The links to the Support Documents listed in your email are correct. The third "Link to Planning Commission Documents" is the same link that can be used to access the planning commission staff report and revised draft document for the February 28 meeting. That full report and agenda will be available online no later than Friday, February 24.

Attached is a fact sheet that summarizes the main points of the item. Please share this fact sheet and the information above with your members. Leigha Schmidt and I plan to attend at your OTPBDA meeting next week. We will bring copies of the fact sheet and will be available to answer any of your members' questions or address concerns that may not be addressed by the information in this email.

Sincerely,

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