

From: [Charlotte Bridges](#)
To: [MD](#)
Cc: [Nana Appiah](#); [Mary Kopaskie-Brown](#); [Rachel Nettles](#); [Natalie Lewis](#); [Evan Balmer](#)
Subject: RE: ZON23-00469 Off the Streets
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2023 8:03:00 AM
Attachments: [ZON23-00469 08-08-2023 Parcels in 150".pdf](#)

Hi,

Please see my response in red to your questions in the email below.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this information.

Thanks,
Charlotte Bridges
Planner II
City of Mesa
480-644-6712

From: MD <mdillon215@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2023 4:38 PM
To: Charlotte Bridges <charlotte.bridges@mesaaz.gov>
Subject: ZON23-00469 Off the Streets

Good afternoon,

The law states: "A written protest, signed by the property owners opposing the proposal is filed by the owners of 20-percent or more of the area and number of lots, tracts, and condominium units within the zoning area".

What area exactly is this?

Per Arizona Revised Statute (ARS) §9-462.04(K), "zoning area" means both of the following:

1. The area within one hundred fifty feet, including all rights-of-way, of the affected property subject to the proposed amendment or change.
2. The area of the proposed amendment or change.

Please see the attached map which shows the "zoning area" as defined by ARS §9-462.04(K). Everything within the red dashed line is the "zoning area."

Does this include business owners?

Per ARS §9-462.04(H) and Mesa Zoning Ordinance (MZO) §11-67-4(E), the protest must be signed by the **property owners**. If the business owner is a property owner, this would include them too.

If the petition is satisfied, will the project be stopped?

The petition itself does not stop the proposal.

When a protest meets the requirements of ARS §9-462.04(H) and MZO §11-67-4(E), the favorable vote of three-fourths of all members of the City Council (5 members of

the Mesa City Council) is required for the project to become effective. However, if a Councilmember(s) is unable to vote due to a conflict of interest, the number of favorable votes required may be less; see ARS §9-462.04(H) and MZO §11-67-4(E).

If not, what does it take to stop this from happening?

The City Council will consider the project (case ZON23-00469) at a future City Council meeting; a decision on the project will be made at that meeting.

When are petition signatures due to the clerk of courts??

Per MZO §11-67-4.E.2, signed written protests must be filed in the office of the City Clerk by no later than 12:00 noon the Monday of the week prior to the City Council meeting at which the proposal is scheduled to be considered, unless City offices are closed on that Monday because of a local, State or national holiday, then the protest must be filed by 12:00 noon the next business day.

The **tentative** schedule for the project (case ZON23-00469) includes introduction (only official action is to set the public hearing date) at the October 2, 2023 City Council meeting and considered by the City Council at the October 16, 2023 City Council meeting. This schedule is subject to change.



When the project is scheduled, it will be listed as an item on a City Council agenda (available at <https://mesa.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>).

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

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6733 E Main St Parcels in 150' Buffer

-  Area within 150 feet of the affected property subject to the proposed amendment
-  Area of the proposed amendment

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From: gwen.liles@gmail.com
To: [Charlotte Bridges](#)
Subject: Fwd: Rezoning off the streets
Date: Friday, September 01, 2023 7:12:10 AM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: gwen.liles@gmail.com
Date: September 1, 2023 at 8:08:58 AM MDT
To: lindsey.balinkie@mesaaz.gov
Subject: Rezoning off the streets

We own a home at 6704 E Arbor Ave Mesa. We have previously expressed our feelings towards this project. Again we need to let you know our feelings have not changed we are still a hard NO on this subject! We have worked very hard to make our home & yard beautiful we do not want to have this homeless shelter in our neighborhood. Not only will it downgrade our home value but it will bring in more crime & we do not & will not tolerate the city of mesa forcing this on us.

You can say what you want but we see what surrounds the Windermere down the street & we do not want this! Put them in your neighborhood & the you come tell me how it's working for you with them creeping around your property using the space between you & you neighbors house for a toilet & going through your trash.

Again WE DO NOT WANT THIS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!! All of our neighbors feel the same please stop your pushing this on us.

Sincerely,

Gwen Liles & Doug Beck
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kianna Vargas](#)
To: [Charlotte Bridges](#); [District 2](#)
Subject: The Grand Hotel and the CUP
Date: Saturday, August 12, 2023 7:49:04 PM

This is fantastic for families that are sleeping in cars and providing them with a safe place to sleep. my family and I support this 100%! Thank you for all that you do.

Kianna Vargas
1666 S Dobson Rd Mesa AZ 85202

From: [Hope E. McCain](#)
To: [Charlotte Bridges](#); [District 2](#)
Subject: The Grand Hotel/Off the Streets Project
Date: Sunday, August 13, 2023 9:38:48 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Mesa and have been my whole life. I have recently been made aware of the Grand Hotel being utilized for the Off the Streets project! As a future nurse, and community health volunteer, I am very impressed with the City of Mesa's stance on this issue and am grateful we have leaders dedicated to making a difference! Please continue to get the CUP to continue the project! You have my full support.

Thank you,
Hope McCain
1517 W 2nd St Mesa AZ 85201

From: [maria figueroa](#)
To: [Charlotte Bridges](#); [District 2](#)
Subject: The Grand Hotel and the CUP
Date: Monday, August 14, 2023 3:59:21 PM

Hello-

This is a great way to help those who are struggling to get back on their feet. Incredible!

Thank you!

Maria Figueroa
7936 E 1st Ave Mesa AZ 85208

From: [Araceli Sosa](#)
To: [Charlotte Bridges](#); [District 2](#)
Subject: The Grand Hotel and The CUP
Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 3:53:43 PM

Hi there,

I've read all about the program and believe this is the best we can do for those who need a helping hand.

I believe in second chances and this is just that! Thank you.

Araceli Sosa

8122 E Fourth Ave Mesa AZ 85208

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jannah Scott](#)
To: [Charlotte Bridges](#); [District 2](#)
Subject: Grand Hotel at the CUP
Date: Thursday, August 17, 2023 8:45:57 AM

Dear City of Mesa Elected and appointed officials,

My name is Dr Jannah Scott and I am a long time Community leader in the Phoenix metropolitan area. I've been so impressed with the way Mesa has chosen to step forward in some of our most difficult times throughout the decades. Your current leadership--locally, regionally, and nationally--on the issue of homelessness is to be applauded.

A special note of gratitude to Mayor John Giles and Councilwoman Julie Spilsbury for their care and leadership in facing tough issues affecting all Mesa residents. I'm so grateful for your effort to lean in on the affordable housing crisis that we are all currently suffering under.

As I look at the opportunity for the development of the Grand Hotel at the CUP, I know this is a very difficult effort. However, I want to express my whole hearted support for the city and its leadership. You can become a model of how this work can be done in the right way with the right partners.

Thank you for your courageous leadership. I pray that your constituency will recognize the wonderful foresight that your elected officials are displaying. Our economic future depends on elected officials leading the development of strategies that will benefit not only the wealthy but also the least of these. Thank you for what you are doing.

Please let me know if I can be of any help in your efforts.

Gratefully,
Dr. Jannah Scott
602-505-8164

From: [D'Angelo Perez](#)
To: [Charlotte Bridges](#); [District 2](#)
Subject: Writing in support of purchase of Grand Hotel
Date: Saturday, August 19, 2023 9:51:03 AM

Good morning Councilwoman Spilsbury,

My name is D'Angelo Perez and I am strongly in favor of the approval of a CUP (council use permit) for the purchase of the Grand Hotel on Power and Main.

I was not aware of the Off the Streets program until recently and was surprised to hear that it had such intense opposition. Upon further research, I discovered that his program has been a blessing to the people experiencing homelessness in our community and provides a net benefit to the city of Mesa; I fully support its expansion through this purchase.

I formerly lived on Power and Broadway and so am familiar with the Grand Hotel and the surrounding area. I think the idea of renovating the hotel and turning it into an Off the Streets shelter for families, seniors, women, and victims of domestic violence is a wonderful idea to help some of the most vulnerable in our midst get back on their feet.

If there is any need for volunteer assistance for any part of this project, please let me know as I am in charge of a religious community-service organization called the LDSSA at ASU and have lots of students who are willing to get out in the community and serve.

Thank you for bravely standing up for this proposal and for continually striving to do what is right for our city.

Best regards,
D'Angelo Perez

President, Latter-Day Saint Student Association at ASU
(480) 215-6325
3030 S Greenwood, Mesa AZ 85212

From: [Ethan Joerz](#)
To: [Charlotte Bridges](#)
Subject: Grand Hotel Purchase
Date: Saturday, August 19, 2023 3:16:51 PM

Hello,

My name is Ethan Joerz and I live at 1123 W Los Lagos Vista Cir. Recently I have learned about the project to buy the Grand Hotel in support of the Off the Streets program to help with the issue of homelessness we are currently experiencing. Over the past couple of years, it has appeared to me that this issue has gotten worse and worse, and this program seems to me to be an excellent way to help address the issue. I urge you to support the purchase of the Grand Hotel and support the Council Use Permit necessary to run this program effectively.

Thanks,

Ethan Joerz

From: [Julianne Perez](#)
To: [Charlotte Bridges](#); [District 2](#)
Subject: Supporting purchase of Grand Hotel
Date: Sunday, August 20, 2023 10:05:01 PM

Hello Councilwoman Spilsbury,

My name is Julianne Perez and I support the approval of a CUP (council use permit) for the purchase of the Grand Hotel on Power and Main.

I think this will greatly impact the lives of many underprivileged families and children in the Mesa area. I previously lived around the Power/Broadway area and directly saw the need for a shelter for people experiencing homelessness.

Sincerely,
Julianne Perez
3030 South Greenwood
Mesa, AZ 85212

From: [Jacob Perez](#)
To: [Charlotte Bridges](#); [District 2](#)
Date: Monday, August 21, 2023 6:42:05 PM

Hello Councilwoman Spilsbury,

My name is Jacob Perez and I support the approval of a CUP (council use permit) for the purchase of the Grand Hotel on Power and Main.

Sincerely,
Jacob Perez
3030 S Greenwood Mesa, AZ

From: [Nicolas Perez](#)
To: [Charlotte Bridges](#); [District 2](#)
Subject: Grand Hotel Approval
Date: Monday, August 21, 2023 6:44:13 PM

Hello Councilwoman Spilsbury,

My name is Nico and I support the approval of a CUP (council use permit) for the purchase of the Grand Hotel on Power and Main.

Personally I feel this will greatly benefit our community through providing a place for unhoused families and other struggling members. If you would consider this, It would be greatly appreciated and be beneficial overall to the city of Mesa.

Sincerely,
Nico Perez
3030 S Greenwood Mesa AZ

From: [Santiago Perez](#)
To: [Charlotte Bridges](#); [District 2](#)
Subject: Off the Streets
Date: Monday, August 21, 2023 6:51:58 PM

Hello Councilwoman Spilsbury,
My name is Santiago Perez and I support the approval of a CUP (council use permit) for the purchase of the Grand Hotel on Power and Main and the expansion of the Off the Streets program.

Sincerely,
Santiago Perez
3030 S Greenwood Mesa AZ 85212

From: [Anne Taylor](#)
To: [Albert Celoza](#); [Eldred Spain](#)
Subject: The Grand Hotel and the CUP, a letter of support
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 4:05:38 PM
Attachments: [To Mayor Giles and Mesa City Countil re The Grand Hotel and the CUP.pdf](#)

To: The Honorable John Giles, Mayor of Mesa
To: City Council Member, Charlotte Bridges
To: Off the Street Program, City of Mesa, AZ

Please see the attached letter of support regarding the Grand Hotel and CUP. Thank you so much and we appreciate all you are doing for our community and state.

All the best always!

Your friends at the Arizona Interfaith Movement

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Blessings and May the Golden Rule Prevail,

Anne Taylor
Business Manager



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August 23, 2023

To:
The Honorable Mayor John Giles
City Council Member, Charlotte Bridges
Off the Street Program in Mesa, AZ

cc: Dr. Jannah Scott

Title: The Grand Hotel and the CUP

The Mayor and the City Council of Mesa is proposing the purchase of the 70-room Grand Hotel at 6733 E. Main Street, Mesa 85205. If purchased, the property would change use from a hotel to a human services facility to relocate a temporary housing program that is currently located in northeast Mesa referred to as Off the Streets. This closed-campus, referral-based program, includes policies and procedures to ensure the program and its location remain a good neighbor.

The City of Mesa is looking to create a safe space where the most vulnerable in our community can receive the support that they so desperately need. The City of Mesa created a program in 2020 to address the alarming rise that we have all seen in our community of people experiencing homelessness. The program will provide safe housing for senior citizens, women, and families trying to escape domestic violence.

The City of Mesa has teamed up with Community Bridges, the gold standard for safe and effective care as these people navigate their way through the most difficult part of their lives. This facility would provide safe housing for up to 90 days. Once residents have been screened and placed within the program, the residents would work with Community Bridges to create a strategy to get them into permanent housing. Even though they are given 90 days, the current average stay is only 67 days.

The Arizona Interfaith Movement supports the Mayor and the city council's Off the Streets plans.

Sincerely,

Eldred F. Spain
Board President on behalf of the Arizona Interfaith Movement

From: [Rev. Katie Sexton-Wood](#)
To: [Charlotte Bridges](#)
Cc: [District 2](#)
Subject: Thank you for The Grand Hotel and the CUP!
Date: Friday, August 25, 2023 10:41:09 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-cuh2zmn5.png](#)

Good Morning,

I am writing to thank you for your work on the Grand Hotel and the CUP in Mesa helping the most vulnerable among us. As a diverse network of faith leaders we applaud these efforts. Please let me know how we can help support your work as this moves forward.

Blessings,

Rev. Katie Sexton-Wood ([she/her](#))

Executive Director

Email: katie.sexton@azfaithnetwork.org

Phone: 602-468-3818 (Office) 623-237-2279 (Cell)

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Website: www.azfaithnetwork.org



From: [Tia Hancock](#)
To: [Charlotte Bridges](#); [District 2](#); daperez1015@gmail.com
Subject: Grand Hotel
Date: Friday, August 25, 2023 7:50:22 PM

Hello Councilwoman Spilsbury,

My name is Tia Walker and I support the approval of a CUP for the purchase of the Grand Hotel on Power and Main.

Sincerely,
Tia Walker
6033 E Hillview St Mesa, AZ 85205

From: [Joseph Aposhian](#)
To: [Charlotte Bridges](#); [District 2](#)
Subject: Support for Purchase of Grand Hotel
Date: Saturday, August 26, 2023 9:03:11 AM

Hello Councilwoman Spilsbury,

My name is Joseph Aposhian and I support the approval of a CUP for the purchase of the Grand Hotel on Power and Main. I feel that this will provide much needed aid and help to many in our community, whether directly benefited or not. It will bless many lives and do much good for the less fortunate than ourselves, especially by providing refuge from the heat and outdoors, and they deserve that.

Sincerely,
Joseph

255 N. Horne, Mesa, AZ 85203

From: [Matt St Martin](#)
To: [Charlotte Bridges](#); [District 2](#)
Subject: Support for Purchase of Grand Hotel
Date: Friday, September 01, 2023 9:17:07 AM

Good morning Councilwoman Spilsbury,

My name is Matt St. Martin. My wife Wendy and our family support both your efforts and the approval of a CUP for the purchase of the Grand Hotel on Power and Main in Mesa.

We have been citizens of Mesa for over 20 years and ultimately believe our community is, or should be a place of compassion for *all* its citizens.

I have volunteered on and off the past 10 years at Save the Family as an employment counselor. As you know this organization assists individuals and families work towards trying to escape homelessness and in many cases abuse.

We believe this housing could be a genuine life-saver for the most vulnerable.

Although we do not live in your district I can respect (although not agree with) the NIMBY attitude.

I am embarrassed to say I have probably had it in my own past. I am thankful however that I have learned that I need to be and do better.

If we are not part of the solution then we are part of the problem.

Keep up the fight, it is a worthy one!

Matt & Wendy St. Martin
10644 East Palladium Dr.
Mesa AZ 85212

	Case #	Contact #	Name	Address	Oppose	Support	Speak	Submit for Board Review	Comment
1	ZON23-00469	w	David Luna	9258 East Grandview Street Mesa, AZ 85207		X		X	As a Mesa resident and former Mesa City Council member, I am requesting that the Planning and Zoning Commission support the rezone from Limited Commercial (LC) to Limited Commercial with a Bonus Intensity Zone overlay (LC-BIZ), Council Use Permit (CUP), and Site Plan Review. This request will allow for a social service facility which I supported as a Councilmember and now as a resident. The Off the Streets program was a success in serving our community and will continue to do so. This facility will offer our homeless population an alternative to staying off the streets. Thank you!
2	ZON23-00469		Deborah Kirkland	8057 E. Milagro Ave Mesa, AZ 85209	X			X	I absolutely Oppose funding for the homeless hotel. It will bring crime and I'm doing so will lower property values to already lower income families.
3	ZON23-00469	(602) 292-5646	Nancy Cottle	8335 East Culver Street Mesa, AZ 85207	X			X	Off the Streets has appeared to have had some level of success. Yet the procurement of a 7M dollar property that surrounding community members and residents are opposed to will be difficult at best to manage. The City does not need to use taxpayer resources to be in the hotel/property management business. Please do not approve this plan for the next steps. Let's find other solutions to address the needs, such as securing the border of illegal aliens, drug and human trafficking and treating those with mental health issues in controlled medical facilities. Thank you.
4	ZON23-00469		John Middleton	11110 E Travertine Ave Mesa AZ 85212	X			X	We believe that city government, and Mesa in particular, should not be "in the business" of rehabilitation of homeless people. Mesa can and should facilitate or partner with NGOs or others who are in that business as necessary to deal with homelessness. But to buy a permanent facility for it is 'out of scope' for city government.
5	ZON23-00469		Kevin Thompson	7140 E Monte Ave Mesa AZ 85209	X			X	As a prior councilmember in Mesa, my concerns for this project are two-fold. The neighbors have made it evident that they are opposed to this facility being placed in their neighborhood where children and other vulnerable persons live. Secondly, if the City were to purchase this facility, all future operations and maintenance will shift to the General Fund. What is it the City will not have because of this facility? Parks, a library, more police officers, firefighters? It's a burden that should not be shifted onto the backs of the citizens of Mesa. Please vote no on this project moving forward
6	ZON23-00469	(480) 294-4620	Cynthia Newswander	20575 E Sunset Ct Queen Creek AZ 85142	X			X	We believe that city government, and Mesa in particular, should not be "in the business" of rehabilitation of homeless people. Mesa can and should facilitate or partner with NGOs or others who are in that business as necessary to deal with homelessness. But to buy a permanent facility for it is 'out of scope' for city government.
7	ZON23-00469	(602) 318-6595	Stacy Shepard	7158 East Lomita Avenue Mesa AZ 85209	X			X	I am with those that believe that city government, and Mesa in particular, should not be "in the business" of rehabilitation of homeless people. Mesa can and should facilitate or partner with NGOs or others who are in that business as necessary to deal with homelessness. But to buy a permanent facility for it is 'out of scope' for city government.
8	ZON23-00469	(480) 593-4540	SPENCER PEARCE	10453 E KNOWLES AVE Mesa AZ 85209	X			X	We believe that city government, and Mesa in particular, should not be "in the business" of rehabilitation of homeless people. Mesa can and should facilitate or partner with NGOs or others who are in that business as necessary to deal with homelessness. But to buy a permanent facility for it is 'out of scope' for city government.

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9	ZON23-00469		Sheridia Massey	10322 E Kiva Cir Mesa AZ 85209	X			X	believe that city government, and Mesa in particular, should not be "in the business" of rehabilitation of homeless people. Mesa can and should facilitate or partner with NGOs or others who are in that business as necessary to deal with homelessness. But to buy a permanent facility for it is 'out of scope' for city government.
10	ZON23-00469		Levi Medina	10527 E Nopal Ave Mesa Arizona 85209	X			X	I believe that city government, and Mesa in particular, should not be "in the business" of rehabilitation of homeless people. Mesa can and should facilitate or partner with NGOs or others who are in that business as necessary to deal with homelessness. But to buy a permanent facility for it is 'out of scope' for city government.
11	ZON23-00469	(480) 625-5010	Shawn Smith	2120 S. Archer Mesa AZ 85207	X			X	We believe that city government, and Mesa in particular, should not be "in the business" of rehabilitation of homeless people. Mesa can and should facilitate or partner with NGOs or others who are in that business as necessary to deal with homelessness. But to buy a permanent facility for it is 'out of scope' for city government.
12	ZON23-00469		Jerri Dingleline	10327 E. Kinetic Dr. Mesa AZ 85212	X			X	As a citizen of Mesa, I oppose the Council Use Permit (CUP) to be used for a Homeless Hotel. We have a republic government and housing and rehabilitation of "homeless" people, however you choose to define that is not the Govt. responsibility. There are multiple NGOs that are in the area that are very successful at this task and only need support to do their task from the Govt. of Mesa. This is not the tax payers responsibility apart from volunteering their time and resources to assist in this area. Thank you for completing the task that are the responsibility of the Mesa City Council.
13	ZON23-00469	(602) 303-3716	David Winstanley	10060 E Topaz Ave Mesa AZ 85212	X			X	We believe that city government, and Mesa in particular, should not be "in the business" of rehabilitation of homeless people. Mesa can or should facilitate or partner with NGOs or others who are in that business as necessary to deal with homelessness. But to buy a permanent facility for it is 'out of scope' for city government. Please DISAPPROVE the Council Use Permit for the Grand Hotel to become a "Homeless Hotel".
14	ZON23-00469		Doug Beck	6704 E Arbor Ave Mesa Az 85206	X			X	We (Doug Beck & Gwen Liles) live at 6704 E Arbor Ave Mesa Az. Our neighborhood & property will be greatly impacted by the off the streets program. Our safety, our property values, the stigma of having a homeless shelter in our neighborhood. These people go through your trash cans walk through your property using it as a toilet, etc. I have written three previous emails expressing our opposition to this project, our stance on it is still a hard NO! Put it in your neighborhood or anywhere else but we have children & elderly folks in our neighborhood & we do not want the issues these people bring
15	ZON23-00469		Paula Moore	459 Leisure World Mesa AZ 85206		X		X	