



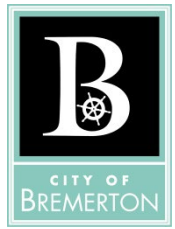
MAYOR'S REPORT

November 15, 2023

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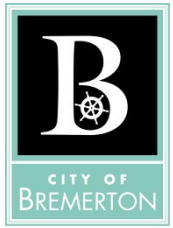
Shelter Opening and Encampment Removal



- On Nov. 1, Salvation Army opened its winter low-barrier walk-up shelter
- With availability of the shelter for those in need, City was able to begin enforcement of City's new non-camping ordinance
- As part of these efforts:
 - City conducted outreach and communicated to encampment occupants in October about opening of shelter on Nov. 1 and upcoming ordinance enforcement
 - On Nov. 1, began posting notices of encampment removal to begin after 3 days; notices provided in subsequent neighborhoods over next several days
 - City began removing and cleaning up encampments after 72 hours of notice
 - City worked with our Bremerton Police Department Navigators, Kitsap's HEART Team, REAL Team and other volunteers to provide assistance as part of effort



Shelter Opening and Encampment Removal



Totals

- Total garbage disposed of: 27.95 tons.
- Valuables recovered awaiting owners to reclaim: two bicycles, one wheelchair, one walker
- No encampment occupants were forcibly removed during encampment removal

On-going Operations

- City staff are observing past encampment locations to ensure they do not recur and monitoring other areas for encampments





Update on Shelter Capacity

Kitsap Rescue Mission

- 170-person waiting list
- Must go through background checks prior to being on waitlist
- Additional background check and screening process once at top of waiting list

Benedict House (Men's Shelter) – 30-person waiting list

Georgia's House (Women and Children) - Currently full

St. Vincent de Paul – Approximately 13 beds open for women and children

November 14, 2023

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232 U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
2433 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Jeffries, Leader Schumer, and Leader McConnell:

As mayors representing millions of Americans, we strongly urge you to pass President Biden's supplemental funding request, which includes urgently needed resources to address the fentanyl and synthetic opioid crisis which is killing 150 people a day. Cities are experiencing record fentanyl overdoses, and additional funding is needed to ensure federal law enforcement, first responders, and our public health systems have the tools they need to combat this epidemic and keep our communities safe. We greatly appreciate the Biden Administration's efforts on this critical issue, but more must be done.

The deadly fentanyl crisis impacts every corner of our country, from urban to rural areas. Fentanyl is potent, cheap, highly addictive, and can be fatal even in extremely small amounts. It is flooding our streets and, more often, is found in other narcotics. More than 100,000 Americans died from overdose in 2022, with the vast majority attributed to opioids. In 2023, fentanyl continues to victimize our most vulnerable, tear apart families, and kill at an alarming rate. The President's supplemental request reflects this grim reality and takes meaningful steps to address this issue with a dual public safety and public health approach.

The President's supplemental request includes \$1.2 billion to crack down on the trafficking of illicit fentanyl and halt its passage through U.S. borders. These funds will enable the Department of Homeland Security to hire over 1,000 new Customs and Border Protection officers and expand Homeland Security Investigations related to fentanyl trafficking. Law enforcement will also be provided with cutting-edge technologies required to detect and seize fentanyl at U.S. ports of entry, helping stop the flow of deadly narcotics into our communities.

The President's supplemental funding request would also allocate \$1.5 billion in grant funding to localities through the Department of Health and Human Services' State Opioid Response (SOR) grant program. These critical dollars will provide communities with life-saving treatment options, staffing, and other resources needed to prevent overdose deaths and expand access to recovery support services. Without these funds, cities will be left critically under-resourced in our fight against this deadly drug.

The President's request recognizes the multi-pronged approach needed to address the devastating impacts of fentanyl. We believe there is a bipartisan consensus on the urgency of this crisis and urge you to provide localities and federal law enforcement with the tools needed to save American lives.

Thank you,

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City of Mesa, AZ

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City of Fremont, CA

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City of Long Beach, CA

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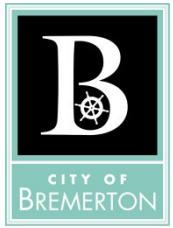
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Bremerton Library Building Project



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After



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