



Shasta County
**Health & Human
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Public comment received regarding Hope Park Project: Jan. 6, 2021

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Project link: https://www.shastamhsa.com/site/assets/files/1/hope_park_inn_plan_draft.pdf

Good morning Kerri,

I am emailing to participate in the public comment for Hope Park. My name is Dani Hayward and I am the Special Projects Manager at Redding Rancheria, as well as a Redding Rancheria Tribal Council member. I fully support this project and believe it will benefit our community in many different forms. According to a Shasta County HHS survey in 2012, almost 40% of the Shasta County residents who answered the survey reported four or more Adverse Childhood Experiences, compared to 17% in the state of California. This indicates that our community is desperately in need of prevention and early intervention of ACEs. Childhood trauma can be mentally, physically, and socially detrimental to those who have experienced the various forms of it. As a community we should be doing all that we can to protect our children and provide them with loving and supportive environments. Hope Park's plan focuses on mentoring trauma exposed teenagers, which I believe can be a huge asset to creating a supportive environment for youth. They look to serve 200 youth initially from our area initially and I am hoping they can eventually serve even more youth than this because our community so badly needs a program like this. In my opinion, the long term goal of creating a generally better community, lies within the youth and thinking about the generations ahead. If 200 local youth can be given a support system that includes mentors, healthy activities, and skill building, think of how this can positively impact their lives for the future. These youth will grow up with some positive light in their lives and become contributing members to society, in addition taking what they have learned from Hope Park or similar programs, and raising healthy families of their own to reduce the overall percentage of high ACE scores in our county. The city of Redding and the entire county will benefit. I support Hope Park and can't wait to see the progress it makes.

Thank you,

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Hey Kerri,

I am thrilled with this concept! We have tremendous resources in our community including Seniors with a wealth of information and skills eager to share with at-risk youth ready for high adventure with follow up mentoring at a Teen Center. Who wouldn't love this multigenerational opportunity! It's a win win for everyone...let's make it happen... count me in.

Laural Park

Hi Kerri - I am writing to express my feelings about the proposed Hope Park. Teens in Redding have long needed a positive place to go and hang out, and the idea of having trained older volunteers to interact with them is inspiring. I am on the Pathways to Hope Board, a First 5 Commissioner, and on the Board of Shasta County Office of Education. In each of these roles I see first hand the needs of the young people in our community. The mental health of teenagers is of huge concern to me, as we have been living through this unprecedented pandemic. While the Hope Park will not immediately fulfill the needs of our young people, it will be a wonderful positive development to look forward to and will address the continuing future needs of our community. I wholeheartedly support this project.

Respectfully,

Kathy Barry

Hi Kerri,

I'm writing to you in support of Hope Park. I've been working with many local nonprofits over the past 12 years in my capacity here at Apex and have seen the challenges faced by both seniors and children here in Shasta County. I also work with organizations in Butte County and have seen the positive impact from programs like the Boys and Girls Club down in Chico who is a client of mine.

The folks at Pathways to Hope for Children are amazing and could really have a huge positive impact on our community with this program. My wish is that they are given the opportunity to make this happen and that we could see real success stories as a result of this program. We are in a time of change globally, nationally, and even locally here in our County. Many things are positive, such as the increased economic development. Having positive social programs along with the economic ones can ensure a brighter future for everyone that share this beautiful part of California with us.

Thank you.

Tom Grisell

VCIO, Apex Technology Management, Inc.

Hello Ms. Schuette,

I hope this email finds you well.

This last summer, I experienced a once in a lifetime opportunity to spend a week at Camp HOPE-Pathways, which is an evidence-based camping and year-round mentoring program that focuses on youth exposed to domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. I can say with full confidence, that through my educational career and professional experience working with victims of crime/trauma, I have never seen hope like the way I did at Camp HOPE-Pathways. I saw change in behavior almost instantly in the youth that attended Camp HOPE-Pathways and more importantly, I saw kids having fun. It has been my honor to work side by side and mentor some of the youth from Camp HOPE-Pathways. I am not kidding when I say, that it has been the most rewarding and life-changing experience I have had. Also, watching youth interact with Laural Park, has been admirable to say the least. They respect her,

they love on her, and they receive pathways to hope with her guidance and life-experience. It is such a unique combination to have a trained older adults and youth do high-adventure activities together. I am shocked that this hasn't been thought of sooner. Grandparents make everything better!

With the opening of Hope Park and the Redding Teen Center, we can spread hope across a wider range and reach more youth!

Thank you,

Tiffany Toberer

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Good Afternoon Mike & Kerri,

I just read the email with information regarding the Hope Park Project. This sounds absolutely wonderful and will be a huge asset to our community.

I am so excited to hear the emphasis on the teens as well as older adults. If there is anything we can do for resourcing, or to be of support, please let me know.

Thank you,

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I would also like to add to my comments...

I agree the proportion of the Native Population served will likely increase from the online report due to the connection between Pathways to Hope's strong ties with the Redding Rancheria.

Thank you,

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An outdoor experience can change a person's outlook on life, especially a teen. When my own daughter was a troubled teen making poor decisions, OUTWARD BOUND sounded like the right program. My daughter was interested in the challenge though hesitantly went off. On her return she was a changed person. She had survived the three day solo and was eager to share her feelings during those three days when her success depended on her own ingenuity.

Since that time she went on to be an exemplary student, received many degrees and became dean of a department at a university. Now close to retirement she and her husband continue to explore the non-tourist aspect of foreign countries, backpack in national parks and have many outdoor adventures.

Prior to my own retirement so long ago I worked with 9th grade students then known as Behavior Disordered. It was an outdoor trip that also changed their outlook on life. While studying geology and volcanoes my aide and I took those 9 kids to Lassen where we walked in to Bumpass Hell. Most of the students had never walked that far or had experienced the power of nature. They were amazed at the mudpots and grossed out by the smell.

We followed up by making our own mini-volcanoes in the classroom.

A general calmness was present in my classroom after that.

Much success with Hope Park!

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(Bea Nevins)

Hi Kerri!

I hope your amazing!:) This sounds lovely and rolls up two of my passions into one beautiful initiative:) my bachelors is Recreation with an emphasis in community programs and I have done a lot of volunteer work with senior programs and youth programs and have been looking for a meaningful volunteer group/project/board!:) would love to take part- help form m. I'm assuming that post surgery and chemo will carve out space to build out some planning rather than hinder as an opportunity? Let me know!:) ready to get started!

Amber Imlach

I am all for it. Our community lacks this and it in my opinion is vital for healthy minds and hearts. Sharing is caring, not just a saying. I can imagine all the good that will come of this to uplift our community. Wisdom from the ages and youth bring bright hope. We need one another. Good job

Kerry 

peacebeinus, <https://youtu.be/KrPDQeNo52M>. Karen L. Stalie.