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GENERAL TOPIC:

Good evening council thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak. I will try to keep this brief as there are other things on the agenda that need to be addressed. A month ago my car was Stolen from The Exchange at Bayfront on a Saturday morning at 10:21 am, I wasn't aware of it until Monday 3/25. I informed management about my car being stolen and asked why aren't the residents here being notified and was told via email that the incident was isolated and there is no need to let the residents know, and this is documented via email. My response to management was that I would do what I have to do to inform the community here so they can be aware, vigilant and/or proactive if they decide to no longer park in that garage to safeguard their vehicle. What I've noticed here at the Exchange Bayfront is a pattern of crimes happening here and the residents are unaware and left in the dark. The first incident a dog was found beaten, stabbed and dumped in a trash room on this same property. The residents weren't notified until the incident was publicized on several local media outlets. I had to contact the mayor Dan Romero, The City Manager Dante Hall and Sylvia from the Bayfront Chamber of Commerce on 4/3/2024 in regards to this incident than an email was then sent out to residents informing them about the stolen Vehicle. Mind you 5 days after my vehicle was reported stolen another vehicle was reported stolen on 3/30/2024 from this same garage. That could have possibly been avoidable had management reached out to residents when I initially requested it. Management wants to be reactive instead of proactive. We need the same crime to happen several times before we make residents aware. That is wrong on so many levels. A week prior to my car being stolen management sent out an email about non residents having access to the building. Management did nothing to try to deter it like changing the codes to certain areas in the building, security patrol, cameras in the actual garage. They did nothing. There are camera signs throughout garage saying the property is under surveillance but not one camera in the actual garage. Today I picked up a Public Records request and dating back to 4/27/2022 there have been 4 vehicle burglaries and 3 vehicle thefts, and all management can say to us is watch your surroundings instead of taking measures to deter potential crime? I have to go to extremes and contact the mayor so residents can be notified after 2 cars were stolen? This property is owned by CALCHA (California Community Housing Agency) which is a gov't entity out of Kings County. I contacted them and have gotten no response. They are the landlord and this management company here is negligent about letting us residents know about what's going on in our community, we are at risk when we are not aware, as a government entity their first priority should be public safety. CALCHA is governed by the Kings County Board of Supervisors and requires local government oversight and approval for financings to ensure accountability and transparency. In conclusion I will be filing a complaint with CALCHA and since it requires local government oversight I will file a complaint with the city of Hercules and Kings County as well for negligence occurring here at The Exchange at Bayfront. Until today the access codes to this property remain the same. The garage gate stays open in the daytime all day. Thieves are comfortable here. Management can notify us of food trucks and yoga class but not of crimes happening on site. Thank You

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