

Do all those new people, do our children, not deserve a Broadway Plaza? Is its "best use" to become apartments made possible with our tax money?

Mayor Kitty Piercy has recently spoken out against the "travelers" who seem to occupy Broadway Plaza often. I do not see how adding more people to those already congested couple of blocks resolves anything. Those travelers are not going to disappear — they will sit in front of the new building making an already crowded couple blocks even more crowded. I would not live on that noisy and cramped corner. Would you raise your family on that corner? Even though I love that area I

would never want to live there.

The trouble associated with Broadway Plaza is a lack of policing and management. I strongly request we keep Broadway Plaza. Fill it with food carts, vendors, events, etc. Because it is empty does not mean it has no use or value. That square holds a part of this community's identity, which is something you cannot purchase.

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CANDIDATE CHOICES

As a 14-year-old high school student, I don't have a say in politics when it comes to voting, but I've been volunteering for

the Bernie Sanders campaign. The main reason I'm backing him should be the most important and most discussed issue in politics: climate. Instead, it gets mentioned occasionally in the Dem debates and almost never in the GOP debates. I even wish Bernie talked about it some more. Climate change is the biggest crisis facing humankind.

The problem is our government and media doesn't act like it is. The government has been working for large interests (including coal, oil and gas) instead of working for us. If Bernie gets elected, he would first restructure the campaign finance system. This would,

hopefully, help politicians and Congress be less influenced by energy and oil interests. Second, Bernie would tax carbon pollution and invest in sustainable energy, creating more jobs. Bernie is the only candidate who wants to ban fracking as well. I truly trust him to stand up to fossil fuel companies. I'm not asking you to vote for him. I just want people to consider climate change more when they are choosing their candidate. Electing someone who doesn't believe climate change is man-made or serious could risk my generation and many to come.

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