

From: [Kirstie Franceschi](#)
To: [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Cc: [Kirstie Franceschi](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] "Un-safe" parking program - Homeless Services
Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:13:42 AM

Good morning,

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the above agenda study item. I was horrified and appalled to learn that City Staff are considering a "safe parking" location next to **Maria Carrillo High School**. We live on Baird Road having moved there 3 years ago so our daughter could safely walk to Rincon Valley Middle School and Maria Carrillo, she is a Freshman at Carrillo so has not actually been able to walk to school and now if this goes ahead she never will be able to. Over the last year our neighborhood has seen a significant increase in transient/homeless activity, we and our neighbors have had attempted break-ins to our vehicles, mail theft, abandoned vehicles, unsavory characters in our park and our children do not feel safe when walking alone on the streets of Rincon Valley. Opening up the Library parking as a "safe-parking" site next to the school is a terrible idea.

I completely understand that this point of view may seem uncaring or coming from a family of privilege but I can assure you it is from first hand personal experience. I am the Property Manager for Coddling Enterprises and currently over 50% of my job is now spent dealing with homeless issues at our properties in Santa Rosa and Rohnert Park. The crews that work for me spend most of their jobs trying to move on dysfunctional RV's that leave trash, drug paraphernalia and vast amounts of human waste all over, this is sometimes dumped in plastic bags that fall apart when picked up, buckets or more often than not our sidewalks are just used as a toilet, it is vile. **I would like to be very clear that the RV owners that have been swarming our properties and would be part of this "safe-parking" program are more than often aggressive to us, disrespectful of our properties, our tenants and visitors.** My staff have witnessed drug deals and the like on many occasions. I can't even imagine how this will work next to a school.

Our kids will no longer be able to run/train around the neighborhood and community park for Cross Country, Track and other sports. I completely understand that this is a serious issue and that something HAS to be done and soon, however, destroying a school community after everything our kids have been through with fires and COVID is just irresponsible and sad for all.

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Regards,

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From: [Hamm Cerneant](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Accountability
Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 3:34:31 PM

Why is so much funding dedicated to homeless agencies that produce minimal impact or results? It seems the same old dogs are being fed e.g. catholic charities, st. Vincent de paul etc. How do you hold agencies accountable?

From: [don kehoe](#)
To: [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] COUNCIL
Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 1:38:09 PM

I recomend that YOU BRING TOW TRUCKS AND Garbage trucks to sebastopol and doubles ave....CLEAR it out

From: [Linda Cota](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] HELP Homeless & Trash in Santa Rosa
Date: Sunday, February 7, 2021 6:55:21 AM

Hello,

My name is Linda Cota and I live in Santa Rosa, off of Corby Ave and Peach Ct. Has our city council seen the condition of our city? In shambles? Covered in trash and homeless and do you guys even care? This city is disgusting and so hard to live here and I'm not sure why no one cares. As you mention, "we appreciate your willingness to protect the health and wellness of our community", you don't actually practice what you preach and by the reflection of the state on our city. I want a city that my son can freely and safely play in. I found and picked up a used needle at the end of my street. Is that what you want for our children? I'm in awe. There are homeless tents creeping in our neighborhood. Is that what you feel is safe for our children? Please help this city. I mean, REALLY help this city instead of making it such a disgusting and dangerous place to live. Thank you from a fellow resident that actually does care (but without larger support, not sure why she should).

- Linda Cota

From: kfremault3166@gmail.com
To: [CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Homeless camp near Maria Carillo High
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 8:44:19 AM

NO THANK YOU TO HOMELESS, CAMPER, TENT CAMP NEAR MARIA CARILLO!!!!Do any of your children go there? if they did go there would you want that next to your child's high school? I already live in Rincon valley and I have to deal with tons of garbage, crap, needles, dirty diapers, bloody tampons, more needles, feces and urine on my way to walk to school. I work one block away from my apartment, when I walk that block, that is what I see in that block. I don't want that s*** next to my kids school and neither would you! figure it out and go somewhere else put those assholes to work and let them pay for their own little tiny home somewhere but do not put it next to school kids! You have a bunch of drug addict, crazy, mentally unstable ,people living outdoors, who like to collect garbage and just leave it everywhere!!!! shame on you for even suggesting this option!! and believe me we will all fight, us parents, we have all decided to fight against that it will not be happening we will not allow it!!! I know some of the homeless people that live here in Rincon valley and one fellow in particular named Victor who is mentally unstable, likes to collect garbage and pile it at least 30 ft by 12 ft high and that's no joke, go look between basilica restaurant and the apartments there on highway 12(Southside on 12)it is all spray painted green boxes piled on top of a horde of trash and it literally took that man two weeks to build that horde of trash(and possibly stolen items from the neighborhood, because I've chased him from Bush to Bush I've actually tried to help him, I've actually given him food, giving him sleeping bags, giving him money and then I noticed that he can't help himself, but to get all that garbage and just collect it and we don't need people like that who are mentally unable to do the right thing in society next to our children and you know it. and you will see what I'm talking about that's one man's doing, let alone you bring in a bunch of them, and put them next to a nice beautiful high school where kids and young girls and you want to put a bunch of people like that next to our kids? no thank you it will not happen!! Kirsten Fremault Mother of Maria Carillo 9th grader.

From: [Paula Johnson](#)
To: [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Homeless parking sites
Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 4:29:17 AM

Hello,

I'm writing to provide feedback on the safe homeless parking locations posted recently. Please, please, please do NOT set up safe parking sites in neighborhoods and in our parks.

I live off Occidental Road between Fulton and Stony Point and have been a home owner for 20 years in the same home. Our neighborhood has seen crime go up and down with gang shootings and killings in the street, grow houses and drug dealers, and now the impact of the homeless living in cars in our neighborhood, and recurring issues in the creeks and on JRT. We find needles in the street and in our backyards. We proceed with caution now when leaving our home, and don't shop at Oliver's after dark.

Our neighbors are fighting back because the police won't show up on time or show up at all. We're sick of druggies driving through and casing our homes, jumping fences and stealing items from our yards. How safe do we feel?...not at all! I've personally installed three motion detector lights, an alarm system, plus other deterrents, and so have our neighbors. We're prepared to INCREASE the resistance to protect our valuables and homes we've worked so hard for our entire lives.

There should be safe areas with security for those to park who need help. I am not understanding why there are so many designated areas right on top of homes, particularly at A Place to Play, at Finley Center, and the park across from Piner High School. I implore you to do not add safe parking at A Place to Play. I was shocked to see so many locations designated in West Santa Rosa, and tired of the onslaught of homeless druggy transients who are not from Santa Rosa in our neighborhoods. I was also amazed at how quickly this all came about.

So I'm asking what's it going to take to get the council to listen to give our W. Santa Rosa area neighborhoods a break? Full on demonstrations like BLM? We are asking for help to bring safety back to our neighborhoods, not more encampments and homeless.

Paula Johnson
Santa Rosa

From: bcuniberti@gmail.com
To: [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Homeless Parking
Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:06:00 AM

Hello City Council,

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of the city.

I am writing about my concern about parking for the homeless at the Rincon Valley library and park. This location will be harmful to the youth of Santa Rosa. Students at Maria Carrillo High School as well as other nearby schools will be exposed to things that will take away from their safety and ability to focus on their education and personal growth.

I am a teacher at Maria Carrillo as well as a parent in the community and I encourage you to address the homeless crisis in a way that has the smallest negative impact on our youth possible. Please do not have homeless parking near schools this seems like a dangerous choice.

I have been educating our youth for twenty years and am dedicated to their best interests.

Sincerely,

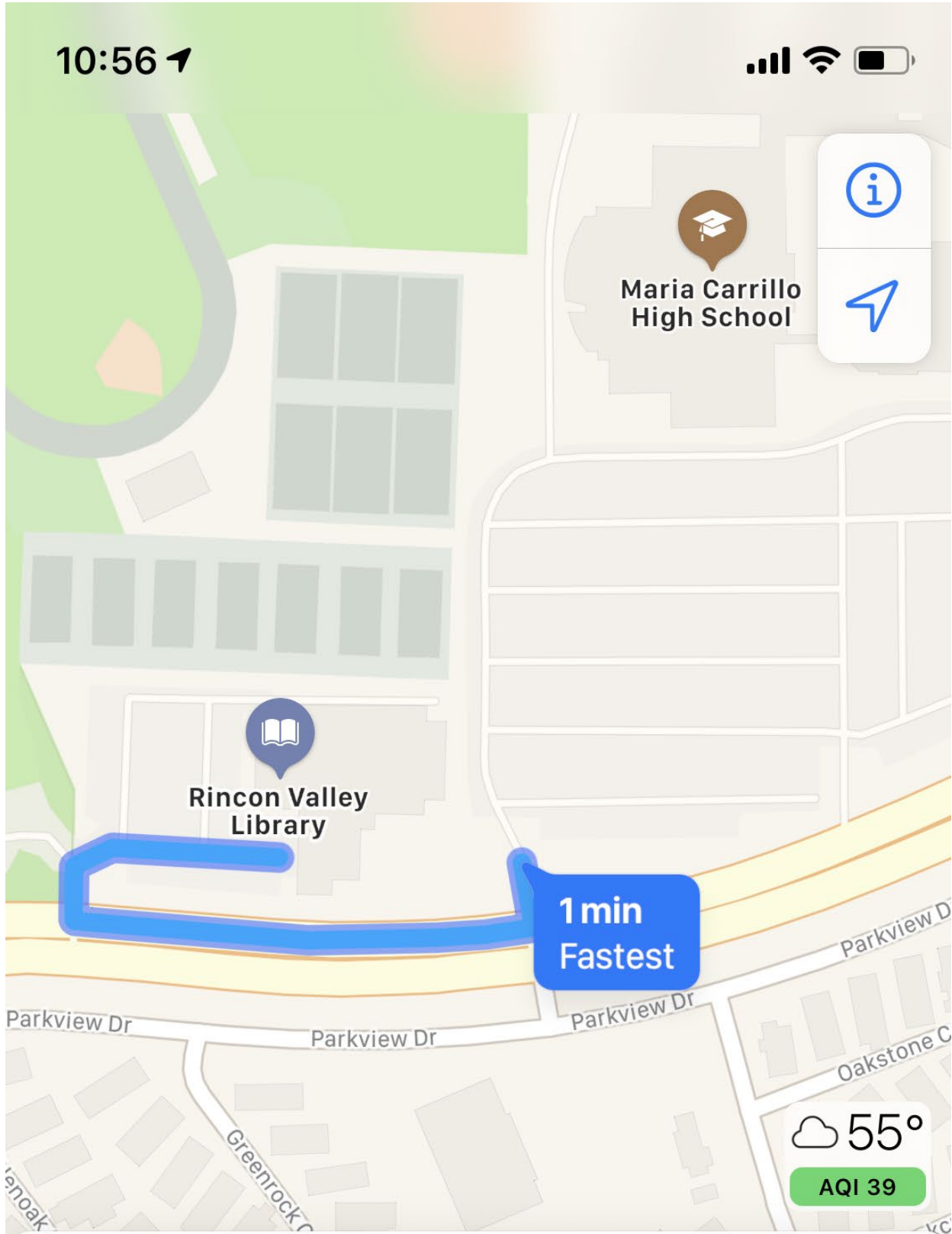
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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jennifer Korpela](#)
To: [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Homeless RV parking
Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 11:09:07 AM
Attachments: [IMG_0218.PNG](#)

Santa Rosa City Council-

Please vote against allowing the homeless the ability to camp in the parking lot of the Rincon Valley Library. May I remind you that this property borders Maria Carrillo High School? This, in no way, seems to be a safe idea. Please find another location to house this community that is not within this proximity to a school.



To Rincon Valley Library



From [Maria Carrillo High School](#)



1 min

700 ft · Fastest route



AVOID

Tolls



Sincerely-
Jennifer Korpela
(Lifelong Santa Rosa resident and parent of a Maria Carrillo student)

From: [Nick Goyhenetche](#)
To: [Kuykendall, Kelli](#)
Cc: [CityCouncilListPublic](#); [heatherleigh.jackson72](#); [Adrienne](#); [gailsimons@aol.com](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item 3.2 Homeless Services Study
Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 6:53:53 PM

Hi Kelli,

Thank you for your presentation today, excellent delivery also very thorough and well prepared.

Firstly I think the success of the TPW debris removal program hinges upon communication with the homeless themselves particularly regarding differentiating between debris and living spaces. This program could certainly be abused and used to persecute people who are already struggling by trashing their possessions and living spaces.


Are there safeguards in place to prevent this potential abuse?

AoK is in contact with people on the streets, perhaps we can establish designated areas/dumpsters/trash cans where trash can be bagged and easily collected?

Also, with so many complaints about human waste, the solution here seems very simple, more portable restrooms wherever people are camped.

Can we establish a budget for portable restrooms placed where people are located as a stop gap until we are able to establish 24/7 sanctioned encampments, open the fairgrounds etc?

Thank you again for your hard work!

Nick Goyhenetche

Acts of Kindness

From: [Thea Hensel](#)
To: [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PGE settlement money
Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 3:55:40 PM

Dear Council members,

I want to appreciate the difficult decision that lies ahead for your allocation of the PGE settlement monies. With so many challenges that are present in the City at this moment in time it is critical that some of this money addresses vital needs for citizens.

One of those issues is housing shortages for the residents of Santa Rosa. Be they due to fire loss, low available housing stock or lack of affordability the need is vital. I am requesting dollars be allocated to seed the procurement of 9.7 acres of land from Cal trans to foster housing stock in a quadrant that badly needs affordable housing.

Additionally~

- *this allows the transaction to purchase the greenway to move ahead*
- *adds viable, buildable land to the City portfolio that can be used for affordable housing and development.*

Thank you,
Thea Hensel
Cochair, Southeast Greenway

From: [Cheryl Rood](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: designate city property for Safe Parking for Homeless people item #3.2
Date: Monday, February 8, 2021 7:07:33 PM

On Mon, Feb 8, 2021, 7:04 PM Cheryl Rood <roodchery1777@gmail.com> wrote:

My sincere apologies for this email being so late in the day and if you do not except it I understand, I have been on the streets working with Clients, my name Is Cheryl Rood and I am the outreach worker for SAVS I want to put in my thoughts about safe parking and hopefully somewhere for our campers to go in tents, I want nothing more then to see all these people in shelters like Samuel Jones Hall and other places like it but until we have enough room please allow us to have a place to work with them that is safe and clean , I try my best where they are on the streets but when they get moved around I loose them in the system and that is alot more work witch means more hours tacked to the CDC, I promise I will do my best to make the city proud as a outreach worker ! Just allow me the place to work , thank you

From: [Roger Moore](#)
To: [CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Safe Parking and Homeless Issues in Santa Rosa
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 5:19:42 PM

I wrote an email earlier this week expressing my concern about your plan to create a "safe parking" space at Rincon Valley Library.

In light of your resolution in the most recent meeting to continue moving forward with this plan, I feel the need to reiterate my disgust with your lack of attention to the safety and quality of life of the people you took an oath to serve.

With your decision to create spaces for transient homeless in or near our parks and schools, you are not only willfully ignoring your oath, you are **intentionally** placing our children and their families at risk. You have no standing to assert that there isn't a danger to our children from your actions. You are aware of the issues that have occurred at every location that the transient homeless have been allowed to gather. It isn't a secret, it isn't something you can ignore or pretend isn't there and it isn't something you can pretend to have a solution for. If you had a solution, then Industrial Dr and our public biking trails wouldn't be the environmental and public safety nightmares that they are.

I have compassion for the homeless who aren't homeless by choice. If any of the families being served by safe parking areas, and other city services, are residents of Santa Rosa who lost their homes as a result of the fires, economic downturn or mental health issues, we owe it to them to do what we can to help. We owe nothing to the transients who came here from out of town and are taking advantage of the free parking and services that are meant to support our citizens. We owe nothing to drug addicts who refuse services to get clean and get a helping hand to find work and permanent housing. Those latter two groups need to be encouraged to leave.

You're turning Santa Rosa into Berkeley, San Jose and San Francisco. If you don't know what that means, then take a drive to any of those towns and look along the freeways, at parks and public areas. They're filthy, crime ridden and unusable by the people who pay for them and for whom they exist.

Stop listening to out of town consultants and special interest groups and start listening to the people who elected you to serve their needs and improve their quality of life. Those are the people who voted for you, and those are the people who can vote you out of office if you ignore them.

Thank You

Roger Moore
Coffey Park
Tubbs Fire Survivor

From: [Roger Moore](#)
To: [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Safe Parking site at Rincon Valley Library
Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 11:06:01 AM

As the father of a freshman student at Maria Carrillo High School, I have serious concerns about your proposal to create a safe parking site at the library adjacent to the high school.

The fact that you're even considering it demonstrates a lack of understanding of the dangers and pitfalls of that proposal. Perhaps you should get out of your office and take a trip to Industrial Dr., Joe Rodota Trail, Jennings Park and any number of other areas where the homeless have been "parking". See and smell the sewage, garbage, and syringes left behind in those areas. Then talk to the citizens who live in the area. I don't think you'll find anyone who thinks you, as servants of the tax payers of this city, have any idea what you're doing.

I understand the homeless issue. I know there are people who need our patience and understanding. I also know that you took an oath to serve the citizens and tax payers of this city.

Putting our children at risk by placing a known hazard that close to a school is, at best, a violation of that oath.

There are other sites that the city has at their disposal to put a safe parking site. I suggest that you use the fairgrounds and also place a temporary police substation at the site. This way, the law abiding parkers will have a safe place to be and have the protection of the police and a place where waste can be managed. Anyone choosing not to use this facility should be encouraged to move on.

The citizens of Santa Rosa don't owe anyone who isn't a tax paying citizen a safe place to be. You, on the other hand, do owe us a safe place to live.

Roger Moore
Coffey Park Home Owner

From: [Michael Fried](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Safe Parking with services
Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 12:46:56 PM

I support the city of Santa Rosa making surplus land available for Safe Parking with services. Rather than just a place to live, housing has become an investment for people to make money. This, of course, drives up the cost of housing. Low cost housing keeps disappearing. Using public land makes sense, I understand that it takes political will to make decisions that will benefit the least privileged amongst us, but certainly this is a time to show political courage.

Respectfully;

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Michael Fried
[REDACTED]
Santa Rosa, Ca. 95405

From: [Gerry La Londe-Berg](#)
To: [CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Santa Rosa Homeless Services
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 6:08:43 PM

I read City of Santa Rosa staff report about homelessness services.

I am feeling particularly discouraged these days because in building up to this particular event, the city has simultaneously been very assertive in moving the camps of people who have no place to live.

In the recent past the City let the Olive Park encampment under the freeway grow without any bathroom facilities or dumpster facilities. That was cleaned out a few weeks ago.

The city is notifying and pushing along the people who are staying at Piner and Industrial Drive. That sweep is pending as we speak.

By pushing people around more people have moved down to the intersection of Yolanda and Santa Rosa Ave. At that location, for literally many months, there has been a tent directly on the curb of the freeway off ramp. Then Friday afternoon, 2/5/21 they were required to move. But, they were allowed to move directly across the street; quite literally, they moved from the Southwest corner of the intersection to the northwest corner of the very same intersection. But today police officers were making their rounds among the five tents encamped in that general neighborhood telling those people that they had to move.

What I am seeing all over town is spotty new small encampments: below the ninth Street bridge, below the Sixth Street bridge, randomly placed in the parking lots. I even saw a guy last week who had pitched his tent on the river rock landscaping in front of Mountain Mike's Pizza on Kawana Springs Road. What does it take to put your tent down on rocks that are big?

In reviewing the budget estimates for safe parking there is absolutely no detail about how those costs are derived. The budgets for the agencies that would be

operating these activities are not shared with the city Council or the public. How does the City Council or the public know that \$100,000 or \$500,000 is the proper number?

Compassion fatigue is a real thing, but so is real fatigue of living outside in the cold in the wet without a shower or toilet or pillow or door.

May your work be blessed and your ideas fresh.

As to the RV ordinance, the City did this before under the guise of Quality of Life in 2017.

At that time I wrote:

““The City of Santa Rosa should not change its laws considering people who are homeless until it has done everything it can possibly do to mitigate the situation. Increasing penalties penalizes many people for no good reason. The law as suggested for change today does not serve the people who we are trying to get off the streets and make it to productive citizenship.

With acknowledgment of what is being planned, increasing the instruments of control are not the best step.”

<http://whocaresandsowhat.info/santa-rosa-infractions-to-misdemeanors-process-critique/>

You should not change the RV ordinance until you balance it by a fully operational Safe Parking program. Which I also studied on behalf of Homeless Action! and suggested to Santa Rosa, February 2014.

<http://whocaresandsowhat.info/safe-parking-program-summary/>

Respectfully,

Gerry La Londe-Berg
Petaluma, CA

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Kristi Burgess](#)
To: [CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] UN Safe Parking Program - Homeless Services
Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 11:01:25 AM

Good morning,

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the above agenda study item. I was horrified and appalled to learn that City Staff are considering a “safe parking” location next to **Maria Carrillo High School and Rincon Valley Middle School**. We have kids at both schools and while we have to drive them most of the way, we want them to walk the last portion to avoid traffic congestion, socialize with friends and, to be honest, get some movement before/after school. Over the last year the area has seen a significant increase in transient/homeless activity, our friends that live in the direct area have had attempted break-ins to vehicles, mail theft, abandoned vehicles, unsavory characters in the park and none of our children feel safe when walking alone on the streets of Rincon Valley. Opening up the Library parking as a “safe-parking” site between these schools is a terrible idea, putting it squarely in between 2 major SR schools where there are hundreds of kids walking before, during and after school hours.

Like most programs, the devil is in the details but we’ve seen too many efforts fall apart with the management/maintenance. What about – non-functioning RV’s/cars, trash, drug paraphernalia and human waste? Who and how will that be managed? How are public safety concerns – those not already mentioned – going to be handled? More police? More often than not, individuals participating in a program like this are drug users/abusers, have mental concerns, etc. and regularly become aggressive to others in the community and disrespectful to properties around them.

Will everyone be out of the parking lot and everything cleaned up by 6:45AM Monday – Friday when kids are walking to school and tax pay residents want to use the park and amenities?

Will everyone be out of the parking lot and everything cleaned up by 7AM Saturday and Sunday when tax paying residents want to use the park and amenities?

Our kids will no longer be able to run/train around the neighborhood and community park for Cross Country, Track and other sports. Tax paying homeowners and renters will no longer be able to enjoy the amenities they rightfully pay to support. I completely understand that this is a serious issue and that something HAS to be done and soon, however, destroying a school and neighborly community after everything Santa Rosa residents have been through with fires and COVID is just irresponsible and sad for all.

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Thank you,
Kristi Burgess-Ebner