

From: [LYNEL LUTHER](#)
To: [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Allocation of Funds for Safe Parking
Date: Monday, May 17, 2021 9:02:59 PM

Dear Santa Rosa City Council:

Please allocate \$315,000 for Safe Parking.

It was a lifesaver for me a few years ago, before I could be housed again. It is an easily managed, cost effective, compassionate way to save lives, so people can get back on their feet. There are more people who are unsheltered now, who desperately need this service.

Thank you for your consideration,
Lynn Luther, retired.

From: [Suzanne lande](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment for 5/17/21 City Council Meeting: Item 3.1 City Budget
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 8:17:56 AM

The Sweeps are VERY expensive, exacerbate tremendous difficulties for the unsheltered...and exacerbate blight and divisiveness in neighborhoods and business areas...Santa Rosa sweeps occur nearly every week. Belongings including tarps, tents, sleeping bags, change of clothes, personal hygiene items, and other personal items...are too often lost or disposed of during the sweeps..

Sustainable solutions are necessary. I believe Santa Rosa City and Sonoma County need to COLLABORATE with funding ,and with use of appropriate unused government land, and with approving funds for purchase or lease of private property...

Significant money needs to be budgeted for Safe Parking,, Even though it generally only allows overnight parking, it is an important interim step towards shelter...I remember City Council meeting/ agreement to Safe Parking in each Santa Rosa District...Again, this is an important interim step..requiring attention with Budget Planning.

Tiny Home Villages offer an affordable, sustainable solution for Santa Rosa and for Homeless People... Along with the county and state, please budget SIGNIFICANT money for this.. Please consider Tiny Home Villages proposal from Sonoma Applied Village Services (SAVS)...Also, in collaboration with SAVS, please consider structures by Homes 4 the Homeless.. Contact: alex@homes4thehomeless.org

Thank you,
SuzanneLande

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From: [Jackie Nappi](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] "Commen 5/18 City Council Meeting Item 3.1 City Budgets
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 9:14:59 AM

Hi my name is Jackie Nappi with SAVS. I would like to comment on the safe parking. "RVs, trailers, and cars are not an adequate shelter, but they are better than a tent or cardboard box. I've personally seen people lose their trailers and RVs, and have to resort to tent dwelling once they can get a tent. 24/7 parking does not fully solve the issue but it sure does help a big chunk of those living in RVs, cars and trailers. It would be amazing to have a place where they are not only allowed to go but are actually wanted... and they can be safe.

Thank you

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From: [Diane Moresi](#)
To: [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Homeless Safe Parking - Tonight's Agenda
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 9:15:37 AM

Dear Council Members,

I appreciate your continued efforts to manage the homeless population in Santa Rosa.

However, the concept of safe parking areas located in or near our city parks and library has prompted me to write my first letter to the Council in the many years I have lived here.

In my opinion, this is perhaps the “worst” possible solution you, or your staff, have come up with in recent years to alleviate the homeless living conditions.

The proposed locations are in areas regularly frequented by children and their families.

Understandably, they have appeared “empty” during the pandemic, but under normal circumstances they are busy with children playing in the parks, and regularly visiting the libraries.

In addition, they provide space for the community to gather and spend time in the outdoors.

Parks and libraries are among the amenities that make Santa Rosa attractive to new residents, and add value to our community.

Please reconsider this short sighted proposal.

If it comes to a vote, I urge you to Vote NO on any or all of these sites.

There are a number of large “parking” areas in the city that do not have children, and their families associated with them on a daily basis, and would suffice as a limited, and short term solution.

Sincerely,

Diane Moresi

From: [Jeremy Whitcomb](#)
To: [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to expanded parking for homeless
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 9:58:43 AM

I am writing this in complete opposition to any use of city owned property in residential neighborhoods for homeless parking, as a parent, as a taxpayer and as a native citizen I am disgusted by the total lack of enforcement of basic laws as regards the homeless/transient population, who are responsible for thousands of police, fire and medic calls and millions of dollars flushed away for a city that has never looked worse, where is it written that a city is financially responsible for each individual, where is the accountability of all this money? Your current policies are only serving to attract more of the same problems and I really wish to see a change in enforcement and a separation of those who need help, versus those who are so spun out, they don't even know what city they are currently in and all of this should take place without any impact on individual neighborhoods and should be assigned to a central facility near city, county and state services, not residential neighborhoods.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Whitcomb

From: [Gregory Fearon](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Cc: [Adrienne Lauby](#); [Marion Weinreb](#); [Arlie Haig](#); [Victoria Yanez](#); [Patrick O'Loughlin](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment for Wednesday's Continued Special Meeting on Budget Development, Item 2.1 on Agenda
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 3:39:14 PM

Greetings!

Following up on Mr. McGlynn's advice on financial infrastructural changes, I want to advocate for operational infrastructural changes. This is a fairly new need so let me be specific. I'm talking about intergovernmental cooperation. The county and cities can no longer afford to do some of the same functions separately inadequately. In particular, housing and homeless services, demanded by funding sources and the community, requires that you work more closely together. Previous responsibilities and funding assigned to separate commissions and staff now need to be blended, cooperatively planned, and implemented.

The County Community Development Department and its governing Community Development Commission, the City's Housing and Community Development Department and its governing Housing Authority, the Sonoma County Continuum of Care Governing Board and staff, and the Renewal Enterprise District and staff all need to actively transition to partnershiping projects with full transparency.

This will challenge the existing processes. A good example coming up soon will be how the recently-authorized federally-funded 278 homeless housing vouchers divided between County and City, can be implemented through the Coordinated Entry Services Program under contract to the Continuum of Care Governing Board – which is presently trying to assume responsibility for placing homeless in our shelters into permanent housing vacancies. This three-way collaboration is essential to taking advantage of expanded funds to each. The good news is that there's more money, more need, and even more complex problems.

I applaud the efforts of the City and County to explore new ways to collaborate, and want to indicate my sense that the community will support you to achieve that success. These recommended actions will cost you more in staff time. Asking your staff to operate in these new ways should not come at the cost of present service delivery, so you should search your resources to provide the capability of your city to accomplish these goals.

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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Budget Staff Comment Form
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From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Budget Staff Comment Form

Budget Staff Comment Form

Your name, email address, and phone number are not required. However, if you provide them, we will be able to ask follow-up questions and better understand your comments.

First Name	Margaret
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Comments & Questions	<p>Hello,</p> <p>My name is Margaret Flores McCabe and I am the Executive Director of the Secure Families Collaborative. The Collaborative was initially started as direct, 3 year response to the Trump administration's racist rhetoric and harsh immigration policies. To date the Collaborative had been able to assist over 600 undocumented immigrants with pro bono legal services, wraparound social service navigation and culturally competent, culturally relevant mental health support. But, our work is far from done. We are now in the process of establishing our own nonprofit- a backbone organization to support a collaborative of some really amazing organizations-Legal aid, USF law school, SRJC, Catholic Charities and Humanidad. in the City of Santa Rosa, we have identified about 300 youth eligible for permanent pathways to citizenship. This is a crisis. With status, these youth are able tp secure employment, attend college and know they can pursue careers upon graduation and come out of the shadows. It is more costly to not assist them with status. They fall prey to drugs, gangs, etc. Let's be preventative, instead of reactive and support these youth. The only thing standing between them and citizenship is their inability to pay for an</p>

immigration attorney. If funded 100K, we know we can help these youth as well as other undocumented youth who aren't part of these 300 youth. We appreciate your past support and are hoping you will consider this funding.

Thank you!

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