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From: Val OHara <oharavs@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 9:16 PM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic; rohish.lal@sonoma-county.org
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Homeless injunction

Hello there,

I am emailing you regarding the closed meeting that is going to occur tomorrow to discuss the Vanucci Injunction that has been in place. As a citizen I have felt Santa Rosa become less safe and do not feel comfortable with our current policing or leaders. I am too afraid to go downtown, every time I do I am harrassed. I have witnessed open drug use over by Spring Lake and Doyle Park so now I can't take my nephew there. My poor grandparents can't sell their house off College Ave because nobody wants to buy where there is a large encampment and trailers nearby. Earlier this year I was attacked by a homeless person who is once again roaming the streets of Santa Rosa and doing drugs, I have seen them walking around Mendocino and College. Housing first doesn't work it just provides homeless a place to destroy and continue to use. This injunction is not a success, bottom line.

By not allowing the police to do their jobs you are punishing the law abiding citizens. By not holding people accountable and getting to the root of the issue, which is drugs, with mental health access and rehabilitation... You are against the safety of our community and the success of people's potential.

-Valerie Dowd

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From: Brenda Gilchrist <brenda@thehrmatrix.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 9:35 PM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Cc: Schwedhelm, Tom; Navarro, Rainer
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Injunction vs public safety and public health

Dear City of Santa Rosa Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members,

I am writing regarding Item 2.2 on the agenda for the Tuesday, May 5, 2020 meeting.

I respectfully request the Council give weight and emphasis to all those of us in the City of Santa Rosa — parents; children; families; homeowners; renters; taxpayers; business owners; and property owners — impacted over the past several years by the wide-spread encampments of those living rough.

With the Vannucci injunction now due to expire at month-end June, it's time the City take our interests to heart, reflect the dreams and desires of our families, and make certain to prioritize the interests of all hard-working City residents.

Put families first.

All of us — we and you — all pay taxes; we all want what's best for our City.

Over time, however, a very small group of individuals — nearly all living elsewhere, including Cotati, Sebastopol, and Rohnert Park — have advocated before the City of Santa Rosa City Council unwavering support for those living rough, no matter their behavior and actions, no matter the impact on all others.

Time and again, these individuals have turned down offers of shelter. After all this time, we now know: it's not about housing.

I've attached pictures of a homeless man peeing in front of a coffee shop on Fourth street, a transient walking totally naked by the bus stop in downtown Santa Rosa and a man that lit his sleeping bag on fire in front of a retail shop in downtown Santa Rosa this week and a local park, that has had two rapes, destroyed by trash, human feces, drug paraphernalia and needles.

Last week, while driving down Hopper, in front of Kohl's, a homeless woman threw rocks at our car.

Over time, these individuals — nearly always seeking the freedom to buy, use and sell illegal drugs, including, but not limited to, methamphetamines, heroin, and fentanyl — have significantly impacted us here in the City.

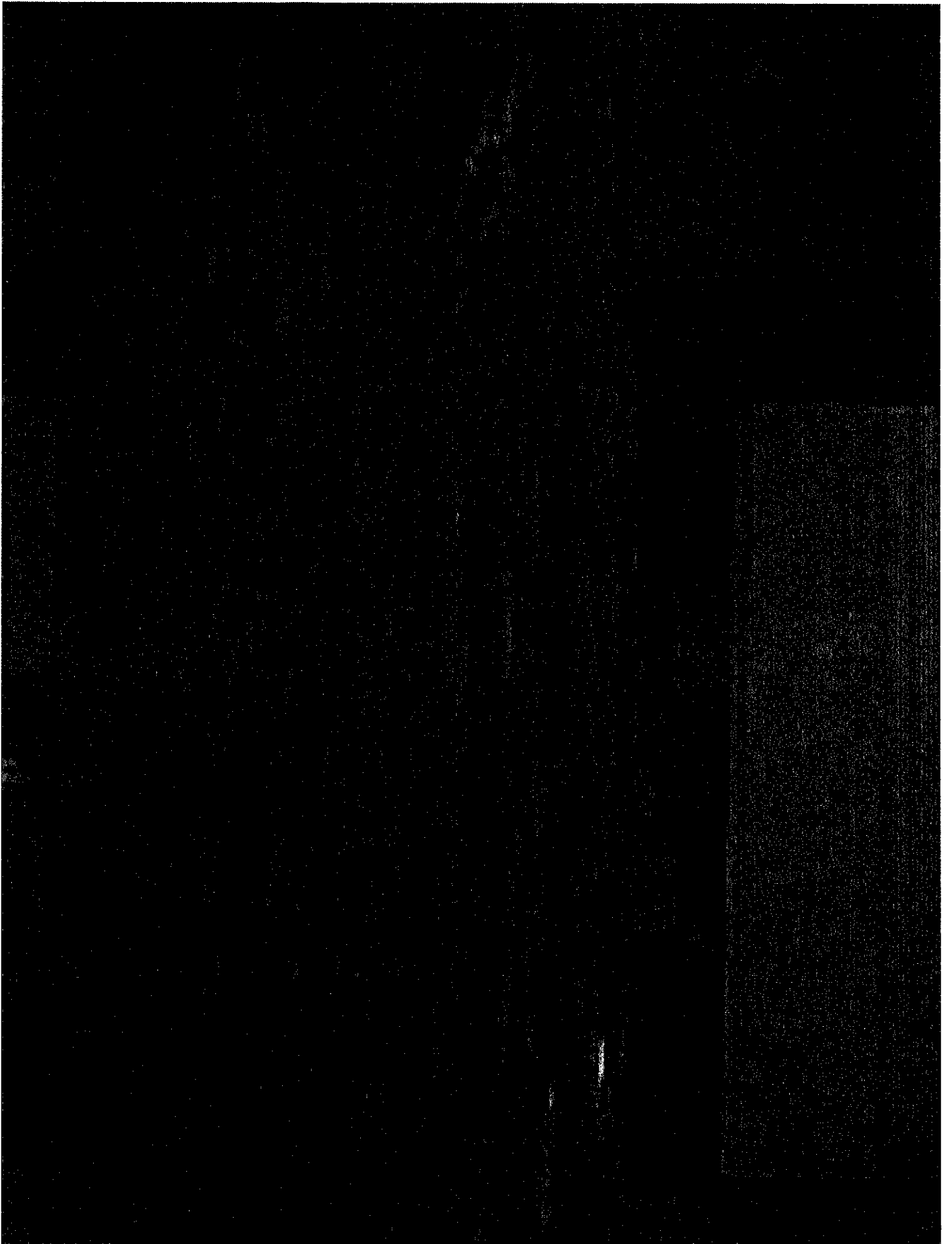
It's time to end the Vannucci injunction, putting the interests of us first.

It's time the Council represents us; it's time the Council instructs City legal counsel to get tough in court and stop the lawlessness and threats to our public health and safety.

Respectfully,

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From: Eva Quiroz <evarquiroz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 10:39 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Dear City of Santa Rosa Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members,

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Some examples of what I witness almost daily on my way to work.

First, I'm always worried that one day I'm going to accidentally hit a homeless person with my car, I have had to slam my brakes as they run across the street without regard to any of the cars driving by. It's very dangerous, and I simply don't want to hit anyone, yet I almost did a few times.

Secondly, I was in the Oliver's parking lot on Stony Point Road today, when two homeless individuals were walking side by side (no distancing or mask) openly talking about meeting someone that wanted to buy drugs from them, and were on their way to meet him. No filters, nothing to hide, they don't have to hide, as we have made open drug use okay, and the repercussions are devastating to say the least.

As an addict in recovery for 20 years, I am forever grateful I got clean when I did. Had I been out on the streets today as I was back in my drug induced life style I was living...I would be just one more you would have to worry about, and I'd be under one of those under passes today...I wouldn't be clean because by today's standards, I wouldn't have to get clean, or I'd be dead.

For those who suffer from mental, they should be in some form of mandatory mental health care. Period.

However, for the rest of my life I will be grateful to the court system. Police officers who were allowed to do their jobs and arrest me because I was breaking the law. Probation officers, Judges and long term treatment was what was offered to me, or prison, and guess what, it worked. We were held accountable for our actions and destructive behavior or were given one other choice. Jail. As it should be.

It's time to make some changes for the better of the community at large, the whole society. We need to stop being afraid to make the correct choices and hold those who are destroying our city accountable.

I am asking please do not use this virus as an excuse and allow the homeless to do as they please because it isn't an excuse. They should abide by the very same laws the rest of us follow,

You see, after 25 years of drug use, I now am a citizen that follows the law and respects it. I worked hard to accomplish this, I cannot sit back and watch the "house less" treat our city like a free for all garbage can, and be okay with it.

It's time to end the Vannucci injunction, putting the interests of us first.

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Eva Quiroz

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From: Allene Sims <allenejane@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 2:36 AM
To: Rohish.Lal@sonoma-county.org; _CityCouncilListPublic
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item 2.2 5/5/2020 Meeting

Dear City Council of Santa Rosa,

I am writing regarding Item 2.2 on the agenda for the Tuesday, May 5, 2020 meeting.

I am requesting that as a tax payer, home owner, and proud resident of Santa Rosa, that my voice be heard in regards to the homeless / addiction issue in this town.

The injunction that is currently in place has tied your hands for the most part, yet that injunction is due to expire at the end of June. We have grown tired with what is happening to our town, and are respectfully requesting action, and to take this opportunity to make long overdue changes!

I have nothing but sympathy for the people who are down on their luck, can't afford housing, and are struggling financially to the point of homelessness. But we cannot turn a blind eye to the fact that the majority of the homeless in this town are addicts, and are choosing to forgo responsibility to cater to their addicted lifestyles.

We as Santa Rosa citizens have worked tirelessly for what we have, and feel that as residents that we are not only entitled to a clean and safe place in our neighborhoods for our children to play, but that we also don't see our life's savings and investments dwindle due to plummeting property values because of the addiction and homeless issue, and also see our tax dollars go toward the choices of these individuals rather than the benefit of our own families. It IS unacceptable, and I do not believe for one second that that we should forgo our quality of living for theirs.

We are all residents of this beautiful town. The thought to leave permanently, echoed by family and friends become more common, with quite a few doing so is becoming more common.

There are homeless advocate groups in this area who continuously cater to the homeless, which under normal circumstances I would applaud, if these were just less fortunate folks. But these groups are enabling the addicted - providing them with tents to camp in our parks, needles, that are continuously left behind for our children to find, food, clothing, etc. This only negates motivation to seek help or sobriety. In fact, it has been documented that the addicted send messages far and wide to come settle here in Santa Rosa. Because the vagrancy is tolerated by police and city and officials, and they are provided with the essentials - and then some. This is a disgrace. And while there has been an injunction in place to avoid taking action on this issue, I certainly do not see how encouraging it is accepted.

The addicted have turned down assistance (other than hand outs) and shelter, time and time again. Yet we continue to allow them to litter our streets, destroy our parks, and drive out the hard working citizens. How much longer will we allow this?!

It's time to end the Vannucci injunction, putting the interests of the people who care about this town, first.

Respectfully,

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From: Becky Ankers <beccimac@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 8:56 AM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic; Rohish.Lal@sonoma-county.org
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vannucci injunction

Dear City of Santa Rosa Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing in regards to item 2.2 on the agenda for the Tuesday, May 5, 2020 meeting.

I am respectfully pleading with the Council to give, we the people of Santa Rosa consideration; the parents, children, homeowners, renters, taxpayers, business owners and visitors to our beautiful city, impacted over the past several years by the wide spread encampments of those living rough.

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Over time, these individuals, nearly always seeking freedom to buy, use, sell illegal drugs, including meth, heroin and fentanyl, have significantly impacted us here in our city.

It's time to end the Vannucci injunction, putting the of us, the tax paying citizens and families of our city, first.

It's time for the Council to represent us; it's time for the Council instructs the City legal counsel to get tough in the court and stop lawlessness and threats to our health and safety.

Respectfully,

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From: Patrick Rutten <pjrutten707@gmail.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Failure of Sam Jones Shelter - Rules Matter - Vannucci

To Whom It May Concern:

Shelters with no rules are nothing more than indoor tent cities for homeless. I have personal experience with a person who was given temporary food and shelter at the Redwood Gospel Mission but had to move out because of space requirement.

This man found a bed at Sam Jones but has been subjected to repeated harassment from the people who are ALLOWED to openly use drugs and alcohol. He is a former gang member, has served time in State penitentiary and is not a user of drugs or alcohol. His sole purpose in life is to establish a relationship with his daughter. He is trying to live a clean life but there are NO facilities for this man.

The County and City subsidies to Catholic Charities and Sam Jones is a mockery of the caring attitude displayed by homeless advocates and a slap in the face to taxpayers. A shelter with NO rules or treatment is useless! They are not safe facilities, and no better than any random homeless camp.

The Vannucci injunction is going to expire. The only decision any reasonable person would come to is that the unrestricted homeless camps need to be stopped. Vannucci can't be extended for any reason. Establish a camp that establishes the rule of law!

There is no justification for your support of any law that allows homeless camps to be set up anywhere they want. Doyle Park Drive was an abomination that should never have happened. The situation and Howarth Park is disgusting.

Anyone who supports shelters without rules is complicit in the ongoing addiction of the the homeless.

Thank you,

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From: Bryan Petrisko <bpetrisko@gmail.com>
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To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vannucci Injunction extension

Dear City County,

I understand that you are meeting to discuss extending the length of time we are bound by the Vannucci Injunction. I implore you not to extend it. Santa Rosa continues to spiral downward. I cannot comprehend how after driving around Santa Rosa that you would even *consider* extending the injunction!

Our city looks horrible! Law abiding citizens are sheltering at home and yet the homeless population is free to set up tents wherever that please. That's insanity.

It's not hyperbole to say that you are succeeding in killing off our downtown. Why would anyone want to go downtown? Would you want to walk from downtown to Railroad Square?

The "homeless advocates" are not part of the solution. They advocate for people to have the right to remain 'outside the system'. That does not help our city, or the homeless in the long term.

Please, look around... what you have been doing is not working. It is time to change.

Regards,
Bryan Petrisko
Resident of Santa Rosa