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Dear Sebastopol City Council,

I've been discussing this situation with a relative who works in the field with the homeless. They tell me that "the ones that go to encampments like that are the ones that don't want to follow rules in a shelter. There are beds available in Sonoma County...they just don't want to use them." The site is very close to the charter school. "The people in the encampment will be hanging out on the trail there. Tons of kids walk it, and that population will make it unsafe." Additionally, that part of the trail is super important to bicyclists and tourists. And, "if the encampment goes in there, the neighbors will be raided in a heartbeat."

Thank you again for your attention to this.

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**From:** Kayla Gold [REDACTED]  
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Dear Sebastopol City Council,

My fiancé lives on Gravenstein Highway next door to the proposed site of the RV Village Encampment.

I understand that you are looking for a solution and that you want to be helpful to people who are in hard times. However, I feel like he and I, along with all the other residents and businesses in the area, are absolutely being thrown under the bus. This will bring an element of danger to an otherwise lovely and friendly neighborhood. Now, young kids delight in feeding the goats in the field, diners enjoy outdoor dining at Mary's pizza, and people walking their dogs stop to chat, This will change the very nature of the neighborhood. I will feel extremely endangered going to my fiancé's house.

It seems to me you are prioritizing the needs of non-resident, unhoused people, who require services and resources from Sebastopol, above the basic safety of hard-working, peaceful, tax-paying citizens of Sebastopol who give back. How is this the right and moral thing to do?

If Saint Vincent de Paul has the funds to purchase a vacant lot for hundreds of thousands of dollars and if SAVS is willing to provide security and services, a better idea is to secure a location that is away from homes, schools and businesses.

I beg of you, **PLEASE** do not let this encampment move to 845 Gravenstein Highway. I don't believe it will ultimately help the unhoused. I do believe it will make that neighborhood brutal to be in and entirely unsafe.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Kayla Gold