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Hello,

My daughter is student at the Sebastopol Waldorf Charter school, which I understand is positioned 0.3 miles away from the proposed Homeless RV Village. As a Social Worker, who has spent many years working with homeless individuals, I understand the dire need for more resources and housing options for people. And I am in full support of having a location that is set aside for this purpose. That said I have grave concerns about the proximity of the RV village to my daughter's school.

In my experience, while many individuals who are homeless are not a direct threat to the safety of others, many encampments (sanctioned or otherwise) are rife with issues related to lack of sanitation and safety. I was told that the entrance to the village will share the entrance to the school, as such the proximity of the village to the school raises concerns for me about the safety of the children the campus to roam freely and to walk without fears of being harmed. As is often the case, unsanctioned encampments crop up near existing sanctioned shelters. This leads to uncontrolled spread of shelters into neighboring areas and increased police activity.

Placing the RV village this close to an elementary school not only affects the image of the school, which impacts enrollment (& funding) of new students, it also affects the quality of school life for existing children.

Please consider a location that will not encroach on a school community.

Thank you,
Katrina