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Council Members, thank you for your time and consideration.

My name is Ashley Nelson. Over the last year in which I have lived on Eddie Lane and operated a business on Morris Street, I have watched the RV encampment steadily gain residents, parking all the way up Johnson Street where there are no street lights. Furniture and trash spill onto the sidewalk and into the road. Last week when I was walking from my house to the Barlow, a man approached as I turned the bend in the road in front of the community center. He gestured towards a car and said his friend was sitting inside it. He said they could see me coming and that they liked the way I walk.

I believe that everyone should have a safe place to live, access to sanitation services and running water. At this juncture, I generally assume it is not safe for me to walk on Morris Street. Certainly not at night, but maybe not in the daytime either. I am scared that moving the encampment to the city-owned lot behind the community center is moving a problem just a short distance up the street without addressing the root causes.

While I think that the lot on Gravenstein Highway appears to be a better location, I am most interested in asking that the council take steps to prevent this type of situation from happening on Morris Street, Johnson Street, and Laguna Parkway in the future. I ask that you please amend parking laws and add street lights.

Thank you again for your time and consideration,

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