

Dear City Council of Sebastopol!

THANK YOU CHIEF KEVIN KILGORE and THE COMMITTEE on the UNHOUSED!!

I want to let you know that my neighbors and I are in support of the Recreational Vehicle Parking Ordinance.

This is a well written draft and comprehensive document.

I want you to know that as a long time citizen of Sebastopol I also travel, see and think outside the city limits. I see that what the City has been doing is not working.

I do not see any evidence that Sebastopol can support the current system of hosting transients as they appear on our City streets. We do not have the resources to support people who live on the streets in their vehicles. The streets do not have bathrooms, they do not have kitchens, they do not have individualized trash pick up, they are not meant for living. It is not safe for neighbors or the people in their vehicles.

Sebastopol City Council, please ask the County to use its large, multi-million dollar budget to address the root causes of homelessness such as drug addiction and mental illness. Please tell the County to create more mental health beds and more drug treatment beds. Many transients need medical care and addiction care, which they do not get by living in their cars.

Sebastopol City Council, please re-evaluate your plans, which are not sustainable for a small town like Sebastopol and create a cohesive plan with the County that will truly help people. Sebastopol has many, many transient resources such as the Sebastopol Inn, Park Village and Safe Parking at the Community Church. We have more resources than Windsor and Rohnert Park. Please think about the long-term and how we need to invest in our citizens and small businesses.

Sebastopol City Council, please Sebastopol do not put the City into a hole which we will not be able to get out from.

Sebastopol City Council, please start to see what is detrimental to our town and citizens. You are part of a compassionate community and we need your support and help.

Thank you for hearing our concerns.

Please, start to work towards a sustainable living in our town by adopting the RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING ORDINANCE.

Sincerely,
Isabel Wundsam