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**Mountain View City Council Meeting – June 11, 2024**

**Agenda Item 4.4 - Shelter Crisis Extension and Annual and One-Time Homeless Services Agreement**

**Mayor Showalter and City Council Members:**

I encourage the City to develop an actionable plan with sufficient funding to provide safe parking for all of those who are currently living in vehicles parked on the street. Although some safe parking is provided, we need more. The objective should be to not make it necessary for people to live on the streets. If we are going to allow unhoused families to live in vehicles, we have an obligation to provide safe and sanitary parking areas. There are about 250 children living in RVs in Mountain View and who attend our schools. The least the city could do is to develop safe and secure parking opportunities for everyone.

As shown on the map in Attachment 6, the majority of families living in vehicles are situated in the northeast quadrant of Mountain View. I have spoken with property owners and there are issues with sanitation and vandalism. I am not be critical of those who live in vehicles but only point out that living on the street is not a solution. I also point out that as much as the city talks about the economic vitality of downtown Mountain View, the northeast quadrant has many businesses that are important to our community. Having RVs parked in these areas detracts from the economic vitality of these businesses. The city would not have RVs parked in downtown Mountain View or in front of the houses of city council members.

This costs a tremendous amount of money and we need to reflect on how the direct and indirect costs of our safe parking program. We should not simply be renewing safe parking lease agreements every year or so unless we have a long range plan to continue the services at the existing parking lots and to secure safe parking areas for all of those who must live in RVs. Living on the street should only be temporary.

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