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I've appreciated the opportunity to work with you and City staff over the years to help provide services for all Mountain View residents – including those living in vehicles. Over the past year and a half, a County-City collaboration has allowed the pilot safe parking programs taking place in faith communities to move forward, and to serve dozens of community members.

Ideally, safe parking ensures vehicle residents a safe and designated place to park and pairs them with case management. While not a long-term solution, safe parking allows residents to have some stability in where they sleep each night while they seek permanent housing. To date, the County has already committed over \$750,000 in funding for safe parking programs around the County, which supports program administration, case management for clients, and the identification of new lots.

Under California Government Code 8698-8698.4, the County's shelter crisis declaration exempts County facilities from the Mobilehome Parks Act and the Mobilehome Residency Law, which allows the County to operate lots open for 24 hours. We are actively looking for private and public lots around the County to rent for safe parking use. When we find them, we will seek to open as many for 24-hour use as possible. We will also handle liability issues and contract with a qualified safe parking provider to operate the lots and facilitate case management (as we have in the past).

Thank you for considering renting some public lots to the County for use as 24-hour safe parking locations. This is an effort that no one agency can accomplish alone, and we appreciate the City's ongoing collaboration to find innovative solutions to serve all residents.

Sincerely,

S. Joseph Simitian
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