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Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilmembers,

Tonight's closed session offers an opportunity to review the needs of RV residents and the restrictions imposed by Measure C. I sincerely hope that you will seize the moment to find a reasonable and humane solution. Certainly the longterm solution is permanent affordable housing in sufficient supply that these resident neighbors are able to return to housing they have been priced out of. That is a future goal.

Thus a decision to negotiate with the plaintiffs' lawyers is in order. This decision to direct staff to thus negotiate might lead to an agreement that would eventually dismiss the lawsuit. That would certainly be a positive outcome.

A comprehensive review of the streets included in the Narrow Streets ordinance will reveal streets that could allow RV parking without causing distress of other residents. This would avoid RV residents being hounded out of the city and restore a semblance of dignity to them. Further, the need to require them to move their RVs every 72 hours would give semblance of stability and help relieve the fear of leaving their RVs would garner either a ticket or towing. Waste service could then be arranged by them. The possibility of finding work or returning to work would be increased if that fear was allayed.

Mountain View has done much to help some of our lower income residents but not enough. Further, much inequity remains for BIPOC residents. We should not shield our eyes from that reality.

Additionally, an act of fiscal prudence would be to lift the required signage needed to implement Measure C until the outcome shows where that signage belongs. Additional expense of removing signs would be not be incurred.

I recognize this matter is not an easy one nor is a lawsuit. I wish you good reasonable action.

Respectfully,

Joan MacDonald
