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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to adopt Citywide RV Permit Parking. In order to prevent future RV encampments, 3 hour parking limitations have been in discussion regarding Morris Street. I urge you to apply the same logic to the entirety of Sebastopol.

Sebastopol does not have the policing resources nor the public works resources to manage and control "Mini-Morris Streets" around our parks and in our neighborhoods.

As a working person and parent, I do not have time to manage an illegal RV encampment on my block. I do not want to have to negotiate trash, needles, off leash dogs, drug trafficking, petty theft and human feces - all of which have been documented on Morris Street over the last five years - as part of my daily work load.

Our parks should not become illegal RV encampments. They need to be places for children to play and for community recreation. Needles and human feces are dangerous to small children.

We know that if we do not have Citywide Permit Parking, that we will have more transient encampments around our parks and in our neighborhoods. We know this because Sebastopol currently has an entrenched RV encampment on Morris Street and additional transient camping throughout residential neighborhoods, on 116, on Covert Lane and around local parks. We have data and current examples to know that Sebastopol needs RV Permit Parking to prevent more entrenched illegal camping throughout the City.

Please be proactive and be advocates for your constituents, your neighbors, for working people, for parents, for families, and for Sebastopol's children. Make Sebastopol's neighborhoods and parks clean, safe and welcoming for children and their families. Enact Citywide RV Parking Permits today.

Thank you,  
Kate Haug