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Dear Sebastopol City Council-

I have heard that the City Council would like to open up a transient housing in a lot behind the community cultural center. And while I strongly agree the encampments need to be moved from Morris Street, I believe that if parking restrictions aren't placed on Morris, there is no motivation for the RVs to move. What is being suggested won't solve our current transient issues, it will simply enable more transients to come to our city.

Because Morris is industrial, it receives more RVs than others, but I have also seen RVs start to park next to Ives Park, Willard Libby Park and in our neighborhoods. Sebastopol is becoming a transient RV destination spot.

For any parking lot solution to work, we need to also enact a ban on RV overnight parking or establish a citywide RV parking permit program to prevent further RV encampments on city streets. This way, we know who is living in the RVs parked throughout our city, the RV owners are contributing to the community they're residing in, and the city has the ability to remove any RV that doesn't have a permit/waiver.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely-
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