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To: [City Council](#)
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Dear Sebastopol City Council,

We have heard that there may be possible action on removing the trailers on Morris Street. As you know we have been fighting for their removal for over 4 years and the situation has only worsened over those years. Our customers and employees do not feel safe to walk down Morris Street. I am happy that something is about to happen that will actually help our Sebastopol businesses who support our City with business taxes.

If the action is to move the trailers behind the Square-dancing house onto City owner property, there must be rules that have to be followed and sanitation services provided. This would satisfy the court order to provide a space for the trailers. Those who choose not to follow the rules could then be asked to leave.

I understand that there is State grant that will pay for this housing situation. If so, then we would support it. If more of our Sebastopol City tax money is going to be used, we would not. The taxpayers have a right to have city streets repaired, safe playgrounds for our children, and fire engines brought up to standards. We have already lost visitor taxes when the hotel was sold to provide housing. Since this action, our homeless problem has only worsened.

If this decision is made to relocate the trailers currently parked on Morris Street, then IMMEDIATELY, the east side of the street needs to be zoned 3-hour parking like the west side. Business owners should be allowed to apply for a permit for their employees to park longer during their work shifts leaving the parking in business lots for the customers. The trash receptacle, the porta-potty and handwashing stations need to be removed from Morris Street and our sidewalk needs to be given back to our Sebastopol residents.

Thank you,

Chip and Loretta Castleberry

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