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Hello,
Please read my comments below during open comment time.

Greetings city council members, And thank you for your public service.

My name is Jennifer Nassiri and I live in Mill Valley
A few months ago , after driving by the homeless encampment my good friend Kristen Vandivier decided to see how she could help the folks living there. She found LYNN MURPHY and asked her if a mediation course would be welcome there.
Lynn had a resounding YES! And we were thrilled.
The week after Thanksgiving Kristen and I spent a few hours a day for 8 days meeting with folks, getting to know them , and offering a mediation course. Several men and women were interested and the entire experience was profound for us to say the least. One woman commented with surprise “you’re not intimidated to be here”, “no, we are all humans doing the best we can” . Some of us have had more privilege and support than others.

Since that week, we have been back several times checking in on our new friends. We put the word out to our local community and have been overwhelmed with donations for our homeless neighbors, to help ease the suffering of living outside. A warm coat, a meal, a listening ear.

I am personally so very impressed with officer Lynn Murphy, the mental health liaison for SR police. Lets be real, we hear a lot of news about Police officers who abuse their position of power, But Lynn is AMAZING! Her heart is warm and her actions day after day show she truly cares about the community she serves. Lynn exudes a genuine interest for the well being of the men and women who live in tents , under the 101.

I commend every person engaged in direct action to house, feed and care for our most vulnerable neighbors.

Thank you for your time.