

Participation in city council meeting

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To: Distrib- City Clerk <City.Clerk@cityofsanrafael.org>

Hello,

My name is Jennifer Carter.

I plan to attend the City Council meeting on Feb 7th via Zoom and I'd like to participate for my 2 minutes.

Recently, 2 men from the homeless encampment under the freeway broke into the garage in my apartment building and bashed in my car windows.

The men were caught on our surveillance cameras and have been identified.

The police said that in today's climate they are forced to be soft on crime. I live in a gated apartment complex the is unfortunately located between the encampment and 7-11 on B street. Because 7-11 seems to be the hangout for the homeless who pass by our apartments, there has been many criminal activities in our complex.

I am hoping to talk about the problem with the people staying there committing crimes all over San Rafael.

I do not understand why the city is being soft on crime. If people want to have the encampment there, I believe that coming down on folks who are committed these crimes need to be held accountable and stopped. If they aren't I'm afraid they won't be deterred and it will continue to happen.

I work closely with the homeless and have found that most of the people I work with are choosing to stay unhoused. I also feel the encampment is enabling them and not helping them at all.

The case that was opened is still under investigation and the suspects have been identified. I was told the men may only be receiving a citation for vandalism. This feels insufficient.

I'd like to speak about my objections to the city being "soft on crime " in San Rafael and to voice my opinions about the encampment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm Regards,

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