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Subject: New rules regarding homers camped in parks

It seems to me this provides an open invitation to have the parks over run and therefore off limits from any practical perspective-for use by residents and families etc Secondly who is going to 24/7 monitor these very specific rules which sound thoughtful on paper, and humane, but will be impossible to enforce.

We will end up, just in a different location, with the type of encampment that grew up on its own in the parking lot under the freeway until it was moved and organized in a small space with security. Otherwise there was a drug table, grafitti, tons of collected items of all sorts, tons of trash, etc Basically a growing public nuisance.

It is interesting that other cities in Marin are not authorizing encampments and are struggling to not have them ruin the parks (ie Novato, Fairfax etc) They certainly aren't encouraged in Tiburon, Kentfield, Greenbrae, Corte Madera etc.

I dont think this plan will be good for the residents of San Rafael, of which I am one as well as running my therapy practice on Lincoln in San Rafael for decades.

My daughter and grand children also live in San Rafael.

Please do not adopt these unenforceable and not well thought thru regulations.

They do not deal with the hoarding, the fire risk, the drug use or the mental health issues which were problems in the last encampment before it was contained and policed 24/7 in a very small space not taking much of anything away from residents but some parking which sadly is still gone for commuters due to the homeless influx and issues. .

Sincerely yours,

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