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Agenda Item 12

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Dear Councilmembers,

I strongly urge you to adopt the resolution approving execution of the settlement agreement reached with the plaintiffs to provide a Safe Parking Permit Program for our Pacifica residents who are currently living in oversized vehicles, and approving an MOU with the Pacifica Resource Center for development and implementation of a Safe Parking Permit Program. The covid pandemic resulted in the loss of jobs and housing for many Pacificans and now is the time for the City of Pacifica to step up and support the Safe Parking Program for the benefit of the entire Pacifica community. The city needs to fund the program and we are very fortunate to have Anita Rees and the Pacifica Resource Center to run the program.

I also strongly urge you to NOT adopt a resolution authorizing a temporary, full-time community service officer position in the Police Department for unhoused liaison services and oversized vehicle ordinance enforcement. The tragic national events of the past several years have shown that this type of position anchored in a police department has no place in our communities and will not lead to the desired outcomes. I encourage you to recognize this is

not an appropriate role for police to have in Pacifica and to oppose this resolution.

Thank you very much.

Chaya Gordon

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Dear City Council Members and Staff,

Let me start by thanking you for developing a plan for a Pacifica Safe Parking Program. So much data has shown why this plan is so important and I appreciate the care you've taken to study all that. Surveys have shown that more than 75% of unhoused people here in Pacifica are former residents that were priced out of previous housing. Pacifica prides itself on compassion and care; that is not the kind of statistic that truly reflects our community values. We all want people to be able to live safely.

It's helpful to be able to look within San Mateo County and see the examples of how well Safe Parking Programs can work by including opportunities for rest, access to hygiene facilities, and wrap-around services. The help of these programs can assist unhoused people to find more permanent housing. The Programs are a benefit to everyone in the community, the unhoused and the larger community.

I therefore urge you to approve the settlement as suggested by the City Manager but urge the addition of two important points:

1. The Program should be fully funded by the City of Pacifica. The Pacifica Resource Center already provides many services in our City and will be managing this one. The City should be providing the funding. This is yet another way of showing our compassion as a City, and acknowledging that we are all interconnected.
2. The liaison position in the settlement is someone who would help connect program participants with other resources and is an important position. I strongly believe that this liaison position should not be a police officer. The City isn't funding this position, it's being funded by the American Rescue Plan with funds intended to help the unhoused. I think someone not part of the Police Department would be more effective in connecting with people and help make the position and the Program more successful.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these matters.

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From: [Christine Boles](#)
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Here is my statement from last night, minus the part I ad libbed at the beginning in response to Sean Geary.

I'm very glad to see this lawsuit come to an end with this settlement agreement. Thank you to the brave Pacificans who stood up for their rights and were willing to put their names to this effort.

I also wanted to thank Mayor Pro-Tem Bier and then Mayor Dierdre Martin for advocating for a Safe Parking program in conjunction with the parking restrictions from the very beginning.

I support the language of the settlement item 1, except for the statement that funding for the Safe Parking Permit Program will come from PRC and from the City. The lawsuit is against the city, not the PRC, and the city needs to fund the programs that are required as part of the settlement and not create an additional and undue financial burden for the Pacifica Resource Center.

Some of the 13 parking spaces identified are in the Coastal Zone. Can the City Attorney confirm whether or not a Development Permit is Required from the Coastal Commission?

I also want to question item 2, the hiring of new police staff. The plaintiffs did not ask for a police homeless liaison and there is often distrust of the police from the homeless community which may actually exacerbate the situation. I would suggest waiting to see if enforcement issues are a problem before committing this money for a year. I also think that using money from the American Rescue Act Plan seems inappropriate. According to the government's website these funds are supposed to be used to "**Address the negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency**; Replace lost public sector revenue; Provide premium pay for essential workers; and. Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure." We could certainly use the money for infrastructure!

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