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Subject: Fw: Houseless/motorhome parking issue on Phelps & Pacific Oaks
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Hi,

Can we enter this into the record for the Homelessness Issues Standing Committee?

Thanks,

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Mayor Perotte, Councilmembers:

We plan on attending Tuesday's meeting to participate in the discussion of houseless issues in Goleta, particularly in our neighborhood.

We were fortunate to buy our home on Cannon Green 25 years ago. We deeply feel the stress of the high cost of housing as our son and daughter-in-law, both born and raised here in Goleta, have decided to make their life in Oregon where they might someday be able to own a home.

We are very protective of our beautiful corner of Goleta. We live on the edge of both the North Campus Open Space and the Sperling Preserve. We are concerned with the growing population of RV and van dwellers along the dirt portion of Phelps for all the reasons you can imagine: decrepit RVs that don't look road worthy, noise, drug use, litter, and the sense that people feel they have the right to treat this part of town as a campground. We are also concerned with the growing amount of litter left behind and public urination (and worse) on the edge of protected open space. Our son lives outside Portland, and said "mom, this is how it starts".

I hate to say this, but left unchecked this will also impact property values.

I would like to suggest no overnight parking along Phelps, and perhaps Pacific Oaks, for RVs. If the RVs can't be parked on public streets between 7:30 am and 4:30 pm....they show up at 5

pm and then leave in the morning. That doesn't solve the problem of overnight parking. We challenge City staff to come to our neighborhood around 5:00 pm to see the RVs show up for the night. We also suggest a trip to our neighborhood on a weekend at any time.

I have attached a photo taken this Saturday of the red school bus that is a "frequent flyer" here. I honestly can't believe that I've been reduced to taking photos of other people without their knowledge, but how else do we give you a sense what we see here?

I am curious if UCSB had been engaged in this discussion as this is happening on the edge of their housing development?

Thank you for considering all potential solutions for our neighborhood. If we don't find a solution fast, this situation will only get orders of magnitude worse.

Sincerely,
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