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Hi Chuck,

Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to comment for the record. I might be unable to attend tonight's meeting in person.

There exists a disconnect with the Phelps Rd and Pacific Oaks overnight vehicles issue and whether this is a homeless or a parking problem. It is both.

I and my neighbors observe (and document) what is happening on these streets during the entirety of the day. We live here and it is going on outside our windows and front doors. These problems have been reported for years and the problem is escalating while law enforcement is minimal.

1. Many vehicles are itinerant travelers taking advantage of lax enforcement. We are on travel websites listed as a great place to camp for free. We endure their generators at all hours of the day, their trash, their parties and our neighborhood being degraded.
2. Many vehicles are used as homes that people commute to and from in reasonably nice vehicles. They are beating the high rents by living in a motorhome. They use the neighboring parks, our yards and open public space as their toilet.
3. Some motorhomes appear to have residents involved in shady practices - a sentry placed out front, multiple vehicles coming and going throughout the day. Loud and erratic and sometimes threatening behaviors.

SOLUTIONS

- Make these roads 3 hour only parking zones
- create neighborhood based parking passes

- enforce no sleeping in vehicles laws
- modify large vehicle parking laws
- prioritize Goleta resident's needs

In 2024 when Goleta's moves to elect a council member specific to the 4th District, solving this problem will be a huge determining factor to who this person is.

Thanks
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