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From: Kit & Malena Palin[SMTP:SAMHAIN.XXXI@GMAIL.COM]
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Dear Planning Commission,

I honestly wish we could help all of the homeless; but, in this case I have questions on how this is going to work:

Are we going to have to make sure that we have enough Home Insurance to cover the liability that could arise? Could we be sued if any of the folks we host commits a crime against our neighbors or community businesses?

Would any insurance company even insure us if they know we are willingly participating in this program?

Are we prepared to bare the extra expenses that would come with hosting a homeless family? Would there be any financial support from the city to offset these extra expenses?

Is the City prepared to go the distance, making sure that homeless kids stay in their schools until such time as they graduate, even if problems arise? In such a case, will the City provide support to the host family with conflict resolution? What happens to these children if the problem cannot be resolved?

How can we truly ease the minds of our neighbors, especially those with kids?

Is this, in fact, enabling this tragic crisis to merely disappear into backyards so that it is never dealt with properly?

Is the City prepared to continue to work on a permanent resolution for our homeless, or is it merely dumping the problem onto its unprepared citizens?

This is a tough issue. There are no easy fixes. To have these folks merely fade into backyard suburbia may not be in their best interests when their needs reflect permanent actions rather than a cycle of continual transition.

My feeling is that we must look further into providing real services that actually meet the needs of our homeless, and not pass ordinances that could be very problematic in the future.

Regards,

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