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Subject: Public comment submission from JC Mansfield
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Dear Homeless Strategies Workgroup:

I am submitting this comment on behalf of Jennifer Christine Mansfield of Bellingham, WA, who was not able to attend your September 11, 2020 meeting. I provided her with Cathy Halka's email so that she would know where to submit written comments in the future.

Regards,

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Here is Jennifer Christine Mansfield's 9/11/20 public comment:

I will not be able to attend, and I do not know what the policy is for speaking on behalf of someone who cannot attend-- maybe a written disclosure read by someone? Do you know how that works? Is there an email we send it to?

The point stressed would be the state moratorium on eviction. Seems like this would also apply to people whose habitation status is currently "homelessness" and as such, should be granted certain leniency in locations that do not obstruct pathways or cause any safety or health violations. In addition, if the cause for complaint is due to improper waste disposal, I would suggest that discreet sites that are maintained or frequented have a waste bin and pickup site in the area. The probable range should still reflect social distancing. Ideally, every church in our community with acreage or parking lot space should be asked for assistance by the city, ask by presentation or seminar introducing a toolkit for hosting a moderate camp site of up to 10 people on their lot as a congregation. Any church could do this with ease using the existing ordinance and adapting to fit Phase restrictions for social distancing. People could essentially be vetted into this as a program and/or waitlist through local providers (Opp Co, Homes Now, LMM, Interfaith, Family Promise) We need this extension and churches can help-- they have space, congregations of giving people who could help volunteer, and with a toolkit for setting up campsite in a simple operable manner, could assist vetted individuals by providing a temporary location to tent safely without being swept.

I would assist with this... if needed, as a volunteer citizen outreach provider. I can offer data collection to conduct assessment of risks and benefits if an official proposal is requested. Honestly, I think this would help, especially as colder months approach. Even if the group agrees and

only one church agrees on a trial run, this could set the stage for refining the idea and other churches may feel more confident to do the same. I have a contact in Seattle who really made this work. We have connections to help us troubleshoot issues.