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Good morning.

I am sending this email to confirm these points please be discussed and included by Dena Louise as I am unable to attend the meeting.

(I have asked Dena Louise or meeting host to please enter public comment below)

"The point is 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 (Karina O'Malley) who really made this work. We have connections to help us troubleshoot issues.

I will help in any way that I can to provide details for a plan or proposal if no one else jumps on it. Maybe the NW church that helped us in 2019 would be willing to assist. The idea is that a selection of vetted campers could potentially camp legally on church property. The more resources that are available to them (water, waste disposal, electricity, restroom access) the better, but not required. They just need a safe legal place to camp. They already ARE camping, but doing so in areas not designed or designated for legal camping, so a church hosting a designated legal place to camp is the goal. Also, add, citizens with property and school parking lots."

Thank you.

Reference for public comments request by JC Mansfield to be introduced for Homeless

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