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From: Penny Barrett <pennybarrett@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 12:30 PM
To: Council, City; Clerk, City
Subject: Safe Parking issue on the Sept. 14, 2020 City Council mtg
Attachments: Safe Parking ltr to City Council Members.docx

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Please distribute the attached letter to the City Council Members.

Thank you,

Penny Barrett

2 September 2020

Subject: Safe Parking at Geng Road Location for Sept. 14, 2020, Council Mtg.

Dear City Council Members,

I urge you – One-and-All – to take whatever steps are needed to open Safe Parking at the Geng Road facility most recently used by our Firefighters from Station #3. This County-supported project has the same focus – to temporarily house individuals while they are seeking permanent housing. As I understand it, all the City needs to do at this time is approve the lease of the Geng Road property (even if only for \$1) to the County of Santa Clara and they will provide the support resources.

Safe Parking is a cost-effective way of meeting the needs of households experiencing homelessness and moves people off streets and away from sleeping in neighborhoods.

Since Safe Parking is only a very small, temporary solution, we need to take the necessary steps to turn property already zoned for multi-family housing – like the former Fry's and the adjacent land -- into affordable housing so that people living in cars and RVs can transition from Safe Parking to Safe Affordable Homes! We don't need more commercial buildings. We need affordable housing for those who already work in Palo Alto. There are also ways to provide inexpensive, tiny homes while permanent housing is being built. We need to address this issue, as well.

We have the resources to satisfy both these needs. We need a City Council and a community with the heart to do both.

Thank you for caring enough to do the right thing.

Penny Barrett

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From: Clerk, City
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 3:55 PM
To: Penny Barrett; Council, City; Clerk, City
Subject: RE: Safe Parking issue on the Sept. 14, 2020 City Council mtg

Hi Penny, They all received this as it was addressed to their email addresses.

Thanks and have a great day.

B-

Beth Minor, City Clerk
City of Palo Alto
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301
(650)329-2379



From: Penny Barrett <pennybarrett@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 12:30 PM
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From: slevy@ccsce.com
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 2:48 PM
To: Angie Evans
Cc: Council, City; Fine, Adrian; DuBois, Tom; Kou, Lydia; Cormack, Alison; Filseth, Eric (Internal); Kniss, Liz (internal); Tanaka, Greg
Subject: Re: Comment on Item #9

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thanks Angie

On 2020-09-14 14:30, Angie Evans wrote:

Dear Mayor Fine and Palo Alto City Council members,

First I want to thank our city staff, who I'm sure have spent a lot of time working through this important pivot. Safe parking programs must be part of our housing approach, as we know that 31% of our unsheltered population became homeless after a loss of income. No safety net can save you when the rents are this high, least of all people with the lowest incomes.

Although the last homeless count only jumped 13% in Palo Alto, I believe that is because we push people into friendlier communities where RV and car dwellers can worry less about stiff parking regulations and stigma. But with over 300 people living unsheltered in our community who need resources in order to get back on their feet, it is our duty to aid people in their time of crisis. I look forward to seeing our city put resources toward a safe parking program that provides dignity to our neighbors on the street but know that our work is not done. As you all know, the success in Mountain View's program has in part been because they were able to find permanent, affordable housing for many of the participants. If we do not approve and build more housing at all income levels, this program will not be a stepping stone out of poverty, it will be a holding pattern. So as I applaud you, please know that it is because I hope you will see this as just one part of our affordability crisis.

Lastly, I think the public should be very aware that this program would cost the city nothing and in fact, we will likely earn money from leasing part of the lot. The County is providing the financial resources so we just need to provide the political will to change people's lives.

All my best,
Angie Evans
Crescent Park Mom

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From: John King <johnwadeking@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 1:06 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please Support Safe Parking at Geng Road Lot

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Dear Council- I am writing to you in support of Safe Parking at Geng Road.

This is a pressing and real solution to a sincere problem that the unhoused in Palo Alto, who are living in their cars and RV's, are in desperate need for a safe area to park and reside during a trying time for those folks.

I support Council Member Lydia Kou and Vice-Mayor Tom Dubois in their memo to find safe parking areas for cars and RV's.

Thank you for your consideration and leadership on this issue.

John W. King
724 Barron Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94306
650-483-2710

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From: Brie Linkenhoker <brieann@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please approve safe parking proposal at 2000 Geng Road

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Dear Palo Alto City Council Members,

I am a member of the vestry (church leadership) at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Palo Alto. My fellow church members and I have served homeless and underhoused residents of Palo Alto in volunteer work and church-based services with Hotel de Zink, LifeMoves, Project WeHOPE and the Ecumenical Hunger Program.

I am writing to you today to urge you to **approve the 24 hr safe parking space at 2000 Geng Road**. This pilot program is well designed and supported, and is desperately needed in our community. While we understand that there are other organizations nearby who may have concerns about the establishment of the safe parking space, we feel that the combination of dire local need, strong program design and experienced operational management should weight your decision towards approval.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brie Linkenhoker, Ph.D.
Vestry Member, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Palo Alto, CA

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From: Matt McDermott <matt@saint-marks.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe Parking

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Dear Council Members,

I heartily encourage the efforts of the city to support the homeless of our community, specifically in regards to developing a practical safe parking policy. Thank you for your attention to this real need.

With respect,

Rev. Matthew McDermott

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The Reverend Matthew McDermott
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
600 Colorado Ave
Palo Alto CA 94306

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From: Jeremy Siegel <jasiegel@pacbell.net>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 12:22 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe Parking

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Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to support the effort to provide safe parking at the proposed Geng Road site. Although not a current Palo Alto resident (but a past and now an adjacent resident) I'm proud of the actions taken in our area of the county — including your approval earlier this year of the Tier 1 framework for safe parking — to try and address some of the difficulties of those who forced to live in their vehicles on our streets. By approving the changes to allow Tier 3 operation on publicly owned land, as well as the lease to the county for a program already run, Palo Alto will join Mountain View and others in doing the right thing to help fellow citizens in this particular trying time of homelessness during a pandemic. Thanks for your consideration.

—Jeremy Siegel, Mountain View

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From: Mitch Mankin <mitch@siliconvalleyathome.org>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 11:40 AM
To: Council, City
Cc: Clerk, City; David Meyer; Shikada, Ed
Subject: Re: Item 9: Safe Parking Program
Attachments: SV@Home Letter - Safe Parking Program 9.14.20 - final.pdf

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Dear Mayor Fine, Vice Mayor DuBois, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou, and Tanaka,

Please find attached our letter on the Safe Parking item before you tonight. The letter is also included in plain text below.

Best,
Mitch Mankin
Policy and Advocacy Associate
Pronouns: he/him
(408) 780-8915
mitch@siliconvalleyathome.org



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Mayor Fine and City Councilmembers
City of Palo Alto
250 Hamilton Ave
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Dear Mayor Fine, Vice Mayor DuBois, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou, and Tanaka,

Re: Item 9 Safe Parking Ordinance and Lease with County

Having a secure place to live is essential for public health, safety, and welfare. During our current overlapping crises, the provision of safe parking has become even more urgent, with the threat of COVID, massive unemployment, and now our smoke filled skies. **On behalf of our members, SV@Home would like to express our support for the Safe Parking program proposed at 2000 Geng Road.**

The proposed site, operator, and structure of the Safe Parking program set it up for success. The already-existing kitchen, bathrooms, showers, and garages on-site make 2000 Geng Road an ideal choice for a well-resourced safe parking program.

Move Mountain View's model has been successful across the five Lots of Love sites in Mountain View, and we are confident that they will bring the same quality of service to this proposed site as well. We are particularly supportive of the choice to make the lot 24/7. As noted by the staff report, this choice eliminates the daily reappearance of RVs on city streets, allows vehicle residents to stay in place and limit exposure to COVID-19, and affords vehicle residents greater stability and security.

This ordinance and lease is an important step in the right direction. Moving forward, the Council should consider strategies to expand the city's safe parking capacity beyond 12 vehicles through the addition of other sites. When COVID-19 conditions improve, we are hopeful that the city's prior vision of safe parking at church lots can be realized. In addition, there may be other underutilized PF zoned properties that could host similar programs to the one proposed at 2000 Geng Road once this first program is off the ground.

Thank you to the Councilmembers, city and county staff, and nonprofit employees who have been working over the last year to make this program a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Meyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Meyer".

David Meyer
Director of Strategic Operations
SV@Home

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David Meyer
Director of Strategic Operations
SV@Home

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From: Mildred jones <mej5890@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 7:47 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe Parking

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As a Palo Alto resident, I support the safe parking proposal. It is one step toward addressing the problem.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mildred Jones

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From: jacqueline hea <heajch@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 3:00 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe Parking Initiative

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Dear City Council,

I am a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Palo Alto. I support the Safe Parking initiative. Safety, stability and sanitation are key to help transition individuals and families from living on the streets to a more permanent housing solution. It must be horrible to live with constant fear and doubt about whether you can stay where you are, whether ill may befall you.

We need to experiment to find solutions that work. I urge you to move forward with the Safe Parking initiative.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Hea

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From: Jim Fox <jimafox@pacbell.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 2:59 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: SUPPORT Safe Parking Initiative

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Dear Palo Alto City Council:

I am a long-time Palo Alto resident and voter.

I am concerned about the great need for housing in our community, which has led to large numbers of our fellow residents being forced to live in their cars or vans. This is an immediate, urgent problem that requires immediate action.

I strongly support the proposed changes to the city's safe parking ordinance and approval of a three-year lease of the City's Geng Road site to the County of Santa Clara for use as a 24x7 safe parking program for vehicle dwellers.

I urge you all to support these changes to the safe parking ordinance.

Sincerely,

Jim
650-856-6637 home
650-862-3567 cell

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From: Diane Guinta <diane.guinta@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 2:59 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe parking support

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Dear City Council Members,

As a former resident of Palo Alto (1990-2019) and a current member of the St. Mark's Palo Alto Episcopal church, I would like to voice my support for the safe parking proposal before you. It is really important to address the issue of homelessness in as many ways as possible. While this pilot program is a small step, many houses of worship are willing to follow with vehicle parking lot programs to help house our fellow Californians who are in dire straits.

It is time for all of us to do as much as possible to help our neighbors.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely yours,
Diane Guinta
Former Homeowner on Arbutus Ave. and Manchester Ct.

Diane Guinta
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Paul Milo <paul.milo2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 2:44 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe parking - PA City Council tomorrow night

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I highly urge the council to ***approve*** the proposal.

Regards,
Paul Milo
791 Encina Grande Dr.

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From: Susan Pines <susan@pines.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 2:27 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe Parking Proposal

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Hello City Council members,

I want to register my support for this proposal as it will help to meet the needs of our people, and help to keep folks safe while looking for permanent housing.

I am a 39 year resident of Palo Alto, and want to encourage more efforts to help the homeless in our community.

Regards,

Susan Pines
4109 Donald Dr, Palo Alto, CA 94306

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From: Joy Sleizer <joy.sleizer142@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: A chance to provide safe parking

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Dear Council,

I'm excited to read about the possibility of Palo Alto providing safe parking for those folks who are living in their vehicles. I think the location looks good with showers & bathroom facilities on the grounds. A long time coming & I urge you to vote YES on this.

I belong to 1st Presbyterian Church in Palo Alto & I remember when we offered our parking lot for overnight use some years ago & received hate mail for our offer. I hope this location will be less threatening to those folks who will certainly be opposed.

Thanks for your consideration!

Joy Sleizer

850 Webster St #706
Palo Alto, CA 94301
650-324-7425
650-353-4481 cell

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From: Susan Barkan <sabarkan@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 12:34 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe parking ordinance

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I hope you will approve a three-year lease on the city's Geng Road site for use as a safe place to park vehicles being used as homes. Most of those who live in their cars or RVs once lived in standard housing and were priced out by ever-increasing rents or medical expenses. Nearly all have jobs and/or children in local schools. I have lived in this area for over fifty years and dread the day when the only people who can live here are the super-rich and retirees like me who were able to buy a house on a teacher's salary. Some vehicle dwellers rent these homes, which cannot be moved every day, so I hope that they would be permitted to park there during the day as well as overnight.

Susan Barkan
Retired teacher
Castilleja School
Palo Alto

Sent from my iPad

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From: Melissa Woodburn <melissalynn.woodburn@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: approve tomorrow's parking program

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The dual crises of homelessness and COVID urgently requires a city response. I strongly support the proposed changes to the city's safe parking ordinance and approval of a three-year lease of the City's Geng Road site to the County of Santa Clara for use as a 24x7 safe parking program for vehicle dwellers.

Thank you,
-Melissa Kaganovsky, Palo Alto Resident

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From: Gail Thompson <Gail.thompson2018@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 8:18 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: safe parking for those living in RVs

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I support a safe parking program for those living in RVs. Many have worked towards establishing such a program for at least 10 years. City support is critical.

Gail Thompson
Palo Alto resident

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From: Kevin Ma <kevinma.sd@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 12:15 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Support for Agenda Item 9 (Safe Parking)

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Dear City Councilmembers,

As a Palo Alto tenant, I strongly support the Safe Parking ordinance and associated county lease. We all recognize the high costs of renting in this area, which is currently compounded by the pandemic and its financial impacts on many. Given the patchwork of eviction protections and the expected continuance of the pandemic for the foreseeable future, we're likely going to see an increase in homelessness, which may see an increase in RV residents. As such, we must provide a safe location for these members of our community. (as well as protect renters in general). The program in front of you provides them the stability to be able to find supportive housing, without the constant pressures of the three-day parking window or from police check-ups initiated by angry neighbors. And being able to isolate oneself is truly a life-or-death scenario, what with the pandemic and now the wildfire smoke.

We cannot shirk our responsibility to other cities. Let us be a leader and not condemn people to wander around the region.

Sincerely,
Kevin Ma

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From: Mary Ann Field <maryannfieldca@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: safe parking proposal support

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I urge the City of Palo Alto Council to pass the safe parking ordinance to approve a three-year lease of the City's Geng Road site to the County of Santa Clara for use as a 24x7 safe parking program for vehicle dwellers. People need a safe, healthy place to live. Many cannot afford a home.

Thank you, Mary Ann Field
Mountain View resident

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From: tgranoff@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe Parking

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Sincerely,
Tatiana Granoff
Los Altos

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From: James Phillips <jpphil76@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 12:11 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Geng Road site safe parking program for vehicle dwellers.

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Dear Palo Alto City Council Members,

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James Phillips

James Phillips
jpphil76@comcast.net
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Palo Alto, CA 94306

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From: Barbara Carlitz <barbara.carlitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 11:16 AM
To: lorig@stanford.edu
Cc: Council, City
Subject: Re: [village-members] Parking for Vehicle Dwellers--Letters needed

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Thanks, Kate! I just sent along a note of support to: City.Council@cityofPaloAlto.org
Hope others will as well....

Barbara Carlitz

On Sep 12, 2020, at 10:55 AM, Kate R Lorig <lorig@stanford.edu> wrote:

Since 2016, I have been trying to do something every day to help or country. Today's effort is close to home. On Monday the PA city council will vote on approving leasing land to the country to for the parking of vehicles being lived in by homeless families. PA has done little to help accommodate this growing problem. Below is the letter which I wrote to the PA city council. You do not have to live in PA to write. I am passing this along to friends who might want to support this issue and ask that if you agree, you also pass this along. Write your message to city.council@cityofpaloalto.org

Sat, Sep 12 at 10:44 AM

I strongly support the proposed changes to the city's safe parking ordinance and approval of a three-year lease of the City's Geng Road site to the County of Santa Clara for use as a 24x7 safe parking program for vehicle dwellers. This is a human and public health crisis that the Palo Alto needs to face rather than pushing off to other communities. All communities are in this together. Neither human suffering nor COVID-19 are restricted to geographic boundaries. Thanks for helping.

Kate Lorig
Professor Emerita
Stanford University School of Medicine

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From: Janet Constantinou <playmorej@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 12:04 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Parking for RVs

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Janet Constantinou

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From: Shirley Finfrock1 <samfinf@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 11:55 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Parking for Vehicle Dwellers

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This is long overdue, it is way past the time it should have gone into affect. I strongly support the proposed changes to the city's safe parking ordinance and approval of a three-year lease of the City's Geng Road site to the County of Santa Clara for use as a 24x7 safe parking program for vehicle dwellers. This is a human and public health crisis that the Palo Alto needs to face rather than pushing off to other communities. All communities are in this together. Neither human suffering nor COVID-19 are restricted to geographic boundaries. Thanks for helping.

Shirley Finfrock
Barron Park Resident for 48 years
and resident of Palo Alto for 51 3/4 years

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From: Margaret Weil <margaretweilpa@gmail.com>
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To: Council, City
Subject: Parking for Vehicle Dwellers

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I strongly support the proposed changes to the city's safe parking ordinance and approval of a three-year lease of the City's Geng Road site to the County of Santa Clara for use as a 24x7 safe parking program for vehicle dwellers. This is a human and public health crisis that the City of Palo Alto needs to face rather than pushing off to other communities. All communities are in this together. Neither human suffering nor COVID-19 are restricted to geographic boundaries. Thanks for helping.

Margaret and Curt Weil

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Margaret Weil
867 Lincoln Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301
650-323-7919
650-814-6562 (cell)

Baumb, Nelly

From: Barbara Carlitz <barbara.carlitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 11:14 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Yes to protected parking!

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I strongly support the proposed changes to the city's safe parking ordinance in order to approve a three-year lease of the City's Geng Road site to the County of Santa Clara for use as a safe parking program for vehicle dwellers. This is a human and public health crisis that the Palo Alto needs to face, as do all Bay Area Communities. We are in this together. Neither human suffering nor COVID-19 are restricted to geographic boundaries.

Thanks for helping.

Barbara Carlitz
2291 Ramona St.
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Baumb, Nelly

From: Mark Moragne <mwmoragne@mac.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 8:54 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe Parking Ordinance

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Dear Council,

The dual crises of homelessness and COVID urgently requires a city response. I strongly support the proposed changes to the city's safe parking ordinance and approval of a three-year lease of the City's Geng Road site to the County of Santa Clara for use as a 24x7 safe parking program for vehicle dwellers.

Sincerely,
Mark Moragne

Baumb, Nelly

From: Sheri Morrison <morrison.sheri@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 9:36 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe Parking ordinance

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I strongly support the proposed changes to the city's safe parking ordinance and approval of a three-year lease of the City's Geng Road site to the County of Santa Clara for use as a 24x7 safe parking program for vehicle dwellers.

This is a good start to a much needed solution to address the dual crises of homelessness and COVID-19. We need to act now!

Thanks,
Sheri Morrison
member, Congregation Etz Chayim, Palo Alto

Baumb, Nelly

From: Mary Beth Train <mbt3305@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 7:00 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe Parking Project on Geng Road - YES

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I am writing to ask your approval of the ordinance amendments to make the Safe Parking Project at the temporary fire station on Geng Road a reality.

I attended the neighborhood checkin a few weeks ago. The principals in the non-profit that would manage this project for up to 12 vehicles, probably RV's, now manage the two Safe Parking lots in Mountain View. They thought that this location would be especially helpful for these vehicle dwellers because there is a facility with showers, bathroom with plumbing, and a kitchen. The Palo Alto city staff who would be responsible for the program seemed enthusiastic as did the county people, including Supervisor Joe Simiitian.

I attend St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Colorado Avenue. Though I now live at Channing House, when I lived in my Palo Alto Eichler on Middlefield Road, I would sign up for supplying meals when it was St. Mark's turn to host Hotel De Zink (HDZ), operated by LifeMoves. The HDZ guests were mostly working adults. Most were local.

I think that the vehicle dwellers at the Safe Parking lot would be the same. They will also have supportive services by the non-profit, and the program would have oversight.

We like to think of Palo Alto as a supportive community. This is one way to be that. If finances match values, then this is a good use of any such resources the city might spend.

Thank you,

-- Mary Beth Train 850 Webster Street # 420, Palo Alto, CA 94301

Mary Beth Train - Home office phone 650-324-7346 *voice only, not text* -
mbt3305@yahoo.com

Baumb, Nelly

From: Nikky Wood <nikky@saint-marks.com>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 4:40 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe Parking

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Dear Palo Alto City Council,

I write to you as a priest of a Palo Alto church, urging you to pass the safe parking initiative. Shelter is a basic human need, and while I wish we had better solutions available than people sleeping in their cars or using RVs as full-time homes, at the very least these folks should be able to park safely. This seems to me to be such a bare minimum proposition. These cars/RVs are going to be parked somewhere. They are our neighbors and part of our community. By all means, why not have a place with oversight and services available? We ought to be providing so much more for the unhoused population of this city. Please vote in favor of this measure.

Respectfully,
The Rev. Nikky Wood

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The Rev. Nikky Wood
Associate Rector, St. Mark's Episcopal Church
she/her/hers
I work Sundays and Tues - Fri
saint-marks.com

Baumb, Nelly

From: Judy Rattner <judyrattner@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 4:27 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe parking ordinance

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To the Members of the City Council,

The dual crises of homelessness and COVID urgently requires a city response. I strongly support the proposed changes to the city's safe parking ordinance and approval of a three-year lease of the City's Geng Road site to the County of Santa Clara for use as a 24x7 safe parking program for vehicle dwellers.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter and for your service to our city.

Judy Rattner

Baumb, Nelly

From: Liz Russell <efrussell@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe parking program

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Dear Council Members,

Palo Alto really needs to step up to the plate on the issues of homelessness and COVID. Please know that I strongly support the proposed changes to the city's safe parking ordinance to allow a 3-year lease of the Geng Road site to the county to be used as a 24/7 safe parking program for people who live in their vehicles.

Elizabeth F. Russell

Baumb, Nelly

From: Sara Selis <sara.selis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please support overnight parking program for unhoused residents

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To the Palo Alto City Council-

The dual crises of homelessness and COVID urgently requires a city response. I strongly support the proposed changes to the city's safe parking ordinance and approval of a three-year lease of the City's Geng Road site to the County of Santa Clara for use as a 24x7 safe parking program for vehicle dwellers.

Please support this program with all the resources it needs, with hopes to make this a model for other places in the Bay Area and around the U.S.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sara Selis
a member of Etz Chayim Congregation, Palo Alto

Baumb, Nelly

From: Anne Callahan <tanteanne.callahan@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 2:05 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe Parking - Geng Road

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I understand that at this Monday's meeting you will be discussing the proposal to establish a safe parking site for up to 10 vehicles at 2000 Geng Road. I URGE YOU TO APPROVE IT!

Based on the report by Rachael Tanner and Supervisor Simitian's support for the project, I can't imagine there's a good reason not to adopt this immediately. I have met with the MV organization proposed to oversee operation of the site and they are well regarded and well equipped to make this happen. And given the many uncertainties we're facing due to the pandemic effects of unemployment, closing businesses and, at some point, phasing out of eviction protections, our unsheltered population is only going to increase. This is a logical and safe first step.

Thank you,

Anne Callahan
Downtown North PA

Baumb, Nelly

From: Harvey Alcabes <harvey@alcabes.com>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: safe parking program at Geng Road site

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Thanks.

--Harvey Alcabes
3766 Cass Way
Palo Alto, CA 94306

Baumb, Nelly

From: Elizabeth Ratner <eratner@pacbell.net>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 12:14 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: David Bergen
Subject: Safe Parking Ordinance and Geng Road Lease

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Dear City Council members:

The crises of homelessness and COVID urgently requires a city response. I strongly support the changes proposed to the city's safe parking ordinance and the approval of a three-year lease of the City's Geng Road site to the County of Santa Clara for use as a 24x7 safe parking program for vehicle dwellers.

Lisa Ratner
Palo Alto

Baumb, Nelly

From: Mordecai bH <mordecai.bh@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 10:17 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Parking for vehicle dwellers

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Too many members of our community are struggling with environmental, financial, and employment issues beyond their ability to control and are needlessly suffering. They desperately require our help so I strongly support the proposed changes to the city's safe parking ordinance and approval of a three-year lease of the City's Geng Road site to the County of Santa Clara for use as a 24x7 safe parking program for vehicle dwellers.

Baumb, Nelly

From: Ellen Bob <ellenbob@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 9:45 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: I support leasing Geng Road Parking Lot to the County.

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We need to do something to support people sleeping in their cars and vans. I strongly support the proposed changes to the city's safe parking ordinance and approval of a three-year lease of the City's Geng Road site to the County of Santa Clara for use as a 24x7 safe parking program for vehicle dwellers

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ellen bob
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Palo Alto, CA 94306
650.493.5942

Baumb, Nelly

From: Rita Giles <ritalgiles@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 9:09 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe Parking Ordinance and Lease with County

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The dual crises of homelessness and COVID urgently requires a city response.

I am a member of Palo Alto Congregation Etz Chayim and I strongly support the proposed changes to the city's safe parking ordinance and approval of a three-year lease of the City's Geng Road site to the County of Santa Clara for use as a 24x7 safe parking program for vehicle dwellers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rita L Giles

Baumb, Nelly

From: Pat Kinney <pkkinney@ix.netcom.com>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 9:04 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please support the safe parking area at next week's council meeting

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Dear Council,

At next Monday's meeting, please support establishing a safe parking area for unsheltered individuals living in cars or RVs. The site being considered is ideal and represents a pilot program that could pave the way for additional options. We appreciate very much all the thought and planning that has gone into this proposal.

Pat Kinney
Elder, First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto, on behalf of our Social Justice Ministry

Baumb, Nelly

From: Randi Brenowitz <rsbrenowitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 8:30 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Safe Parking

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### **Randi S. Brenowitz**

International Chair, Melton School

H: 650.856.3161

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## Baumb, Nelly

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**From:** David Bergen <david.bergen@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2020 3:14 PM  
**To:** Council, City  
**Subject:** I support safe parking on city land, including Geng Road

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To the Palo Alto City Council,

The dual crises of homelessness and COVID urgently requires a city response. As a Palo Alto resident, I strongly support the proposed changes to the city's safe parking ordinance and approval of a three-year lease of the City's Geng Road site to the County of Santa Clara for use as a 24x7 safe parking program for vehicle dwellers. I strongly urge you to approve this proposal at the Sept. 14 council meeting.

Sincerely,

David Bergen

## Baumb, Nelly

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**From:** Emily Young <emilyjeanyoung@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2020 10:21 AM  
**To:** Council, City  
**Subject:** Safe parking lot on Geng road

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Dear Council,

I support the three year lease for the safe parking lot and program on Geng Road. We are in a terrible crisis for the homeless right now with COVID-19 and the lack of affordable housing. I support providing a place 24/7 for people to park their cars and remain safe in them. The Mountain View program which would assist folks at Geng is commendable and can provide immediate help for people who are in dire need at this time.

Thank you in advance for your help and support in this matter. I also hope the council will be supportive of longer term housing construction and help in future.

Sincerely, Emily Young

Resident of Palo Alto

Sent from my iPhone

## Baumb, Nelly

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**From:** Emily Lacroix <elacroix92@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 9, 2020 7:04 PM  
**To:** Council, City  
**Subject:** Safe Parking Initiative

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Hello Palo Alto City Council,

I hope you are all well and maintaining morale during these strange and trying times.

I'm unable to call into the city council meeting scheduled for next Monday, September 14. However, I wanted to express support for the safe parking ordinance and lease with the county and encourage you all to support the initiative as well.

Fixing the root causes of homelessness is obviously important, but until those root causes are addressed, those who are living in cars and RVs in our community deserve the safest possible living space.

I'm heartened that the council is discussing this ordinance, and I am hopeful that Palo Alto will do the right thing here.

Best,  
Emily Lacroix

## Baumb, Nelly

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**From:** Pat Kinney <pkkinney@ix.netcom.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 9, 2020 4:08 PM  
**To:** Council, City  
**Subject:** Please approve the proposal for a safe parking area for unsheltered individuals

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Dear Council Members,

At your 9/14 meeting, please vote to establish a safe parking area for unsheltered individuals living in cars or RVs. The site being considered is ideal and this pilot program could pave the way for additional options.

Thank you,  
Patricia Kinney  
689 Wildwood Lane  
Palo Alto, CA 94303

## Baumb, Nelly

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**From:** Human Relations Commission  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 9, 2020 1:05 PM  
**To:** Council, City  
**Subject:** Letter from the HRC - Safe Parking Program - Council Agenda 9-14-20 #9

September 8, 2020

Dear Mayor Fine, Vice Mayor DuBois and Council Members,

The Palo Alto Human Relations Commission voted unanimously on Sept. 2nd to support the Palo Alto Safe Parking program, which would include the City Council approving the Safe Parking lot ordinance to allow 24/7 parking and approve the leasing agreement between the city and the county. This Safe Parking lot program has been well vetted by the Planning and Development Services Dept. and County Supervisor Simitian's office. A similar program with the same management team, Lots of Love, has run successfully in Mountain View serving 60 vehicles.

The lack of housing options for the unhoused and for vehicle dwellers is a constant concern for our community. The COVID crisis increases the ever present challenge for secure housing. The threat of evictions in this economic uncertainty compounds the problem..

HRC Commissioners, Kaloma Smith, Steven Lee and Patti Regehr have participated in Safe Parking lot meetings with staff, county, and community members. We understand the proposal to be beneficial. In the latest Santa Clara County Homeless Census, in which 9,706 homeless people were counted, 18% of unhoused county residents were found to be living in vehicles compared to 8% in 2017. In Mountain View and Palo Alto there are hundreds of community members living in cars and other vehicles The Safe Parking Lot program provides community members living in vehicles a designated location with greater security, social services, and help in finding permanent housing that they can afford.

Palo Alto Safe Parking lot at 900 Geng Road will provide:

- Short -term safe parking for 12 vehicles
- Showers
- Kitchen facilities
- Opportunity for a good night's sleep
- Social services
- Help in finding permanent housing

In our work plan for FY 2020 the HRC included housing and homelessness issues. One goal was to collaborate with the county to identify needs and create joint strategies. We are committed to this plan and hope we can work with the Council to extend our finding and efforts for Safe Parking in Palo Alto.

Sincerely,

Valerie Stinger and Patti Regehr  
For the Palo Alto Human Relations Commission

## Baumb, Nelly

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**From:** Rachel Horst <rach.horst@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 3:47 PM  
**To:** Council, City  
**Subject:** Safe Parking Ordinance and Lease with County (11513) - support

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Dear Palo Alto City Council,

As a resident of a neighboring jurisdiction and a housing advocate, I strongly support the changes to the City of Palo Alto's safe parking ordinance and approval of a three-year lease of the City's Geng Rd. site to the County of Santa Clara for use as a 24/7 safe parking program for vehicle dwellers.

This is an example of excellent city-county collaboration, which is urgently needed during our multiple ongoing public health crises of COVID-19, homelessness, and now poor air quality. We must do everything we can to create more paths to permanent housing for our neighbors in need. I hope that other jurisdictions will follow your lead.

Best wishes,  
Rachel Horst  
Menlo Park

## Baumb, Nelly

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**From:** Daniel Hoffer <dmh@dmhoffer.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 1:36 PM  
**To:** Council, City  
**Subject:** City response to homelessness and Covid

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The dual crises of homelessness and COVID urgently requires a city response. I strongly support the proposed changes to the city's safe parking ordinance and approval of a three-year lease of the City's Geng Road site to the County of Santa Clara for use as a 24x7 safe parking program for vehicle dwellers.

Thanks,

Dan

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"Your legacy is every life you touch." -- Maya Angelou

## Baumb, Nelly

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**From:** Kathleen Richter <kathleen.writer.editor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 1:15 PM  
**To:** Council, City  
**Subject:** Supporting unhoused individuals is good for all!

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Hello,

I am a resident of Palo Alto, and I'd like to express my support for expanding the pilot program to have safe parking spaces for unhoused individuals.

Though I live in Palo Alto, I work in Marin County in COVID response for unoused individuals. Through [project roomkey](#), we've been able to house chronically homeless individuals, and improve the lives of community members who have had a lot of trauma. It's been very gratifying to see people who have gone through a lot of trauma change when they have their basic needs met, and when they start to feel safe.

Right now is a very stressful time--with the COVID pandemic, and wildfires, and economic hardship attacking citizens left and right. In this time we need to be kind to each other, support each other, and otherwise be good to each other.

I applaud that this pilot program exists, and I voice my support for its continued existence.

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**Kat Richter, MPH**

Communications Chair

Community Health Planning and Policy Development Section | APHA

## Baumb, Nelly

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**From:** Gretchen Wol <gretchen\_wol@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 12, 2020 10:44 AM  
**To:** Council, City  
**Subject:** Housing for Vehicle Dwellers

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I strongly support the proposed changes to the city's safe parking ordinance and approval of a three-year lease of the City's Geng Road site to the County of Santa Clara for use as a 24x7 safe parking program for vehicle dwellers. This is a human and public health crisis that the Palo Alto needs to face rather than pushing off to other communities. All communities are in this together. Neither human suffering or COVID-19 are restricted to geographic boundaries. Thanks for helping.

Kate Lorig

## Baumb, Nelly

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**From:** Eric Stietzel <eric.stietzel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 12, 2020 11:41 AM  
**To:** Council, City

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As a long-time Palo Alto resident I am very much in favor of the proposed changes to the city's safe parking ordinance allowing for the approval of a three-year lease of the City's Geng Road site to the County of Santa Clara for use as a 24/7 safe parking program for vehicle dwellers. Palo Alto needs to set an example in the face of this is a human and public health crisis rather than playing ostrich and expecting other communities to solve the problem. All communities are in this together, and we have the resources on Geng road to contribute to a solution. Neither human suffering nor COVID-19 are restricted to geographic boundaries. The evidence suggests that COVID-19 is likely to be less of a problem eventually, but that same history suggests that human suffering is not likely to stop any time soon. I hope the Council will allow the city to stand up as an example for other municipalities to be humane. Thank you in advance for taking this first step.

Peace, Love, and Joy,

Eric Stietzel  
239 Whitclem Court (since 1970)  
94306

We do not "come into" this world;  
we come out of it, as leaves from a tree.

As the ocean "waves,"  
the universe "peoples."

Every individual is an expression  
of the whole realm of nature,  
a unique action of the total universe.

*Alan W. Watts*