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Dear Sir or Madam:

I've been a parishioner at Throop Unitarian Universalist church for about fifteen years. I have served on various committees in the congregation as well. I am not now nor have I ever been a resident of the city of Pasadena. I **have** spent many hours in the city, though; at two churches, the library, various stores, the Paseo, parks, bookstores, theaters and eateries.

In my many years as a volunteer in the Throop kitchen and the gardens, I attest that our congregation has had dealings directly with the unhoused population. When we had our social hours in Throop Hall, some folks would wander in, and get food and drink and a place to relax and feel human for a while. As the housing and Covid and economic situations have become more dire, we have had people camping out on our property and in the bus stop adjacent to the West side of our campus. I do not fault these people, I believe as many good Christian folks do that, "there but for the grace of God, go I..."

I appeal to the kindness and humanity in your hearts to make a place for the many local folks in need of a place to lay their heads.

Thank you for your kind attention,
Clara Aburto
Volunteer gardener, Throop Memorial UU Church

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