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From the Pasadena Star-News:

"At its Aug. 28 meeting, the council will hear the first reading of an ordinance that will expand the areas of Pasadena zoned for emergency shelters, low barrier navigation centers, safe parking sites..."

Earlier, I heard the council was considering adding the Gold Line Sierra Madre Villa station parking structure to the list of potential homeless camping sites.

That would be incredibly stupid. Homeless people, drug users, dealers, and mentally ill people have already ruined the gold line train and made it unsafe to use. I used to commute from Pasadena to USC via the trains, but finally could take it no more because of one too many dangerous encounters with homeless people permanently camped out on board the train.

Now the council is considering handing over the parking structure to them, too?

Enough is enough. Homelessness IS a difficult problem, but the "solutions" cannot include turning over more and more of our city to that population.

Here's a thought: let them camp on the multi-million dollar 1-mile bike lane you've just installed on the once efficient and convenient Union Street. Or better yet, allow them to camp under the sheltered dome of City Hall.

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

Please allow safe parking in residential zones with a cap of 2-3 programs for the whole city.

At the June 12 meeting, it was decided to allow safe parking at all church sites with a minor conditional use permit in nonresidential zones. While this is a welcome expansion from the previous situation in which no safe parking has been allowed anywhere in the city, it does not cover the sites where there are churches who actually want to have a safe parking program.

Trinity Lutheran has a safe parking program now. They are operating under a temporary conditional use permit. The new ordinance only legalizes half of their parking lot since the other half is in a residential zone.

Pasadena Church has two sites, both in residential zones. This church would like to offer safe parking at its 404 E. Washington site which is right across the street from Friends In Deed. The church already serves two hot meals per week out of that site, so it is a perfect site for safe parking.

Perhaps when the council revisits the ordinance in 6 months, or maybe even tonight, the allowed sites for safe parking could be extended to include residential zones with a cap of 2 or 3 programs for the city. Maybe that would be a good compromise that would allow Pasadena Church to have a program and Trinity to be able to use its whole parking lot.

Rev. Bert Newton

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