

# CORRESPONDENCE

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**From:** Jenna Cobb  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 7:14 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Re: September 9th, 2024 City Council "Study Session" on the Implications of the Grants Pass Decision, etc.

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Dear Pasadena Mayor Gordo, City Council Members, and City Manager Marquez,

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Sweeping encampments is not a solution to homelessness; it exacerbates the problem. Persons experiencing homelessness have reported losing life-saving items due to encampment sweeps, such as medication, blankets, warm clothing, as well as ID cards and other important documents. Current enforcement policies and ordinances, such as Los Angeles City's 41.18 Anti-Camping Ordinance, have yielded mixed results in reducing homelessness, homeless encampments, and other unhoused dwellings.

This is a crucial moment for the City of Pasadena; the September 9th, 2024 meeting is critical in determining how our city will treat its most vulnerable residents. Due to the devastating effects of these enforcement-based policies, I urge the City Council to take the following actions on Monday:

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Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Jenna Cobb

Resident of District 2

Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo  
Pasadena City Council Members

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Dear Pasadena Mayor Gordo, City Council Members, and City Manager Marquez,  
I am proud of our city for reducing our homeless count by over 50% in the past decade or so. We have set an example that other cities should emulate. Just this summer, our city opened up Heritage Square South, which will house 69 unhoused seniors. We know what it takes to end homelessness, and that's housing.

Sadly, the recent Supreme Court ruling on Grants Pass will put pressure on cities like Pasadena to be "tough" on homelessness and arrest or fine our unhoused neighbors, even though we know that this approach doesn't work.

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Sincerely,  
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District 1

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**From:** Denise Robb  
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