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CITY COUNCIL

Dear Neighbor,

On Monday night, the Council held a public hearing on a Safe Parking location at All Saints Church. While Vice Mayor Rivas, Councilmember Lyon, and I urged sensitivity to the concerns of nearby neighbors, we also cited the clear

evidence: the only other safe parking location in the city at Trinity Lutheran has had zero police complaints in the five years it's operated. Nonetheless, a minority of Councilmembers blocked

approval on a technicality. That leaves unhoused individuals and families living in their cars in Pasadena trying tonight to find a safe place to park. **Those without cars are left to sleep out in the rain**

because our bad weather shelter doesn't open for another three weeks.

If there was one takeaway from Monday's meeting, it's that Pasadena is in a state of emergency when it comes to our unhoused community. **The ideal time to act was decades ago, the necessary time to act is NOW.**

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