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# Public Comment for Planning Commission Meeting on May 27, 2020

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<b>Meeting Date</b>	May 27, 2020
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<b>Agenda Item Number</b>	6B
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<b>Name</b>	Rev. Sharon M. Ruff Richter
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<b>State</b>	CA
<b>Zip Code</b>	91106
<b>Comments</b>	<p>I am Pastor Sharon Richter, serving Trinity Lutheran Church in Pasadena. Trinity has operated a food bank for 30 years and we have seen homelessness grow into a social tragedy. With COVID-19 job losses, homelessness is growing rapidly. We would like to offer overnight “safe parking,” with indoor bathrooms, showers, and breakfasts for permitted, vetted, and supervised individuals receiving social services. But this is not allowed in Pasadena.</p> <p>People can sleep in the open, in the rain, and in our doorway, but they cannot sleep in their cars. This makes no sense.</p> <p>We understand why homeowners do not want them sleeping on residential streets—fear of trash, noise, and rowdy behavior (although we have not witnessed any of that among people in their cars). But we do not understand Pasadena’s failure to permit a well-managed, strictly controlled, supervised program on private church property, WITH access to bathrooms, showers, and breakfasts. Los Angeles and Santa Barbara have well-managed programs that are incident free.</p> <p>Please help us to help these people, many of whom have jobs or some income, but no place to live. Please permit a Safe Parking program in Pasadena.</p>
<b>I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting.</b>	Yes
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