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Dear Hearing Officer:

It was with deep regret that while attending a City Council meeting, that I learned that Pasadena has had unresolved problems with a homeless population for over twenty years. Instead of striving to remedy this problem, they happily proposed a short term "solution," that not only continues the homeless problem, but increases it with the taxpayers' money. There has been more crime, excrement and urine on and at our building's property, roaming bands of homeless and numerous arrests since the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church began it's cold weather shelter. It's been stated on various Pasadena websites that there is an increase in crime in Bungalow Haven, that coincided with it's opening.

Having just read a news article about a cocaine selling vehicle parked next to a homeless encampment, I am horrified at the thought of "safe" parking for whomever, while the women in our building no longer feel safe to walk alone in our neighborhood. We pay the taxes that are being used to make our neighborhood into another Skid Row.

My husband, David Nunley, and I discuss this issue intently and are sincerely disappointed that our City Council is so unrealistic and unproductive. It seems as if they'd would joyfully put a Bandaid on a amputation and rejoice about a job well done. With the drug use I've witnessed, why would anyone want to raise children here?

Sincerely,

Theresa Lynn Prevatil