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To whom it may concern:

I write to express my strong support for the Safe Parking Program hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church.

I am a long time member of Trinity Lutheran Church and I strongly believe that the Safe Parking Program is a part of a permanent solution to many of the issues that come with having an unhoused population in our community. The fact of the matter is that there are unhoused folks who live in Pasadena and in order to alleviate some of the issues caused by that, we must support programs that will actually make a positive and permanent difference.

Every Safe Parking guest is a Pasadena area resident who has lost their home and is living in their car. Every Parker is thoroughly vetted by the Foothill Unity Center. Every Parker has a case manager and are supported by a myriad of professionals, including job counselors, physical and mental care professionals, financial counselors, and connection with resources in our community. These individuals have been granted permission to park overnight in the Trinity parking lot where they have access to bathrooms and power outlets to charge electronic devices. With this supportive environment, these unhoused individuals are able to obtain and hold down jobs and, with the help of their case manager, are able to navigate the process of obtaining permanent housing.

A security service comes twice nightly to ensure that only the vetted Safe Parking guests are on the property. In the Santa Barbara Safe Parking program, which has approximately 20 Safe Parking sites, and has been supported by the City of Santa Barbara since 2004, two volunteers visit each of the sites each night and have not had problems. Full time security is not needed for the Safe Parking program at Trinity.

Through this Safe Parking program at Trinity, seven individuals have transitioned to permanent housing.

Unhoused individuals are part of our community – if you want to be part of making a positive and permanent difference in alleviating that fact, please support the Safe Parking Program hosted at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Thank you and respectfully,

Nancy Schmieder