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To: [Mary Gourley](#); [Rebecca Mansour](#); [Alan Montes](#); [Kari Svanstrom](#)
Subject: Letter for 8/25/20 Planning Commission Meeting
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Dear Mary, Kari and Alan,

Can I submit this letter to the other commissioners to you for the next meeting? I'm not sure if this is a public comment or how to classify it. I'll leave that to you.

Letter below...

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Dear Commissioners, Director Svanstrom and Associate Director Montes,

I am writing today as I would like to encourage the City Council and/or the Planning Commission to activate the Housing Committee to promote in-fill building within Sebastopol.

I would also like it to be considered that the Housing Committee also addresses issues of homelessness within Sebastopol. The County seems to be actively addressing issues of homelessness as seen by their recent decision to apply to convert the Sebastopol Inn to homeless housing. It seems that the City needs to be more actively in dialogue with the County regarding both housing and homelessness.

We have an encampment on Morris Street, which has been there for many years. I know that business owners along Morris Street and in the Barlow have been trying to work with the City to limit parking in the area to deter people living there.

We have had a successful partnership with West County Community Services and the Village Mobile Home Park.

Is there a way that we can help people who want help, perhaps creating another Park Village and/or partnering with faith organizations?

Should we be in more dialogue with the County to find homeless solutions so that we have more community input on how we support our homeless community?

Best,
Kate Haug