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General Public Comment

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Dear Mayor and City Council and County Board of Supervisors,

I believe it is time, before our city and county get burned down, to find emergency camping for our homeless.

We cannot have them sleeping at all the freeway on and off ramps, along the RR tracks, in the ravines such as La Mesa Park now, in the creek beds, etc.

With the drought and warmer, drier weather coming we, as a community and as a state, have to think of this as a disaster emergency and act accordingly. Emergency 24/7 shelter space is needed now!

Please set up sanctioned encampments. Take Alameda Park, give up Earl Warren Showgrounds, put a fence around County property somewhere such as the jail (not the safest spot in terms of fire evacuation), or use the 7 acres that the County plans for housing on Ballard Ave. in Carpinteria. The Carpinteria community is objecting to the County's creating urban sprawl with this ill conceived project anyway.

We need help for our unfortunate fellow humans right now.

Please, City and County and non-profits, work together right now on a temporary but it might necessarily be semi-permanent, on a safe place with sanitation facilities for our homeless in all our communities.

Marborg as porta-potties, showers, and hand washing stations. The food folks have been helping for decades.

We are in a crisis. ACT NOW!! Tomorrow may be too late.

What can every member in the community do to help?

Thank you for your consideration and action on this desperate situation.

Sincerely,

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