Please work with the greater community on developing fair and equitable policies for tent city or homeless encampments. I heard the report to the city council from the Sammamish Police Dept when tent city was leaving Mary Queen of Peace Church. There were no problems indicating the need for an "emergency moratorium". And now the policies being drafted reflect restrictions that basically label homeless as criminal. Restrictive policies and messaging that strengthens stigma, and makes homeless invisible are not healthy for the Community. Please slow this process and be inclusive to insure that homeless individuals and families have opportunity to be safe and sheltered while they work to be housed again. People who are homeless were housed.

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