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I am sending a letter regarding the Tent City encampments. I am in support of adopting a 60 day max stay every 18 months, mandatory background checks, the tent location within a ¼ mile of a bus stop, (nightly sign in) curfew, and charging a Permit fee.

There are currently reports out regarding drug use and disturbances at the encampment. Are there any statistics on the success of the tent city program helping the homeless? Homelessness is not their only problem or issue. Putting a group of homeless people in tents and moving them every 90 days is not helpful nor improving their situation. Many Cities have come to this realization and set strict guidelines regarding introducing the homeless to their communities. If Sammamish chooses not to set some guidelines I feel they will be here to stay. Sammamish has no programs or facilities on the Plateau to assist them with their issues.

We need to be compassionate towards the homeless and provide a safe community for the Sammamish residents. I find it odd that advocates believe busing homeless people to family neighborhoods is a healthy solution for all involved.

This weekend I drove to the University of Washington by the North stadium Parking Lot. It is a massive publicly owned space. It would seem a much more appropriate and permanent location. Just a thought but I believe Tent City advocates aren’t looking for better solutions. They seem to prefer the neighborhood solution.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you will be holding any town meetings regarding the Tent City codes.