HEC Public Comment:

We have served meals at tent city while they were at Mary Queen of Peace. The residents were always polite, articulate, and gracious. Because these individuals are suffering from lack of housing, doesn’t make them criminals.

The least we can do is to provide an environment where they can feel safe and leave their few possessions while they are at work as well as providing protection in extreme weather conditions.

As active members of Mary Queen of Peace, we have never heard a word of complaint about tent city. Most feel it is our duty to assist others in their time of need.

We hope the City of Sammamish does not put unrealistic restrictions upon these encampments that would limit our parishioners and other members of the Sammamish community from assisting others.

As most of the churches in this area also house schools, it seems putting a ridgid restriction of distance from schools would immediately eliminate most churches.

Guidelines provided by the state should be followed so that we can continue to be a compassionate community.

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