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From: Shane [mailto:obsidianfab@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 1:12 PM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: Homeless parking. I 100% object to this!! We don't need a bunch of homeless people around the school and hospital.

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Sent from my Verizon Motorola Smartphone

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From: Randee Arcularius [mailto:arky4@icloud.com]

Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 9:25 AM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: Opposition Letter to Proposed Safe Parking Area in Bishop

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Randee and Ben Arcularius
215 North Round Valley Road
Bishop, CA 93514
Inyo County District 1

To the Inyo County Board of Supervisors:

Please accept this letter of opposition to the the Nazarene Church and IMACA's "Safe Parking Project" proposed location next to the school farm and near our Bishop schools.

We have deep concerns about the project creating a harmful environment for our children who attend Bishop Union High School and Home Street Middle School. Our daughter is a member of the FFA program at the high school and we are concerned for her safety and the safety of all of the students and families that frequent the FFA farm if this project is approved.

Please consider other options for this project in Inyo County that are not close to public school sites and areas where children learn and explore. We should put the safety of our local children first in reviewing this matter.

Thank you for your consideration,
Randee and Ben Arcularius

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From: Peter Cummings [mailto:peter44c@icloud.com]

Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2021 3:37 PM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: In support of the homeless parking proposal

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Re: Safe parking for the homeless

Dear Inyo County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of the Safe Parking Project for homeless persons. IMACA and the Church of the Nazarene deserve praise for their proposal. Those who have to live in their vehicles should have a safe parking place with bathroom facilities. The safety plan for this project seems more than adequate. I hope you will approve this project as soon as possible.

In case it matters, I live in District 3, on Grandview, about 1.5 miles west of the Church of the Nazarene.

Respectfully yours,

Peter Cummings

Peter Cummings
250 Grandview Drive
Bishop CA 93514
peter44c@icloud.com
760-873-3058

-----Original Message-----

From: james thomson [mailto:jamesandjanet@hotmail.com]

Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 4:52 AM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: Homeless

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Hello. Just wanted to let you know that I object to the idea of homeless people at the nazarene church! I'm sure with all your combined wisdom you can come up with a better idea. Again I say find a different spot away from the school farm!!

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From: Erica Rotondo [mailto:doctorrotondo@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 12:05 PM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: Safe Parking, Safe Lives

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Hello,

I am a primary care physician in Bishop and I am writing you in support of community efforts to help the unhoused. Homeless folks deserve to be treated like human beings. And when we help take care of basic medical needs such as safer shelter, we improve the health of individuals and the community as a whole. Anyone can become homeless, anyone can experience a series of events that suddenly moves them from having a place to live, to not having a place to live. Until we've experienced it ourselves, we cannot judge others, or act like homelessness is a moral failing or the sign of a bad person. If we care for the well-being of homeless folks in our community, they are less likely to end up in our Emergency Department. This is important on any day, but especially during a deadly, debilitating pandemic. Please consider supporting the unhoused folks in the Safe Parking initiative. Thank you.

Dr. Erica Rotondo

Sent from my iPad

February 12, 2021

Inyo County Board of Supervisors
Inyo County Planning Department
Via e-mail to dellis@inyocounty.us

Honorable Board:

Subject: Appeal No. 2020-01 (Cimino/Gleason) of Conditional Use Permit 2019-18/IMACA

I am writing in support of Appeal No. 200-01 (Cimino/Gleason) and to object to the issuance of Conditional Use Permit 2019-18/IMACA. While attempting to provide a safe place for homeless parking is commendable, the current proposed location is not suitable.

As has been stated prior, the Nazarene Church is bordered on the west, south, and east by "vacant, open space, and grazing lands" these same lands are leased by the Bishop Unified School District for its Future Farmers of America program. Local youth use these "vacant, open space, and grazing lands" as their classroom. The Nazarene Church is also near Bishop Middle School.

Perhaps IMACA should partner with City of Bishop. Could their newly acquired parcel be used as a "test" Safe Parking area? This is away from schools and in closer proximity to shopping, Inyo County Social Services, and other amenities. Very nicely appointed mobile lavatories can be leased to meet hygiene requirements. Trailers are also available for sale or lease to serve as office spaces.

City of Bishop also has parking lots available along Warren Street, near Salvation Army's newly purchased building. This could be a prime location as many of the homeless population are clients of Salvation Army.

In short, a homeless encampment has no place next to schools when there are other options available.

Please continue your efforts, just not in this location.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Chudy

From: Venetia [mailto:venetiaparker@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:39 AM
To: Darcy Ellis
Subject: Parking the homeless

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In addressing the issue of Where to put the increasing # of homeless,transient, down and outs, in our county. With all the places to choose from, On top of the school farm is what you seriously think is an acceptable place? A learning Facility for children, who are required to come and go at all hours day and night to care for their livestock . (Our child being one of them). Do this and start the clock on disaster, it?s not an if, it?s a when. With all due respect, one would have to be an out of touch blithering idiot to think otherwise.

Sincerely,
Venetia Parker/Morrison.

From: Sarah Solnit [sarah.solnit@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 9:43 AM

To: BoardClerk

Subject: Safe Parking Project

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To the Inyo County Supervisors:

I would like to register my support of the Safe Parking Project. I think the project will be of great benefit to the community as a whole.

Thanks,

Sarah Solnit
Bishop Resident

From: Katie Dowers [mailto:katiedowers@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 3:31 PM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: Conditional Use Permit

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To all it may concern;

I am writing this letter in support of the appeal No 2020-01(Cimino/Gleason) for the Conditional Use Permit 2019-18/IMACA.

We have three boys who have attended school in Bishop, two of which have been a part of the Bishop FFA. Members of the FFA, go to the school farm on Sunland Dr. daily. They have animals that they care for and need access to 24 hours a day. High School kids work odd hours and therefore, have to fit in going to care for their animals when their schedule allows. Not to mention the importance of having access to a sick animal or a birthing animal at all times. Up until this point, we haven't worried about them going to the farm alone. Sometimes it's late at night or really early in the morning. The school farm has always been a safe place for our kids to go and care for their animals.

If this Conditional use permit is allowed, we will not feel safe for our boys to be at the farm alone and especially during late night hours and early morning. Not to mention the tools and supplies that are available to them at all times to care for the animals. We worry now that if this passes there will be higher incidence of theft and everything will have to be locked up. This places a huge strain on their teacher who has worked very hard to have a safe place for our youth to work with their animals and learn the value of ranching/farming and hard work. These are invaluable skills for our youth and we hate to see it in jeopardy.

The location of this permit is just not right for our town. Besides the fact that it's in close proximity to the Care Center, Hospital and schools. When my dad spent a lengthy amount of time in the Bishop Care Center a few years ago, we would have to go there at all hours and times depending on his needs. If this passes, we worry for the families who may need to be there for a family member at the care center or hospital during the night time hours.

Please consider all the many factors that could raise problems for our children, families, sick and elderly. There has to be a better location.

Thank you for your time,

Katie Dowers

-----Original Message-----

From: Cyndi Rottner [mailto:cmrottner@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 6:28 PM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: Homeless ,,,,,

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To our County Supervisors ,,

We are 100% AGAINST providing "shelter" for the homeless at the Nazarene Church !!!! There MUST be options ,,,, fairgrounds?!?! Vouchers for camping spots up and down our Valley?!?!

We are begging you !!!! The school farm has been there before I was born ~ many , many, young children visit, learn about animals, are able to pet and observe ,, then the older kids have project animals ,,they and their parents ~DO NOT NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THEIR SAFETY!!!!

The Home Street school is extremely close ~ as parents & grandparents, it is unsettling to have such questionable people living, hanging out , and not offering ANYTHING back to our community !!

When overnite parking was provided,,Adjacent storage units were broken into !

Coincidence?!?!

We believe these homeless people have Dependency Issues,,,, We need to protect our Children , Businesses, and our Beautiful Valley

Where are these people coming from ~~ WE DO NOT NEED TO INVITE AND PROVIDE SHELTER!

This is SIMPLE the WRONG LOCATION !!!! PERIOD !!!

PLEASE,,,

Thank You ,

Dennis & Cyndi Rottner

Sent from my iPhone

Good morning Darcy!

Would you be so kind as to forward the letter below to the rest of the Board for their consideration?

Thank you,

Jen

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>>>> On Feb 11, 2021, at 2:12 PM, julie tiede <julietiede@suddenlink.net> wrote:

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>>> Good Afternoon!! I have seen that the Board will be reviewing the Safe Parking Project this Tuesday. I have attended the previous Planning Commission hearing on the matter and have further had a chance to review the current Plan. I am very supportive of the Plan and believe it is a important answer to a critical issue in the community. While I am aware that there is some opposition, in following the process it is clear that IMACA has worked tirelessly with the community partners to make sure that the Plan answers safety concerns in balance with the needs of the homeless. They have worked hard with the Bishop Unified School District as well law enforcement to make sure their concerns were addressed. I worry that the opposition is based on preconception of homeless people and not on the plan. It seems so important to distinguish legitimate concerns that IMACA after working with the critical community partners has in fact addressed vs. those concerns based on unsubstantiated fear or even worse, bias.

>>> Thank you so much for your consideration! We appreciate your representation on the Board!

>>> Julie Tiede

>>> 760-915-0052

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jason Olin [mailto:jasonolin8@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 9:41 AM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: Objection regarding Appeal No. 2020-21 - Conditional Use Permit 2019-18/IMACA

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Dear County Board of Supervisors:

I would like to object to the Conditional Use Permit 2019-18/IMACA. Allowing this area to be used by the homeless poses many potential problems to our community. The proximity to the FFA farm puts our local youth in potentially dangerous situations with individuals that often suffer from mental illness or drug addiction that lends itself to unpredictable and sometimes violent behavior. This location is also in close proximity to Bishop Unified School District campuses. I ask that you reconsider allowing this to continue in this location. It seems as though there should be numerous other more suitable locations in the Bishop area. While I understand that it is important for the homeless to have a sanctuary, it is not worth risking the safety of our community's youth at this location.

Sincerely,
Jason Olin

February 12, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2019-18/IMACA

APPEAL No. 2020-01 (CIMINO/GLEASON) OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2019-18/IMACM

Assistant Clerk of the Board and Inyo County Board of Supervisors:

I object to the proposed condition use permit 2019-18/IMACA.

The site description of adjacent and surrounding properties has been misrepresented in the proposal by a way of technicality. The proposal describes the surrounding land to the east as vacant/open space, though the community knows this space as "The School Farm". The described vacant land is not vacant at all. The land is utilized for learning and possibly teaching our formative youth they can make a wholesome living by working with the land and animals. The described vacant land is in operation 365 days a year and open at all hours to the youth and leaders who maintain the land.

Inyo County is blessed with many open spaces and "vacant" land. I feel the proposal shall reevaluate the site location and look for alternatives away from unified school facilities.

Thank You

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Garrett Rottner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Garrett Rottner
Inyo County Resident

From: Margy Marshall [mailto:margyjoy2004@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 4:55 PM
To: Darcy Ellis
Cc: Dan Tothoroh
Subject: Safe Parking

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To: Inyo County Supervisors

From: Margy Marshall, resident of District 4

Regarding: Appeal No. 2020-01 (Cimino/Gleason) of Conditional Use Permit 2019-18/IMACA

Supervisors,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important zoning issue.

I remain a supporter of the Safe Parking Project. I continue to hope for a society that takes care of people that are down and out.

The hearing today, at its root, is a zoning issue. The Planning Commission did their review with competence and voted 4-0 to approve this CUP over one year ago. The project clearly meets the definitions for conditional use that are allowed by Inyo County zoning ordinances. Zoning decisions need to be based on County Plans—not on fear based mis-information.

I've read the public comments provided with the agenda materials for this meeting. I'm struck by the falsehoods that some opposition statements include. The fear that this Safe Parking Project will become a homeless encampment; rife with drugs, public urination, and trash is a fear based fantasy.

Do the opponents realize that applicants and their vehicles will be screened and vetted, and priority will be given to applicants with children and/or disabilities? Do they realize that tents are not allowed, while rest rooms and trash cans are provided? Do they realize the latest safety plan includes surveillance video, increased lighting, more fencing and a paid on-site monitor? Their nightmare of a big city homeless encampment is not an appropriate description of the Safe Parking Project.

Another common theme in the opposition comments centers around the safety of FFA students who spend time alone at the farm, sometimes at night, while caring for their animals. This claim has surprised me from the beginning. In fact, the FFA Mission Statement and Code of Ethics emphasize "supervised experience" as they basis for FFA programs. The threat to supervised students coming from people sleeping at the Nazarene Church is overblown.

It's time to complete the approval of this project. I hope every Board member will be clear eyed about the facts of this zoning issue and allow the Safe Parking Project to move ahead without delay.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Margy Marshall

From: Clarence Martin [mailto:cmoldman16@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 4:07 PM
To: Darcy Ellis
Subject: Parking at the Nazarene Church

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February 12, 2021

Honorable Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Re: Transient Parking at Nazarene Church Bishop California

Dear Chairperson Supervisor Jeff Griffiths,

I am writing this letter regarding the above referenced topic. It is my understanding that the Board of Supervisors is considering allowing transients to park their vehicles for overnight parking at the Nazarene Church overnights. While I am sympathetic to the issues associated with homeless and transient issues in the Bishop Area, I am concerned with allowing this activity to occur adjacent to the High School Farm and near the Elementary and Junior High Schools. I have lived in the Bishop area for 28 years and am familiar with increase in homeless and transient population in the area. While I am sure there will be guidelines for this activity, I question how these will be enforced and by who. I believe there are more suitable locations, surrounding the city that are **not** adjacent to the schools, hospital and retirement home and may be closer to stores such as the parking area that recently closed Kmart. This parking area has a drainage system that has oil water separators and is more suitable to handle contamination that may result from this type of use. The parking lot at the Nazarene Church was intended for very intermittent parking (Wednesdays and Sundays) at best and it was never intended to address hazardous runoff that will be discharged into China Slew a natural water body and wetlands. Should this parking be approved I suggest that this issue is addressed wherever it is approved.

Should this type of use be allowed I also recommend that some type of governance is established and that it only be approved on a very limited bases until a longer-term solution is established.

Please call me if you would like to discuss this further.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Sincerely,
Clarence E. Martin P.E.
237 Handy Ave.
Bishop, California 93514
760-937-0990 cell



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2/11/2021

To Inyo County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of IMACA's Safe Parking Project for the property located at 900 W. Line St. in Bishop, and regarding the appeal you will be considering at the February 16th meeting. I would like to express my full support for this project moving forward.

I am aware of the significant efforts IMACA and the Church of the Nazarene have put forth in addressing concerns some community members have expressed in opposition to the project. In my opinion, these adjustments have met the threshold for the project to begin the evaluation period and commence operation.

This community has been experiencing a housing crisis for years, and the Covid-19 pandemic has made this issue dramatically worse for many. There are many homeless families suffering on the streets of Bishop. Children have been displaced, abused and are in desperate need of support. These people are already here. While community agencies like IMACA, Wild Iris and others have been working hard for years to address these issues, the needs of this community are greater than our present capacity to serve, and this project would represent a significant step forward in our collective response to this tragedy.

Thank you for your support of the project, and I look forward to continuing our collaborations addressing homelessness in Bishop.

Sincerely,

Matthew O'Connor
Executive Director
Wild Iris Family Counseling & Crisis Center
CASA of the Eastern Sierra
www.wild-iris.org



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From: lana johns [mailto:lanasusanj@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:24 AM
To: Darcy Ellis
Subject: Appeal No. 202001 of Conditional Use Permit 209-18IMACA

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Inyo County Board of Supervisors,

I would like to address the proposed conditional use permit for property located at 900 W Line St to be used for a safe parking project for individuals who live in their car. I oppose this location for this project.

The property is located near schools, and school children. The surrounding land is described as "vacant, open space, and grazing lands", this land is private property. It is either owned by either private citizens or it is owned by DWP and is leased, maintained and managed by leaseholders.

The High School has their school farm project in this vicinity. Students visit, feed, care and work with their animals at all times of the day and night. They have money and time invested in their animals, and check on them regularly.

I believe the location at the old K-Mart parking lot is a much better location. It can be improved to meet the needs for this project. It may be possible to lease the K-Mart building or another vacant building attached to this parking area for night residents to use the restrooms, or shelter in extreme weather conditions.

Sincerely,

Lana Johns

From: Brenda Oney [mailto:lovedwells@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:24 AM
To: Darcy Ellis
Subject: Objection Conditional use permit 2019-18/IMACA

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to strongly object to conditional use permit 2019-18/IMACA. The location in question is not an appropriate venue for several reasons. One is the location is too close to the school farm, this is an active learning center for the high school and citizens of our town. It is not vacant open land as was falsely suggested. If anything were to occur that would jeopardize the lease of our school farm it would affect generations, we are lucky to have such a rare opportunity in our community . A hospital employee commented to me their concern about going to her car after getting off work in the latenight/ early morning hours.

The supervisors have had tremendous success getting money/grants for the new county building and other projects so I truly don t buy the notion that this is the only option in town. We have a vacant dirt lot that was never built on by the newest abandoned kmart. We have the oldest abandoned kmart that has been allowed to sit for almost 20 years and there are also other churches , properties etc. The salvation Army had plans to build a place at one point that had some beds but that project was scrapped. Maybe that is an avenue to be explored. My point being that there are other options that are more beneficial with less risk. It's not the idea of providing a safe place that I object to, it is the location.

Thank You, Sincerely, Brenda Morris

From: Kristen Stipanov [kstipanov@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 9:46 PM
To: BoardClerk
Subject: Public Comment for February 16th

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Please read out loud at board meeting

Dear Inyo County Supervisors,

The Safe Parking Project's permit should be approved. Children, veterans, and graduates of our own Bishop High School are experiencing homelessness right here in our neighborhoods. Today, in the middle of winter and in the middle of a deadly pandemic, we have an opportunity to support these members of our community who are most in need.

Bishop Unified School District and many others support this Safe Parking Project. As a caring member of our community, I also support the project. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kristen Stipanov
Chair of local volunteer organization INYO350

From: Alondra Meza [mailto:alondrameza@nevada.unr.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 9:52 PM
To: Darcy Ellis
Subject: Re: IMACA's Safe Parking

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To: Inyo County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors
Re: Safe Parking Project

My name is Alondra Meza, I was born and raised in Bishop. I was and always will be a proud visitor to the Bishop Future Farmers of America Farm. I was once a high school student who raised animals for 4 years at the school farm during high school and out of Mr. Buffington's generosity I was able to keep my animals there as a Sierra Crest 4-H member before I was in high school. I also volunteered over 500 hours of my own time before and during high school at the school farm which is 80 acres of land that belongs to the students. The Bishop FFA farm has always been a safe place for students to go. Young students in pre-school, kindergarten, first graders, the young students who visit with their parents, middle school students, and of course our high school students. Some grades will walk their students to the farm; such as the pre-school students, kindergarteners, and first graders. It's an outdoor field trip for the young ones to come and tour the school farm and learn about animals. I would also like to remind you all about the Bishop FFA Pumpkin Patch which brings in an entire community, the Ag Adventure Altrusa which is when young kids come to the farm and learn about animals and receive a book, the farm also hosts the 4-H field day for all 4-H members from Bishop to Independence where these members come and get to judge animals off of knowledge from our high school students. Anyways most importantly the community is involved with the Bishop high school farm, it's very much so the communities as well which creates a safe environment for all ages and where students and children learn about where their food comes from, the nature of animals giving birth, the life of all the farm animals and the care for the animals. Students also build the fences at the farm, the one behind the Nazarene Church is one.

With only a minimum amount of information being said about the school farm I would like to state that I am firmly opposed to IMACA's Safe Parking Project at the location of the Nazarene Church. I am not against the thoughts for the members who you are all thinking of, I am against the location. Bishop has many empty buildings and lots which would accommodate the project's needs more than the Nazarene Church parking lot and by choosing a new location it would not jeopardize the safety of our students. The students at the Bishop FFA farm and community members will never feel safe being at the farm knowing about the individuals close in proximity to their farm. I personally would not want to go to the farm without supervision if I were them. I know parents who would not leave or let their children go to work with their animals or tour the farm whether they take them there or not. The project creates dissatisfaction to the students' safety. I realize these homeless individuals and others deserve a safe space as well, but why interfere with the students' safe space at the school farm and ruin their freedom there that has been ongoing for many years. Our students are our future and they deserve to keep their safe

space and so do the animals. Even though as stated this would be “a trial”, it still interferes with our students safety nor interests the community members who care for the safety of students and the school farm.

Inyo County it is time we finally put our students, our future before the homeless community in our county and not risk the safety of the students at all. It is time to search for a new and better location for the trial of the Safe Parking Project away from the school farm. I am in complete despair that our country cares more for a homeless community than our students' safety by allowing this to be an option of location in the first place.

I would like to thank you for your time and remind you all that I strongly oppose IMACA's Safe Parking Project for the homeless due to my concern for our community and the students safety, one incident is one incident, but it is NOT to risk for our students. I would also like to spare an idea of maybe you guys can start helping the homeless get back on track and find a job to create a plate before you fulfill the sides. I hope you take this letter into consideration and understand my concerns.

Best,

Alondra Meza

“Let's think about our students who are our future before we think about the homeless.”

Alondra Meza

From: Hilary Dufort [mailto:hmdufort@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 9:13 PM
To: Darcy Ellis
Subject: "Safe parking project"

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Dear Inyo County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing you this letter to voice my concern of the the Nazarene Church and IMACA's "Safe Parking Project". I oppose the location of this project. My daughter and I visit the school farm frequently. I also participate in many of the fundraisers hosted at the Bishop High school farm. We also attend the farm at all hours of the night to witness the birth of many farm animals. I feel that with the "safe parking project" next door , puts mine, my child's and other young children's safety at risk. Please ask yourself, if you had a child. Would you be okay with them going to attend their farm project, knowing there could possibly be a person who could put them in harms way? The agricultural program, is an amazing program that teaches young men and women to be independent, responsible, hardworking and how to care for an animal. It also requires them to attend the farm at all hours of the night.

I am asking you to please reconsider the "location" of this project.

Hilary Dean
307 Wildrose lane
Bishop ,Ca 93514 [Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

-----Original Message-----

From: Marlene Wallace [mailto:haymaker70@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 8:42 PM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: No to Homeless Encampment

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing in opposition of the homeless encampment you are planning to put adjacent to the school farm. I have grandchildren and friends that raise FFA animals there and I am concerned with the environment that this project will bring so close to children. They, at times, are there late into the evening tending to their animals. You have to find another place for these people. Locating them that close to the school farm and schools is an injustice to our younger generation and I'm sure if you had children or grandchildren frequenting the farm you would not like them so close to that environment. Have a conscience and please VOTE NO!!

Sincerely,

Marlene Wallace

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: Susie Dillard [mailto:sdillard@bishopschools.org]

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 8:38 PM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: Homeless camp

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Susie Dillard and I would like to voice my concern about the homeless camp at the Nazarene church parking lot. Two of my children raised animals during their high school years and spent countless hours at the school farm for many hours day and night. I always felt very safe about having them there at all hours looking after their animals. The thought of putting a homeless camp that close to a school facility makes absolutely no sense whatsoever. I would be very worried about the safety of the kids at the farm with that camp being right there. I have seen the trash, used toilet paper, needles and other gross things these people leave not thinking a thing about it. I feel a lot of these people are not exactly in their right minds and are not safe. There are plenty of other places such a camp could be placed in Bishop. I think a very nice option would be the new county parking lot on hwy 6 for obvious reasons the biggest being it's not next to a school facility. I have no idea why on earth of all the places in town such a place would be placed next to a school place or where kids go at any time. The responsibility that the board of supervisors has on their shoulders to keep our town a safe place for its residents and especially our children should be number 1. I do not think they have thought this through and think they should think long and hard about how they will feel when something terrible happens to one of these children at the farm taking care of their animals.

Please reconsider your placement of this camp and do the right thing to keep our children safe.

Sincerely,

Susie Dillard

Sent from my iPhone

From: Shane Devon Aiden Trista Scott [mailto:devonnshane@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 8:35 PM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: OPPOSITION to homeless parking at Nazarene Church

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my EXTREME OPPOSITION to the "Safe" parking project at the Nazarene church! Ironically I believe this project is the furthest thing from safe when it comes to the well being of the kids at the school farm! I currently have a high school freshman at BUHS who participates in the ag program! He has raised animals in 4H for 4 years & has been looking forward to doing FFA as he had a cousin that participated in FFA and went as far as to become president of the Bishop chapter! He is a third generation BUHS student and agriculture runs very deep in our family! The school farm is a safe haven for so many kids in our school! They spend so much time raising their animals. We have all spent countless hours there. I would seriously consider taking my child out of the ag program if this project is passed because of my deep concern for his well being. With these kids being robbed of every single sport & extra curricular activity last year & this year, the ag program is all some of these kids have left!!! This project is a HUGE concern for the safety of the kids at our school farm, not only my own child but every single kid!! I am all for having a safe place for the homeless but next door to the school farm IS NOT THE PLACE!!!!!! The amount of crime & shady people brought by a project of this nature should not even be considered in such close proximity to our schools let alone adjacent to our school farm!!! The argument that there is no other place in town for the homeless parking lot should tell you all something. If no one wants a project of this nature near where they work or live I can't believe that it is even a consideration to put it next to our kids school farm! I implore you to think about the children in our community and the ramifications a project like this would have on their safety & well being! I asked at the last meeting and I am asking again...is there any one of you that is willing to take responsibility if something horrible should happen to a child at the school farm because of the decision to experiment on whether this project is a good idea??? If you can not take full responsibility for that possibility then there is no way you can vote yes on this project!!!

Thank you for your time & consideration,
Devon Scott

From: Trisha Wallace [mailto:trishawallace14@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 8:24 PM
To: Darcy Ellis
Subject: Opposition to the Safe Parking Project

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Trisha Wallace
Bishop, CA 93514
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February 15, 2021

Inyo County Supervisors

Dear County Supervisors,

I am writing to you in opposition with regards to the "safe parking" project that is being proposed at the Nazarene Church on Line St. While I don't disagree with the need for such a facility, I question the location of the current project.

I have lived in Bishop my entire life, minus the four and half years of college attendance. My family has been here for five generations now. Inevitably, the "big city" problems have finally reached our rural area. It is impossible if you have lived here for more than ten years not to notice the huge increase in our homeless population. It has gotten so bad that I am very aware, not necessarily fearful, but vigilant, when I go to feed my horses at our pasture on Highway 6. There have been instances of people trying to use our building for shelter, and it isn't fun to come upon people when you are not prepared. While I realize that many times the homeless population is dealing with circumstances beyond their control, it is nonetheless unsettling with their lack of following the laws of the open space surrounding our community.

This lack of respect is one reason I question the proposed location. It is extremely close to school facilities, one being the FFA farm, and the other is Home St. Middle School. Not to mention the hospital and the Care Center right across the street. Shift changes can happen at very late hours, and animals do not abide by the clock. If a lamb or cow is going to give birth, they will not wait until 7 am just because it is convenient. It is a learning experience that the students should participate in, and many willing do, at all hours of the night. They deserve a safe environment to conduct their learning in. It is a part of their education, to be able to check on their animals when the animals need it, not when it is convenient.

While I realize that not all homeless pose a threat, and in fact most do not, there are some that do. I myself have come upon camps out in our open space when hunting or hiking, and have found needles, human waste, and a large amount of trash. I have even had to cut class field trips short behind our elementary school because we have come upon unfriendly people on the COSA, who were obviously using the area as a place to stay. While the intent may be to help

ease the situation and plight of our homeless, I am uncertain that the facility will be used. The old Kmart parking lot is already there, and is not used. I suspect it is because of the high traffic area. Most people are going to bypass an area with high traffic because of the social stigma. Perhaps a better location, where they are not on "display", would be better. We have a lot of space on the outskirts, even in areas where there are no residential homes, that would be a better location.

One of my biggest concerns is security. The Safe Parking Security Plan states that there "may" be fencing placed between the parking lot and the school farm. "May" is unacceptable. It also seemed in the description of said fencing that it would be temporary, and removed once the participants vacate the premises. To me, I read that as meaning it is removable every day. That is unacceptable. If we will have people in and out of this location on a daily basis, there should be permanent, high security fencing placed around the entire property of the Nazarene Church. Just like what is across the street surrounding Home Street School's boundary. There also should be cameras on every fence line, entrances and exits, not just the church's own buildings. They are the ones who are bringing this new endeavor in, they should have to pay for the secure measures that the school may feel are necessary as well. The FFA farm has been there for a very long time, and the students and teachers deserve to have a safe place to learn and teach.

All in all, while I do not disagree that our community could use a facility to help our current homeless situation, I do not think that this location is ideal. There are too many "what ifs" involved between the proximity to schools, the hospital, and the Care Center. I venture to say that it would not fulfill its possibilities in this location, as it is on one of the busiest thoroughfares in our county. Perhaps some thought into a better location, closer to shopping and more set back should happen before a final decision is made.

Thank You For Your Time,

Trisha Wallace

From: Kathy Peterson [mailto:persimmon395@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 8:08 PM

To: Darcy Ellis; Jeff Griffiths; Rick Pucci; Jennifer Roeser; Dan Totheroh; Matt Kingsley

Cc: lemerson; bhughes@imaca.net

Subject: Comment - Cimino- Gleason Appeal

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Dear Inyo County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to urge you to approve the Conditional Use Permit sought by Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action to establish and operate a Safe Parking Project located at, and in full cooperation with, the Nazarene Church of Bishop. There is a demonstrated need for a strategy like this to support people experiencing homelessness, and to connect them to supportive services.

The proposed strategy of allowing for a three-month pilot project period will allow IMACA, the Church, and the school to work together on a trial run of the Safe Parking program in this new location. I have every confidence that the project partners, along with school and community input, have the skills and capacity to make any adjustments necessary to ensure the success of this program.

This project is an excellent example of a partnership developed to creatively address a complex issue. Approve the CUP so that this innovative, community-based approach may move forward, and encourage the community, school, church, and IMACA to make any needed adjustments to ensure the success of the project.

Thank you,

Kathy Peterson

Resident of Bishop, California

To the Inyo County Supervisors

I am writing in support of the Appeal No. 2021-01 (Cimino/Gleason) of the Conditional Use Permit 2019-18 IMACA. I am an alumni of the Bishop FFA Program, and a parent to a current student enrolled in the program. I am the 4-H Program Representative, although my opinions are my own and do not reflect those of the UCCE office. It is my strong opinion that this project be moved to another location.

After reading the application for the Conditional Use Permit for the Safe Parking Project, I believe that the original application was written without all the necessary information. The land surrounding three sides of the proposed project is not vacant land, it is a part of the High School campus.

During my 3 years in the FFA program I walked the entire property many times. When we gathered cows in the winter and spring, we had walk on foot checking all hiding places for baby calves and newborn lambs. We would walk the fence lines prior to turning cattle into fields making sure there were no holes in the fence where cows or calves could escape. As an FFA member I spent many hours waiting for mothers to have their babies, including late nights waiting on sows having their litters of piglets. Or checking the sick animals to make sure they survive the night.

As a parent, I am excited for my son to create his own memories on the school farm. To have a safe place to hang out with friends, learn the value of hard work, and the importance of taking care of another life. Mr. Buffington has created a safe space for his students and the community to come and learn about farm life, livestock, and animal husbandry. I fear this will be jeopardy if this project is allowed to move forward in its current location.

The farm is a hub of activity year round. In the winter months when animals are having babies, and in the spring and summer months with kids are working their show animals in the cooler hours just before dark and first thing in the morning. And in the fall when youth and their families are preparing for the Haunted Swamp and Foundation for excellence wine tasting.

During the last zoom meeting that was held about this project, we were told that no persons from the IMACA homeless camp had been arrested. But on September 30, 2020 a camper was arrested for possession of controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. One is too many, this close to a high school campus. This is not a good location for the Safe Parking Project.

I have two questions that I think need to be addressed about this project. First, who is liable when something goes wrong? Is the County, the Church or IMACA liable if a camper does property damage, or is involved in an altercation, or any one of the many things that could happen. Who is liable?

My second question is two part. Who is the monitor, and who monitors the monitor? Is IMACA the only organization making sure they parameters of the project are being followed? How do we know that all of the projects requirements for safety are being followed? Who will be keeping track.

I believe this is an honorable project with good intensions behind it. But I strongly believe that the location chosen for the safe parking project is not appropriate. The three vacant fields surrounding the church property are a part of the high school campus and have always been a safe place for the students and animals that live there.

Sincerely, Callie Peek

From: Thomas Boo [mailto:tboo@mono.ca.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 6:31 PM
To: Darcy Ellis
Cc: Dan Tothoroh; rpucci@inyo.us; Jeff Griffiths; Matt Kingsley
Subject: homeless parking issue

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Hello Darcy and Supervisors,

I'm embarrassed for our county that this issue even exists. It is humane and also good public policy to provide a safe place for homeless people in vehicles to sleep. The idea of risk to students at the adjacent school farm is pretty far-fetched, and the mitigations that have been agreed upon should be more than adequate to reassure the super-anxious. The housing crisis in CA is a gargantuan problem; let us not stigmatize poor people, adding insult to injury.

I have confidence that you will act in a mature and responsible fashion. How would Jesus vote?

Please share with the new Supervisor, Jen Rozier?

Thanks and best regards,

Tom Boo, MD
Bishop

From: kube4x4@verizon.net [mailto:kube4x4@verizon.net]

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 6:31 PM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: Nazarene Church

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Dear Inyo County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing this email to voice my opposition to the Safe Parking Program at the Nazarene Church on W. Line Street. My residence is a short distance from this proposed location, and I am concerned about the screening process being utilized to check the people who could be residing nightly at the church.

It has been my personal experience with many people who are homeless that their situation it is predominantly due to mental health issues and/or poor personal choices resulting in alcohol or drug addiction. It has also been my experience that Inyo County lacks adequate drug/alcohol treatment as well as mental health treatment or treatment facilities in general.

While this is a noble cause which the Nazarene Church is proposing, I do not support it. It should be suggested to any persons willing to participate in the Safe Parking Program to seek help in a larger community, that has more resources, which would better serve them.

Sincerely,

Mike Kubiak
Elm Street, Bishop, CA

-----Original Message-----

From: Joy Wilson [mailto:joywilson541@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 2:21 PM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: Support The Safe Parking Project

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An Open Letter To The Inyo County Board of Supervisors and citizens,

As an older senior and elder concerned citizen who is thankful to live in Inyo County for over 50 years now, I'm expressing my avid support for the Safe Parking Project in Bishop.

But for the Grace of God, I could be among the huge and growing numbers of citizens in dire poverty and without homes in this rich Country of ours.

And I would ask, who among us, and specifically, among the Supervisors—is exempt from the vulnerabilities that come with our humanness? Don't the sad statistics as well as our own lives and those around us bare up to concern for our neighbors, including homeless people?

Numerous health conditions, disabilities, aging issues, and personal misfortune contribute to poverty. Calloused legislation and lack of humane policies which would care for and protect Americans from poverty and homelessness, surely beckon for our prioritized attention, these days.

This Safe Parking Project, thankfully provided by IMACA and those at the Bishop Nazarene Church, is worthy of our ongoing support. It safely provides some overnight respite to at least a small number of the most vulnerable among us.

While I live in Lone Pine, my heart breaks in hearing friends in Bishop tell me about some of the hateful speech coming from opponents of this humane and vital Safe Parking Project.

Wouldn't love of neighbor ask us to walk in the shoes of poor and homeless folks?

It's public knowledge that during this Pandemic, the lack of healthcare and health infrastructure are causing the numbers of poor people to grow quickly, along with loss of jobs and painful economic distress. Can we strive to do better in Inyo County considering all the vacant spaces, the lack of subsidized housing and with numerous Churches that can rise to the occasion?

The proportions of this issue are biblical and we know, Biblically, that he or she who oppresses and mocks poor people are surely reproaching their Maker. Opponents need to consider this and that how we treat our local poor is the way we're treating the one that most of us consider as our example and God.

Do the rocks have to cry out?

Joy Wilson, Lone Pine

760-876-4151

From: Cayley Dishion [mailto:cayley.dishion10@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 12:31 PM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: Appeal No. 2020-01

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I am writing in response to the Conditional Use Permit 2019-18 IMACA. I do not think this is a wise decision considering there is a high school farm that surrounds the area. The farm is a place where students between the ages of 14-18 visit once a day minimum. For some kids, this is a safe space to go to and it should remain a safe space. I visited the school farm for the 4 years of my high school career and with my sisters going through the program, I want them to feel as safe as I did during my time at the farm. Students should be able to visit without having a place like that within yards of where they take care of their animals. Please consider students in this decision who most are under 18 years old. Thank you.

From: Nancy Upham [mailto:alohafour@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 12:27 PM
To: Darcy Ellis
Subject: In Support of Safe Parking

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I am writing this email to the Board of Supervisors to voice my support and encourage all Supervisors to vote in favor of the Safe Parking project in Bishop. When I think about the issue of homelessness the words in a popular song always come to mind - "there but for fortune go you and I."

Many who find themselves homeless today have run out of good fortune, which could happen to any of us.

So now is our opportunity as a community to offer those who have fallen on hard times, a bit of "fortune" by providing them a safe place that is monitored and affords them sanitation facilities, some peace of mind, and some dignity.

According to things I have read some of the homeless in our community are children, graduates of local high schools and veterans.

Safe Parking projects have successfully worked in other communities. I believe one is sorely needed here. I applaud the efforts of Larry Emerson at IMACA and their willingness to coordinate this project and I thank the Church of the Nazarene for opening their parking lot, and their hearts, to resolve this local issue.

Thanks also to all who have worked on the revised Security Plan so that the concerns of many have been addressed.

I truly hope that you all can find that approving this project is the caring and compassionate thing to do. After the year we

have all just had - a little more caring and compassion goes a long way to show the community and its less fortunate residents, exactly who we are.

Thank you for your time.

Nancy Upham

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From: Brandie Boothe [mailto:jbboothe@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 12:24 PM
To: Darcy Ellis
Subject: Nazarene Church and IMACA's "Safe Parking Project"

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Dear Inyo County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing this email in objection to the conditional use permit approved by the Inyo County Planning commission for 900 W. Line St. in Bishop, CA. I understand the County of Inyo, IMACA's and Pastor Eddy Davis' efforts to assist a portion of the county's homeless population, but believe that the location is completely inappropriate.

Putting the importance of a small number of homeless individuals ahead of the safety of the students at BUHS is wrong. I live directly across the street from the BUHS FFA Farm and can attest to the fact that staff, students and parents are at the farm at all hours of the day and night. I have a fifteen-year-old daughter that will be raising a hog at the school farm this year. She should feel safe and comfortable going to the school farm late in the evening to exercise, clean and train her animal. Having up to 15 parking spots occupied daily by random and unvetted occupants will put my daughter's safety at risk.

From my understanding Pastor Eddy Davis of the Nazarene church was the only taker of Larry Emmerson's pitch for the "Safe Parking Project". Just because it is the only option doesn't mean the county should move forward with it. A better location for this project closer to services for the homeless population should be considered, preferably on land owned and operated by the County of Inyo.

For the safety of my daughter and the rest of the BUHS students that attend the FFA farm, I strongly urge all members of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors to repeal the conditional use permit for the property located at 900 W. Line St.

Thank you,
Jeff Boothe

From: Lori GILLEM [mailto:algillem@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 12:24 PM
To: Darcy Ellis; Rick Pucci; Dan Totheroh
Subject: Appeal of Conditional Use Permit 2019-18/Imaca

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Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the conditional use permit for a "safe parking project" on Church of the Nazarene Land.

Of all the locations around the city and surrounding areas - the location selected is NOT a good option for our community. The high school farm that surrounds this location is visited at all hours of the day and night by OUR youth. As a community - aren't we supposed to protect our most vulnerable and provide them with safe places to learn and recreate? Our community's youth has been hard enough hit with no school, no activities, and no sports during this pandemic. Now we are going to sacrifice the safety of a community wide resource where the kids have been able to tend their animals and learn outside?

Putting this safe parking project between the school farm and the hospital complex seems to be completely disregarding "sensitive receptors" under CEQA? How did you justify this decision in your CEQA analysis in order to approve this project? The county has established campgrounds that could be utilized for this purpose that are not located adjacent to school facilities and our hospital. I strongly encourage you to revoke approval for this project.

Thanks, Lori Gillem

From: derik olson [mailto:derikolson@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 11:28 AM
To: Darcy Ellis
Subject: Safe Parking project

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Dear Board-

I am writing to urge you to support the Safe Parking project. This is a well thought out plan that includes numerous safety features, while providing help and compassion to the unfortunate homeless people in our community. I'm sure you understand that these folks are not criminals or drug-addicts, they are humble people just like everyone else, just caught in a bad financial situation. Some of these people were formally "middle class" but lost their job, their health insurance, and their homes, and now they're desperate, living out of their cars, or worse. The Safe Parking project is a win-win for the community: it keeps the homeless away from parking to sleep in neighborhoods or in potentially dangerous areas; it lessens the impact on public lands and other property; it gives them a bathroom, keeping human waste in its rightful place; and, it provides safety for the users AND the community. These are not bad people; some are families and children who have been caught in an unfortunate situation. We should offer help, not shun them.

I hope you will consider authorizing this project. It has been successful in other communities, and it will be good for Bishop.

Sincerely,

*Derik Olson
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From: hallrh901 [mailto:hallrh901@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 10:35 AM
To: dellis@inyoconty.us
Subject: Imaca safe parking project

To whom it may concern

I am writing this letter because not only is my daughter a student in the agv program but we have also volunteered for several years at many of the events held at the high school farm. We have spent countless hours of time there sometimes late into the evening and early in the morning getting ready for the pumpkin patch and haunted swamp as well as other events and I am very concerned that we will no longer feel safe doing so with this proposed project right next door. I am all for helping people who need somewhere to go but I believe this just isn't the right placement. I strongly feel this is NOT safe for the kids who are there at random hours and really isn't worth taking a chance. I have observed the constant drug use, alcohol use and sometimes mental health issues happening at the camp on main st already and surely don't want to see that happening next the farm in front of the students. There has already been many problems with littering of hypodermic needles, cigarette butts, and trash at the other locations around our area. I am aware of the cameras, lighting, and fencing but fear that all that will do is help the court case after there has been an unfortunate incident that should have never happened in the first place!!! I hope you will take action and find a different placement for this project that is safe for everyone. I'm sure with all of the empty buildings in our community you could come up with a better solution.

Sincerely,
Renee Rowley

-----Original Message-----

From: Janie Reeves [mailto:janier Reeves@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 10:42 AM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: Homeless parking

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I'm opposed to the homeless parking area at the Nazarene Church because of the proximity of the school farm and Home Street school.

I would like to suggest for consideration the north side of the parking lot at the old Kmart by Vons.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Janie Reeves

Bishop CA

-----Original Message-----

From: Miles Maillet [mailto:mjmxu@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 10:36 AM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: Homeless Parking Lot

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Inyo County Supervisors,

I strongly disagree with surrounding our school farm with this population. I deal with many of these people routinely as a Aqueduct and Reservoir Keeper for LADWP. We have to constantly make contact with them as they are camping on LADWP land which is not allowed. The amount of garbage, human waste and drug paraphernalia (hypodermic needles) that we see and come into contact with is astonishing. I do not think that you are aware of the type of population you are bringing closer to our kids. I do not think they this population will stay isolated within the church perimeter as the school farm is out of sight and not well lit. A perfect place to wonder and get high. Why would we ever consider letting a danger like contaminated needles this close to our children? This makes NO sense. Would you want your kids around that danger? It is life changing. I think this is NOT the right place to be bring this population. Please reconsider for our children. They do not deserve this. We are supposed to keep them safe, Not put them in harms way. The real world will provide way too many dangers soon enough.

Miles Maillet

-----Original Message-----

From: Corey Buffington [mailto:coreybuff@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 9:31 AM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: Safe parking

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Inyo County Supervisors,

I strongly object to the location of IMACA's "Safe Parking Project " next to the school farm . My husband Joe is the Agriculture teacher of Bishop Union High School . He and his students care for the 88 acre farm. My two daughters Reese 9 and Logynn 7 are often with him before and after school hours. Farms and ranches do not run on set hours of business. My family, students and supporters are often at the farm late into the evening or early morning to care for animals , irrigation and other farm tasks. Unfortunately the planning commission was not aware of the school farm facility being located on three sides of the Nazarene Church's property. Our farm that is a learning laboratory is hardly vacant land. The farm is a place for preschoolers and beyond to learn agriculture lessons . My concern is by allowing "Safe Parking Project " to take place next to the school farm . Would risk a stellar agricultural program that is truly one of a kind . We are fortunate to have the largest school farm on the west coast . Along with being one of the original FFA chapters since 1943 . So I hope you can understand why so many of us do not want to gamble with our children and their school farm.

Sent from my iPhone

From: tiffany.lau123@yahoo.com [mailto:tiffany.lau123@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 9:18 AM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: 2/16 Inyo BOS Meeting, Agenda Item #19: Public Comment (Please Read Out Loud at Meeting)

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2/16 Inyo BOS Meeting, Agenda Item #19: Public Comment (Please Read Out Loud at Meeting)

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Tiffany Lau, and I am a resident of District 3. I am writing in support of the Safe Parking Program at Church of the Nazarene. IMACA has already looked into other possible sites for the program, and this is the only viable location. The people experiencing homelessness are also your constituents, and our fellow community members. With the program, they will be able to sleep safely. They will also be able to more easily access services they need to find permanent housing.

Thank you to our community for caring about the wellbeing of students who come to the school farm. People voiced their concerns, and IMACA worked with them to revise the program's security plan to address those concerns.

People in the community have expressed their love of the farm, and with that the fear of losing what they cherish if the Safe Parking Program is approved. I would implore them not to be a prisoner to those fears, and to look toward a future where the farm and safe parking coexist. Where one child wakes up early to care for their project steer, and another brushes their teeth in the church restroom before going to sleep in the backseat of their family's car. They may even be one and the same.

Best Regards,
Tiffany Lau
District 3
Bishop, CA

From: Kristen Gallizio [mailto:kdgallizio@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 8:27 AM
To: Darcy Ellis
Subject: Safe parking project

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I am a mom of two wonderful girls. A 4 year old and 6 year old. Children that love animals and absolutely love visiting the high school farm. It's their favorite place in town.

In these uncertain times, it's the one place outside the safety of home that they truly come to enjoy. And I know it is not just my kids, but numerous kids from the community that enjoy this safe fun space. They have learned so much at the farm too. And with this I feel it necessary to voice the concern I have regarding this safe parking project.

The safe parking project needs some tweaks. I'm not opposed to helping the homeless. But I know you can find a better place. Not only a better place that's not going to put all these kids at risk but a place that would better benefit the homeless. I know you saw what highway 6 looked like, just past the Ford dealership. That is not something we need so close to our kids. My kids are not the only ones that frequent the farm either. All the families I know love the farm. I challenge you to be proactive and not reactive. Please don't wait for something to happen. Find a better place.

Thank you
Kristen Williams
Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: Jen Norris [mailto:jlrrn76@verizon.net]

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 8:19 AM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: Objection of Safe Parking Program

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Dear Inyo County Board of Supervisors,

This letter is to state my objection to the Safe Parking Program at the Nazarene Church in Bishop.

We have one child currently in the Bishop FFA program and another child who will be entering the program in 2022. As a parent I am not comfortable sending my son to the farm by himself in the evening or night with such a program operating so close to school property. The vetting of participants to ensure they are not in the Megan's Law website is fine but is still not reassuring enough to allow this program to continue in such close proximity to school property.

Bishop has plenty of other open areas that are not close to schools and students. The safety of our children must prevail over the proposed social program. The FFA farm is a safe place for our students to work with their animals and learn. Just because an IMACA participant is not on the Megan's Law website does not guarantee they are not potentially violent, therefore placing our children in danger and voiding the safety they should experience on school property.

Let me be clear, I am not against giving aid to this population, just not near our school.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Norris

From: Noa Lish [mailto:noa.lish1997@email.cerrocoso.edu]

Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 10:18 PM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: Safe Parking Project

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a resident of Inyo County, I would like to express my enthusiastic support of the Safe Parking Project. We must acknowledge the difficulties that the pandemic has imposed on housing and income for many people. This includes providing everyone a safe place to park, and dignified sanitation. I hope that the safe parking project will continue during the pandemic and that a new site will be allocated after it has ended. These times leave people particularly vulnerable, but the need will not end once a majority of people have been vaccinated.

Kind regards,

Noa

From: Jael Hoffmann [mailto:jaelhoff@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 10:17 PM
To: Darcy Ellis
Subject: Safe Parking Project

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am in absolute favor of a safe parking space for people in need. Everyone may find themselves in times of hardship and offering a safe space, especially in these dire times, is just the decent thing to do.

As an Inyo County resident, I would hope to see our supervisors acting in the interest of those in need of a safe space, treating everyone with dignity.

Jael Hoffmann

February 14, 2021

Dear Inyo County Supervisors,

We're writing in support of the Safe Parking Project at the Nazarene Church in Bishop.

Our community may be small and remote but we face the same homeless problem as the big cities. Currently, the homeless population in Inyo County is small enough for us to take the upper hand, and make real progress in addressing the situation.

Homelessness is the least-talked-about subject, because people don't want to think about it. It's a taboo subject. Homeless persons are stereotyped as unhygienic and disorderly. Homelessness is seen as a problem of poor communities, in big cities. It's not an issue we associate with life in our remote, rural, less-populated towns. Unfortunately, it is our problem. It is here. It is a topic we should discuss openly and try together to come up with workable solutions. It is an issue that involves all of us in this community.

All of us, at one time or another, have the need to rest and recuperate from the hectic chaos of life. Some of us either spend that time getting lost in books or video games. For others, it's a day at the salon pampering ourselves or the quietness of our own home as we binge-watch our favorite shows. By providing the parking lot during the night, we are giving those in need the opportunity to rest and regroup. Even though they will need to be in their own vehicles, they will be in a protected and secure area.

We need to provide support to the homeless. We hope you come to a consensus and realize providing assistance to the homeless in our community is an appropriate and compassionate way to keep our community safe.

Providing the safe parking to the homeless is not the absolute solution to this long-term problem, but it is a start. There are suggestions that the project should be somewhere else. Where? Who would be willing to take on this project? The Planning Commission has already approved the location for this project, the owners of the Nazarene church have allowed the use of their property for this purpose, and IMACA is committed to put in the funds and resources necessary to run the project.

The Safe Parking Project should be allowed to start. It is not permanent. It can be reassessed, revised, and scrutinized. If it poses any danger to the community, then a decision can be made to end it. We ask you to consider and give this project a chance to do good. We ask you to approve this much-needed project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian and Lynn Lamb
Bishop, CA

From: Tom Talbot [mailto:tomjtalbot@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 7:10 PM

To: Darcy Ellis

Cc: Scott Cimino

Subject: Appeal No. 2020-01 [Cimino/Gleason] of Conditional Use permit 2019-18/IMACA

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To Whom It May Concern

I am writing in support of Appeal No. 2020-01 [Cimino/Gleason] of Conditional Use permit 2019-18/IMACA. Because of the proximity of this parcel to schools, the school farm, churches, Northern Inyo Hospital and to a very busy West Line St. it is inappropriate to allow this project to proceed at this location. While I am supportive of a homeless parking lot for individuals with no other options, to put it in such a high profile location as this is wrong. Please consider other locations for this project and eliminate the Nazarene Church from consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Talbot

-----Original Message-----

From: mizzval@cebridge.net [mailto:mizzval@cebridge.net]

Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 5:41 PM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: Safe Parking Project IMACA/CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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Board of Supervisors,

While we see an attempt to do a good thing for the homeless people in our area, a situation anyone could end up in, we do not feel the decision to place this project in the middle of an area surrounded by schools is the right one. This idea needs to go back to the drawing board and thought out. It needs to be put in an area that is safe for all involved. As this project has stated the parking will only be available from 7:00 pm until 7:00 am. Where are these people supposed to go from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm? An area that will allow a less disruptive environment for those who are living in their vehicles or carrying all their possessions on their backs is necessary. Please reconsider the potential problems associated with placing this project in the proposed area and find a place more suitable to all involved. Thank you for your time. Leonard and Valerie Huarte

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Loyd [<mailto:lbhop@suddenlink.net>]

> Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 11:30 AM

> To: Jennifer Roeser

> Subject: Bishop school farm

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> I am opposed to having people staying next to the school farm in Bishop. I realize the church is trying to help people but it's just not a good idea.

> We already had an incident at the Independence school with an armed person entering the school grounds during school hours.

> If the Bishop thing does happen then I would think a security person would be needed to prevent anyone from entering that does not belong. This security would need to be in place 24/7.

> Loyd Hopper

From: AIMEE MICHENER [mailto:tnamichener@live.com]

Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 5:24 PM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: No to the Nazarene "Safe" Parking Project

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Let me start by saying, I support helping people. I am genuinely all for helping those in our community that are struggling and need a hand. But there's nothing safe about this proposal. You are potentially exposing these FFA students to a population of people that are at high risk for drug use and transmittable diseases.

I understand that not all homeless people are drug users or have a criminal history, but a high percentage of them are. A hazmat crew was required for cleanup on highway 6 after the homeless population was moved out, due to the drug paraphernalia & raw sewage that they left behind. Why would you ever consider parking this kind of risk right next to school property(not "vacant land" as it was called initially)? A security guard and a simple barbed wire fence are not sufficient to guarantee that no harm comes to any of the students, animals or equipment on the farm. Its unacceptable to gamble our childrens safety on an experimental program that could be moved elsewhere. Theres already a spot designated for this kind of thing on Main St, why is it not being used?

As a long time volunteer at the farm, I have seen how much heart these kids put into their project animals. They work hard, and often at odd hours, to take care of their animals before and after school, and oftentimes after work. I, myself, am at the farm at least twice everyday with my children, so they can take care of their animals. None of these kids should have to worry about who else might be out there uninvited. They deserve to know that their farm is a safe place. You owe it to these children to ensure that they are safe.

Thank you for your time.

Aimee Michener

-----Original Message-----

From: Boyd Fencing [mailto:boydfence@earthlink.net]

Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 5:07 PM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: IMACA Safe Parking Project

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Inyo County Board of Supervisors

RE: Safe Parking Project – IMACA/Church of the Nazarene

I do NOT agree with the decision made by IMACA to create safe parking for the homeless community at the Church of the Nazarene in Bishop. I think consideration needs to be given to the safety of those already using the area. Students who visit the school farm to feed and care for their animals and FFA projects, middle school students and staff, employees of Northern Inyo Hospital, Rural Health and Bishop Care Center as well as the residents and community as a whole. If the project only allows parking from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am, where do these people go during the day. While the needs of the homeless have to be addressed more thought definitely should be given to the location as well as the safety and well-being of all involved.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my input.

Dan Boyd
70 Schober Lane
Bishop, CA 93514

-----Original Message-----

From: WAYNE L SAUNDERS [mailto:rhondda@verizon.net]

Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 4:15 PM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: Homeless parking project

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To whom it may concern, I am writing to state my strong objections to the projected project for homeless people to park overnight at the Nazarene church.

It all works on paper, and looks good , makes everyone feel good but..... reality rarely matches the ideals.

There will be the occasional mother and child that need a safe place to stay there will also be the mentally unstable, substance abusers, and drug addicted that won't want to follow the rules.

Vetting these people is just assuming they will be telling you the truth , not to mention you don't have the resources to investigate their history.

And basically when has any place ever been improved by inviting homeless people in ?

It's just too close to where our children will regularly be.

Also, how long till someone's car breaks down and they are unable to move it in the morning?

Who will pay for removing it? How long will it be allowed to stay there ?

I ask u to be realistic and see that this is a very BAD idea

Rhonda Saunders

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: ndohd [mailto:radhosch@hotmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 1:16 PM

To: Darcy Ellis

Cc: lemerson

Subject: Safe Parking at the Nazarene Church

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To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident of Bishop I am strongly in favor of this plan. I understand that the school uses the farm behind the church but there has been no evidence presented that the people that will benefit from this safe parking place pose any threat to the animals or the students accessing the farm. With the supervision of the IMACA staff and the proposed increase in fencing and lighting it seems that there will actually be increased security. In the times we are now living in, the "homeless" no longer consist of scary vagrants passing through our little town but they consist of our own children and seniors that are struggling to survive. We already run them out of our parks and don't provide housing or beds for those in need when the winter hits and when the summer heat would be unfit any human to endure. I have a disabled son that has lived in his vehicle for over 2 years now and this community has done nothing but harass and humiliate him in his efforts to just survive. He has never harmed anyone or stolen anything, he just wants to be allowed to exist in peace without harassment. This is a small step in the efforts to help those in need in our own community, in doing this we are helping ourselves and our own families. If trash is a concern just look in the ditches and streams all round town. I walk all over town and the trash is everywhere. We could do a better job of cleaning up and providing some public trash receptacles and recycling bins around. I think the arguments against this project are short sighted and selfish. Let's stop just thinking about how we can stop from lifting up or neighbor and find more ways to make things better for everyone.

Thank-you for your consideration,

Raychel Hosch M.S. CCC/SLP

Rehabilitation Director at Southern Inyo Healthcare District but resident of Bishop

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radhosch@hotmail.com

From: web.noreply
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 11:53 AM
To: Darcy Ellis
Subject: [Site Contact Form] safe parking project

Derik Olson (not verified) (derikolson@gmail.com) sent a message using the contact form at <https://www.inyocounty.us/contact-us>.

The sender's name
Derik Olson
The sender's email
derikolson@gmail.com
Subject
safe parking project
Department
Board of Supervisors
Comment or Question

I urge the Board to support the Safe Parking Project. This is a well thought out plan that addresses safety concerns while providing assistance and support for those who are beset with homelessness. It is win-win for the community: it keeps the homeless from parking and sleeping in neighborhoods or in undesirable areas; it minimizes their impact on out-of-town lands and property; and it offers a safe place for these folks with hardships to sleep. Please consider authorizing the Safe Parking Project. Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Kyle Oney [mailto:oneykyle60@yahoo.com]

Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2021 10:23 PM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: Homeless parking

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To whom it may concern; I am writing as a former FFA student at Bishop Union high school back in the 70s and as one of the top buyers at the junior livestock auction each year. I fully support 4-H and FFA. That's sad I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed homeless parking lot behind the Nazarene church, I feel it is a bad location because of it's proximity to the school farm. I believe we do need a safe place for them to park I just don't believe this is a good location for it thank you.

Sincerely Kyle Oney Bishop California
Sent from my iPhone

February 13, 2021

Inyo County Board of Supervisors
224 North Edwards Street
Independence, CA 93526

Subject: Appeal No. 2020-01 - Conditional Use Permit 2019-18/IMACA

Dear Members of the Board:

Please accept this letter as a formal objection to the proposed Safe Parking Project being considered under the above referenced conditional use permit (CUP).

First, I would like to point out the flaws in the Planning Department's initial report for this project. The report indicates that the surrounding land is "vacant, open space". Much of the land may be undeveloped, but it is not vacant. It is property which is leased and occupied by the Bishop Unified School District. The land has been used for the operation of the Bishop High School farm facility for decades, providing children in our community with an outstanding learning experience and opportunity. No consideration was given to this fact, making the report's analysis inaccurate and misleading to the public.

It is even more unfortunate that after pointing this out in the formal appeal, the public notice for this hearing still refers to the property surrounding the project as "vacant". I do not understand why the County continues to mislead the public about the neighboring tenants and their use of the adjoining land which will be directly impacted by the project. Please refer to my appeal letter pointing out several inadequacies and outright wrong information contained in the report. This process should be factual and transparent, but it is not. I do not feel that the County has adequately done its job in this regard. Is it too much to say "the project is surrounded on three sides by a public school facility"? It seems this is a most relevant fact and one that would certainly draw the attention of many parents and community members, had the information been properly represented.

The Planning Commission failed to discuss the operations of the school farm with the Bishop High School or the farm manager. Had they attempted to understand how the farm operates, who utilizes it, and when children are present, they would have discovered that the so called "vacant" land is routinely used by students exercising their animals, typically after normal school hours and late into the evening. They would also have learned that animal care, including assisting animals in birth, is not limited to the hours of 7am to 7pm. This farm is one of the most unique and beneficial youth programs in our community and it sickens me to think anyone would knowingly compromise that, even if the risks are seemingly low.

How can your Board vote on whether or not this project should move forward, when the planning process was flawed, misrepresented the facts and omitted significantly relevant information? The answer is, it shouldn't. The Planning Commission's Notice of Decision should be considered invalid.

My second point, is that this is not a debate about homelessness or programs to aid the homeless. This is a planning failure in a small community. While IMACA and other organizations have good intentions to

help the homeless, the means to provide such help should not adversely affect students and neighbors, or compromise community safety. No matter how many safeguards are put in place, or how many cameras, lights and rules are used, projects like these are not free from incidents. Many cities have passed ordinances allowing people to sleep in vehicles, but it is prohibited in residential areas, and near schools, preschools, and daycare facilities. There is a reason for that. Even though the proposed project is perhaps a more formal parking program, it only makes sense that these same limitations should apply. Have similar safe parking projects in other cities been shown to be 100% incident free?

If this project is so safe and benign in terms of the potential impacts to the neighbors and community, why is the security plan 20 pages long and has to address crime, harassment, unwanted sexual advances, leering, sexual gestures, and verbal abuse? Student safety and security will be compromised.

Lastly, numerous times throughout the CUP staff report and the Notice of Decision, references are made to the terms of the agreement between IMACA and the Church being the guiding document for operation of the project. The terms of the contract are solely at the discretion of IMACA and the Church and can be amended at any time without County input or approval. The only limitation provided by the County is that they cannot increase the number of parking spaces. So should those parties decide to loosen their permit requirements, change the configuration, allow visitors or guests, change the monitoring program, or anything else they agree upon, there is no County or community input required.

The Board should recognize these impacts and the poor planning that allowed the project to get to this point and make a decision that is in the best interest of the community as a whole. The Board should not support a project which was inaccurately analyzed and misrepresented, and it should not approve of conducting an experiment next to a school facility where the students are the primary risk factor.

A better location can be found where children involved in school activities are not put at risk. The City of Bishop and IMACA recently acquired nearly three acres of land on Maclver Street in the City of Bishop, which happens to also be located within the City's Emergency Shelter Overlay District that is intended for the implementation of programs for the homeless. Also, Inyo County is building a new building with a large parking lot on Highway 6. Inyo County is a partner with IMACA in the Continuum of Care for assisting the homeless. It seems the County could make its own facilities available for supporting projects it funds. Clearly, better options can be sought out.

Approving a conditional use to help one small demographic, while potentially putting another larger demographic at risk, is a bad decision, especially when that larger demographic is our community's youth. The planning process was done improperly and there are other options for this project which should be pursued.

Sincerely,

Scott Cimino

Scott Cimino

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From: Shane Dishion [mailto:shanedishion@yahoo.com]

Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2021 5:00 PM

To: Darcy Ellis

Subject: Objection to "Safe Parking Project"

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To whom it may concern,

02-13-21

I am writing to strongly object to the location of the "Safe parking project". I was born and raised in Bishop and was a member of the Bishop FFA through my four years of high school. I am now a parent of three daughters, one who graduated, one currently in Bishop FFA and one future FFA student. I have never thought twice about the safety of the farm when they would go take care of their projects. The thought of having the homeless population so close to my children as well as other students worries me greatly. Student who go to the farm should not have to worry about their safety while learning and tending to their projects. When taking their animals for a walk the land borders the lot where the homeless people will be. Students using the farm should not be concerned, or fearful of the homeless who most likely will wander onto the school property. The student should be the main consideration here. Surely there is another option for the homeless.

The farm is a year-round project requiring students to be there all times of the day to feed and clean. They shouldn't have to be afraid that there might be a person on the property who does not belong there when they go during the early or late hours. The Bishop FFA program is one of the best run programs in California. It consist of 88 acres and surrounds the location of the "Safe Parking Project" on three sides. A student program as great as this should not be jeopardized in anyway.

Sincerely,

Shane C. Dishion

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Edie Warkentine (not verified) (ediewark@gmail.com) sent a message using the contact form at <https://www.inyocounty.us/contact-information>.

The sender's name

Edie Warkentine

The sender's email

ediewark@gmail.com

Subject

Safe Parking Lot Project

Comment or Question

Dear Supervisors,

I urge you to support the proposed Safe Parking Lot project in Bishop. This project is supported not only by IMACA and the Nazarene Church, which is providing the proposed site, but also by the Bishop Unified School District, whose property adjoins the proposed site. It has been approved by the County Planning Department.

Given the needs of the local homeless population, this project would exemplify the best of Bishop and Inyo County: a caring and giving community. It would provide a safe and sanitary place to sleep for members of the homeless community who live in their vehicles. Safety concerns have been addressed by a security plan which has been endorsed by both the Bishop Unified School District and the Inyo County Sheriff.

In these difficult times, we need to come together as a community and give our assistance to those in need. Approval of this project will both be that assist and signify that Inyo County cares about people.

Thank you for your conscientious and caring work.

Edie Warkentine, Bishop, California

From: Ann Strohm [annstrohm@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 4:53 PM
To: Jeff Griffiths; BoardClerk
Subject: Support for Safe Parking Project

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Dear Inyo County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to support the Safe Parking Project. I wish there were no need for it, but people in our community are already sleeping in their cars. The number of people experiencing homelessness has probably grown since the pandemic and subsequent economic challenges began. Others in our community may be one paycheck or two away from the same fate. Some of them graduated from Inyo County schools and have served in our military. They are our neighbors.

Disallowing a safe place to park will not stop our neighbors from sleeping in their cars. Where else are they going to go? Providing a safe spot for the night is the least we can do. This project will give all of us a better night's sleep, knowing that people without homes are in contact with appropriate services and that our local government is demonstrating compassion. During these trying times, we can do this simple thing. We can be a good neighbor to those who need it most.

I cannot imagine the anxiety a parent feels trying to sleep in a place they *hope* is safe for their kids. We all know children can be scared of monsters and noises, even in the security of a safe home. People experiencing homelessness have enough uncertainty in their lives; surely we can remove one layer of it by moving forward with this project. As a community, let's provide a Safe Parking place, where a grown up can whisper to a child, "Go ahead and sleep. We are safe."

Thank you,

Ann Strohm
751 W Pine St, Bishop

From: Fran Hunt [franhunt@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 5:18 PM

To: BoardClerk

Cc: Jeff Griffiths

Subject: February 16 Inyo County Board of Supervisors Meeting (Item 19, Safe Parking Project)

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Dear Members of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors,
Homelessness has been a serious issue in California and across the nation for many years. I have three friends who have each had to live out of their vehicles for long periods of time, so I'm aware of some of the challenges and risks they have faced. My friends were just a small sample of a much larger issue, but I see their faces when I think of the dozens of people in our area who live and sleep in their vehicles. These people deserve our collective care and attention.

Given the pressing need to thoughtfully address this issue, I am grateful that IMACA and the Nazarene Church are offering a Safe Parking Lot option. Safe Parking Lots have been successful in other areas. While they do not fix the larger issue of homelessness, they do provide a safe place to sleep. Even in our large, rural area, it's not easy to find safe quiet places to camp or park without being forced to move frequently/nightly. And the Safe Parking Lot will also provide critical access to restroom and shower facilities and an opportunity for folks to connect with services that might help them find more permanent housing.

I am aware of the details of the project and therefore very confident that IMACA has a thoughtful and safety-focused plan of operation that will include appropriate monitoring and security. I live within just a very short walk of the Nazarene Church. I will sleep soundly knowing that the Safe Parking Lot is not only well managed – but is allowing other folks basic sanitation and a safer night's rest as well.

I hope that the Board will continue forward with this project. The homeless are our neighbors and I believe we are called to care for them with the same compassion as we would hope to receive ourselves.

Thank you for your thoughtful and compassionate attention to this important matter,
Fran Hunt
Bishop

From: David Camphouse [david.camphouse@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 10:18 AM
To: BoardClerk
Cc: Anna Camphouse; John Camphouse; Tracy Aspel; Fran Hunt
Subject: Safe Parking Affirmation

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Dear Inyo County Board of Supervisors

I want to say thank you to the Inyo County Supervisors for looking into Safe Parking, and for approving the use of the Nazarene Church for this purpose. I know there are plenty of letters coming your way opposed to this use of the facility.

I do believe that providing more information about the service will be helpful. I would propose that for the several concerns that are repeated about proximity to the High School farm, the concerns about littering and especially about supervision for the program be addressed directly and point by point.

As a pastor, with experience in discerning Safe Parking options throughout southern California, I know there are three issues we have regularly had to address before we could go forward with use for these purposes.

- 1) Use of facilities and waste water disposal. My experience has been that having a separate facility, like a full access bathroom trailer, or a self contained bathroom building on site, as well as an agreement or arrangement with a local RV park to dispose of black and grey water makes a huge difference.
- 2) Supervision. Clear expectations of supervision, and police oversight has been very helpful, especially in neighborhood communities where the Safe Parking has been located.
- 3) A clear denunciation of the fear mongering related to hours of use, drug use, violence and problem behaviors of "those people", with notation of any services offered or required for use of the Safe Parking Zone.

In relation to the last, of fear mongering I would encourage you all to read these articles and welcome you to share your thoughts back to me. These are related to setting up transient communities, food pantries, and safe parking, and the ongoing struggles associated with establishing such services. These articles also point to some studies that have been done that show providing services like Safe Parking, homeless encampments, soup kitchens, and food pantries tend to reduce crime, and increase the overall condition of the community. One article even notes that when crime does increase, it tends to be against the homeless themselves, rather than the homeless persons committing crimes against members of the community at-large.

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In Grace,

David Camphouse

Pastor

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I want to know God's thoughts. The rest are details. -Einstein

From: Michele Dossey [micheledossey76@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 12:16 PM

To: BoardClerk

Subject: Safe Parking

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To Inyo County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in strong support of the Safe Parking Project at the Nazarene Church. With the new security plan in place I feel confident that the homeless individuals parking in these spaces and the students at the School Farm will be safe. Homelessness is not a problem that can be ignored. The homeless are our neighbors, members of our community, that have no other choice than to sleep in their cars for reasons that are mounting in this time of economic unrest and the pandemic.

I feel proud to be a part of a community that reaches out to those in need to provide a secure place to sleep and have access to a bathroom. Thank you very much for your service to our community.

Sincerely,
Michele Dossey

From: Roberta Cummings [robertamcummings@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 5:43 AM

To: BoardClerk

Subject: Safe Parking Project

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To the Inyo County Board of Supervisors:

I strongly urge you to approve the Safe Parking Project in order to provide a safe place for homeless people in our community who are forced to live in their cars to park at night. There is no reason to further delay this as the school district, the Inyo County Planning Commission and IMACA have all approved this project.

Thank you.

Roberta Cummings

760-873-3058.

From: Bob Harrington [bobh93514@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 10:19 AM

To: BoardClerk

Subject: Public comment on Board of Supervisors agenda item #19 Consideration of Appeal No. 2020-01,

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

I applaud the Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action and the Church of the Nazarene for working together to mitigate the sad plight of homelessness in our community. I'm grateful for the leadership and creative problem solving that these two organizations have shown in addressing homelessness. I also support Inyo County's issuance of the necessary conditional use permit to allow this project to move forward. The conditions applied to the project in the conditional use permit appear to address the concerns stated by the appellants. The County should continue to play its part in facilitating this worthy and necessary project by denying Appeal 2021-1.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Bob Harrington
Resident, District 3

Comments on Safe Parking Project appeal - 2/16/2021 Agenda Item 19

Darla Heil [darlaheil@gmail.com]

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Attachments:

[Safe Parking Project - ~1.docx \(16 KB\)\[Open as Web Page\]](#)

Monday, February 15, 2021 10:47 AM

Dear Board Clerk,

I've attached my comments on the Appeal to the Safe Parking Project for the 2/16/2021 Board of Supervisors meeting. Please make these comments part of the public record and convey my comments to the Board of Supervisors.

Thanks,
Darla Heil

Board of Supervisors
Inyo County, California

February 14, 2021

RE: Appeal No. 2020-01 (Cimino/Gleason) of Conditional Use Permit 2019-18/IMACA - February 16, 2021 Agenda Item 19

Dear Members of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors:

I'm writing to support the Safe Parking Project as proposed by Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA) to help Inyo County's homeless people. Please deny this appeal and allow this project to move forward at once, especially during this time of extreme need.

Please do the compassionate thing for the homeless people of Inyo County who sleep in their vehicles. Allow IMACA and the Church of the Nazarene to give fifteen vehicles and the people who sleep in them a safe place to park overnight in the church parking lot with access to bathrooms. This is clearly

the right thing to do and I believe that we are a community with enough generosity to help the homeless in this way.

Thank you for considering my comments at today's meeting. Please deny this appeal.

Sincerely,
Darla Heil
2272 Longview Drive
Bishop, CA