

LETTER TO COUNCILMEMBER KROHN COPIED TO CHIEF ANDY MILLS

From: Robert Norse [<mailto:rnorse3@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 11:19 PM

To: Chris Krohn <ckrohn@cruzio.com>; sandybrown1972@gmail.com

Cc: Steve Pleich, Dru , Beggerbacker Becky Johnson, Ursula Reed, Julie Schaul, Jessica of the Sentinel Laura Tucker, Andrew Mills, Carol Scurich, Swami, Ricardo Lopez, Steve Argue, Steve Schnaar, Sherry Conable, Wes White, Abbi of OSC, Keith McHenry, Phil Posner, Glad eyes Gloria, Valerie Christy, Sarah Leonard, Linda Ellen Lemaster ,

Subject: Re: congratulations!

How about an emergency resolution at the Council meeting tomorrow asking the police chief and P & R boss to halt all citations and stops against homeless people based on 6.36., PC 647e ("Lodging"), the P & R "trespass" laws of MC 13.08.010, and the misuse of the city's "obstructing the sidewalk" code until such time as there is actual sufficient shelter or daytime resting areas for folks to go to (not that such concentration camps are a good solution)? Even if you fail, the effort would do far more than pats on the head for stating the obvious for the last thirty years.

Congrats to those of us denouncing the Sleeping Ban are nice, but some actual from actual positions of power, even if it's only in the form of rhetoric to inform the public is far better.

Given the lack of guarantees that encampments will be left alone in the current shelter emergency, I'm recommending the restoration of a Tent City downtown to allow for homeless protection, community, and shelter. The pitiful increase in programs has little impact on the majority of those outside, many of whom are elderly, disabled, and ill. All now have claims under the Boise decision if their campsites are molested with no alternatives.

So speak up with a concrete measure that would restrain police abuse in the days ahead.

Robert

[Krohn neither responded to this letter, nor made any comments at City Council on the Boise decision, continued police harassment of homeless in public places, nor the absence of any walk-in city-funded Winter Shelter and/or Shelter]

MILLS CHIMES IN

From: Andrew Mills <amills@cityofsantacruz.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 1:03 PM

To: Robert Norse; Chris Krohn;

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Ellen Lemaster

Subject: RE: congratulations!

Dear All,

As you know we have significantly reduced the number of citations issued to people camping, homeless or housed. I have issued an Order to my department to not issue any camping citations until Council has an opportunity to weigh in and give direction. Many of you have been strong advocates for the homeless over the years (decades for many) and now is the time to press forward and ensure there are solutions that meet the need of the homeless and yet improve quality of life for all.

There are some really smart people here and I believe collectively Santa Cruz can create solutions that work.

For a better SC,

Andy

On Sep 11, 2018, at 2:49 PM, Robert Norse <rnorse3@hotmail.com> wrote:

Thanks, Andy. Of course the increase in PC 647e ("Lodging"), the P & R "trespass" laws of MC 13.08.010, and the misuse of the city's "obstructing the sidewalk" will accomplish the same effect of driving homeless people "nowhere" (since there's no legal place for them to go). I'd encourage you to scrutinize such complaints far more carefully, since you testified before the Public Safety Committee that "trespass" citations have been on the rise.

Incidentally, what percentage of those citations were for trespass on public property and were they accompanied by stay-away orders ?

It would, of course, be significant and helpful to open up the San Lorenzo campground again this winter since the boneyard is inaccessible to the majority of homeless folks other than the chosen few.

Finally, did you ever have any idea of what happened to the Eureka homeless who ultimately moved off the spot that you helped set up for them several years ago? Did they get somewhere else to go?

Robert

Andrew Mills <amills@cityofsantacruz.com>

Yesterday, 3:08 PM

Hey Robert,

Almost all, if not all, of the Trespassing cites were on private property. Public space is for the public and we cannot and do not discriminate against anyone trying to use public property.

We also do not enforce direction when there is not a law behind it. There is some need like when a department is doing upkeep on a park etc that we close and enforce a park.

There was a large hue and outcry from many segments of the community, environmentalist and the County when people camped in the park. There was little if no positive feedback.

Eureka was a different situation. The private and non-profit community stepped up to build housing w the City and County working together to provide space. So far it appears to me the advocate community here is fractured and the private/business community unwilling to provide resources.

I am willing to work with both communities to work in concert in a reasonable effort to provide more housing and help. We will all have to move out of our corners, reach out to others and find ways to find reasonable solutions by working w one another.

A [Sent from my iPhone]

From: Robert Norse [mailto:rnorse3@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 4:26 PM
To: Andrew Mills <amills@cityofsantacruz.com>
Cc: Steve Pleich and others
Subject: Re: congratulations!

Thanks for the quick response, Andy.

Just to be clear, are you saying that citations for MC 13.08.010 and attendat Stay-Away orders have dropped significantly? And that you will not be ticketing people who are sleeping on public property--say in parks or on the sidewalk even if some annoyed business owner or West-side resident complains? that, of course, would be welcome news and in the spirit of the Boise decision.

If so, have you also directed police not to pressure people to move away from "closed" public spaces? Because this may be the reason for the rise in private property trespass citations.

What ultimately was the disposition of the Eureka homeless who were moved in November of 2016?

I appreciate your initiative in making efforts to respond to some of these questions directly. Hope you continue to do so.

Robert

From: Andrew Mills <amills@cityofsantacruz.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 4:43 PM

To: Robert Norse

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Subject: RE: congratulations!

Robert,

Your killing me.

Asked and answered above.

The homeless in Eureka were a variety of solutions. Some failed out due to bad behavior. Some were housed with the help of Betty Q. Chinn and the County Dept of Health and Human Service. Some were given travel vouchers to go home and others elected to move away on their own. It is much like here in that many people have different desires, needs, hopes and wishes.

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From: Robert Norse <rnorse3@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 9:48 PM

To: Andrew Mills

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Subject: Re: congratulations!

Andy,

It's still unclear to me whether "citations for MC 13.08.010 and attendant Stay-Away orders have dropped significantly?" And whether "you will not be ticketing people who are sleeping on public property--say in parks or on the sidewalk even if some annoyed business owner or West-side resident complaints?" If these questions were "asked and answered", please help a poor confused soul and repeat the answers.

And ditto for the "have you also directed police not to pressure people to move away from "closed" public spaces?" question. Pressure can be as abusive as citations if you give people no safe place to go.

I maybe "killing you", but I would appreciate some simple direct answers here.

If anyone else cc-ed to this thread actually found the answer to these questions, please let me know.

Robert

[AS OF 9-16, MILLS MADE NO RESPONSE TO THE BASIC QUESTIONS RAISED HERE—NAMELY WHETHER HIS POLICE HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO INSTITUTE THE BOISE DECISION PRECEDENT BY ENDING HARASSMENT OF HOMELESS OF SITTING, SLEEPING, OR RESTING IN THE (INEVITABLE) ABSENCE OF AVAILABLE SHELTER]