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Good morning,

I am a 5 year resident of Casitas Springs and I have watched the number of RV's grow from 2 or 3 to over 50 in the last 5 years.

When I first moved to the area it was a little bit of an eye sore and trash left around, but they moved often enough to not be a concern. However, with the amount of vehicles, trailers, RV's, makeshift tents and camps that has taken over our quiet county roads it is not only an eye sore, but it smells, the trash left everywhere is affecting the areas river bed and wildlife. Drug needles are left all over along with empty alcohol bottles. Human waste is being left on the road and dumped in the river bed. Fires are being started that the fire department has been called to put out, and we've seen in increase in thefts of personal property. Is this something you would want in your neighborhood?

I understand the need for a resolution to the homeless issue in our area, but Steve Bennett's proposal to have the encampment stay there is not the answer. Here are my questions and concerns on his plan.

1. How many permits is he allowing to "live" there?
2. How often are they going to be checked on to make sure all rules are being followed?
3. Where are the individuals who don't get a permit going to go? And why can't we send all of them there? McGrath maybe??
4. How are they going to get water, where are they going to dump, how is the trash issue going to be handled?
5. Is there going to be a ban on all fires? We don't need another Thomas Fire
6. Do they have to be a Ventura resident or are we allowing anyone and everyone to come stay here?
7. Are they going to follow all the rules that the Thomas Fire victims have to follow who live in their RV's?

<https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12366/CD-270-Temporary-RV-Housing>

8. Are we as residents who drive by everyday able to get in contact with anyone to make complaints if we see these rules not being followed?

Please consider other options that will provide the sources these individuals need to live in their mobile homes. On the side of a county road is not safe for anyone. People who visit the area, especially Foster Park, the bike path and Ojai are not going to want to have to go by this encampment to enjoy the beautiful, peaceful area we live in.

As I asked before, would you be ok if this was in your neighborhood?

Thank you,  
Taissa Tafoya-Cofield

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