



FAIRFIELD GONZALES
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City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

October 13, 2023

Dear Mayor & Council,

Re: Overnight sheltering in parks

We have had outreach to us from concerned members of our neighbourhood regarding overnight sheltering in parks.

The council has recently taken steps to reduce the number of parks where overnight sheltering is permitted. We still have two parks in the Gonzales neighbourhood where there is permitted overnight sheltering. We have attached the presentation from citizens adjacent to Gonzales Park for you to see what their experiences have been.

The past few years has seen the need for housing and health supports grow while services have not kept up. We also urge you to come up with solutions that are within your control to increase the safety for our residents that are unhoused and housed.

We believe that the current situation is untenable for those who shelter in the parks and those that are housed and urge you to come up with solutions before the start of winter.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the Board of Directors
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