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## To the City Council, City Manager

I apologize for not writing my letter of support sooner regarding Item 11a. on the City Council Agenda this evening. I am not able to attend the meeting but want to voice my support for the proposed Recurso de Fuerza.

I am a participant on the City of Watsonville Task force on Homelessness and I have been serving the homeless and vulnerable populations of Santa Cruz County for three decades and know the heartbreak and challenges of those served and those who are looking for better ways of helping.

With the increased criminalization of homelessness and the continued sweeps of homeless encampments, we only succeed in moving the problem from one place to another without any lasting or meaningful resolutions.

Recurso de Fuerza is a solution oriented project, moving the City of Watsonville one step closer to being a partner in solutions for homelessness and a model for others. Without the consent, the project stands to lose the funding and the City losing potential future State funding if we do not demonstrate data driven solutions in response to State mandates. Maria Elena communicates the mission and solution based project beautifully in this article.

https://lookout.co/recurso-de-fuerza-watsonville-council-should-vote-yes-on-tiny-homes-project/

This article highlights the City of San Francisco landlords evicting tenants and adding to the homeless population, putting already vulnerable people on the street with no shelter or support. We do not want to see our City or our County acting in a similar manner.

https://patch.com/california/across-ca/they-tried-pay-their-overdue-rent-their-landlord-wouldnt-accept-it?utm\_source=share-link&utm\_medium=web&utm\_campaign=share

Thank you for your consideration and for voting to move this critical project forward.

Respectfully,

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