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**To:** [City Council](#); [cityclerk](#)  
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Dear Casey Clark and other members of the Watsonville City Council:

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposal to build tiny homes in Watsonville. Tiny homes, particularly when combined with wraparound services, have shown promise in providing a dignified, stable living environment for unhoused individuals, enabling them to access the resources and support they need to rebuild their lives.

Studies have found that communities built around tiny homes provide residents with not only shelter but also stability, which is critical for overcoming the barriers that perpetuate homelessness. A [CalMatters](#) publication showed that of the people who lived in tiny homes in San Jose, 43% moved into permanent housing, not to mention there was a 10% decline in homelessness. Furthermore, residents of these communities reported better access to mental health services, job opportunities, and overall life satisfaction.

While tiny homes may not be the ultimate solution to the complex issue of homelessness, they represent a compassionate approach to a crisis that is tied to systemic factors such as mental health challenges, the high cost of living, and the stigma faced by unhoused individuals. By providing a safe and stable living environment, tiny homes can be an essential part of the broader strategy to address homelessness, especially when paired with critical support services like counseling, job training, and addiction recovery programs.

I firmly believe that tiny homes, as part of a broader system of support, will help unhoused individuals regain their dignity, stability, and self-sufficiency. This initiative is not only a necessary step in addressing homelessness but also a reflection of the values of empathy and community care that we hold dear in Watsonville.

I urge you to support this proposal to build tiny homes in our community. It is a step towards a more compassionate, effective, and sustainable solution to homelessness.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Dr. Victoria Bañales, District 5

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