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I would like to comment on the proposed moratorium on towing vehicles with expired discussing a moratorium on towing vehicles with expired registrations, and not towing cars with 5 or more parking tickets.

***I am strongly opposed to such a change in the enforcement of parking violations.***

> We have reached a breaking point in Santa Cruz with the number of people who are living on our streets and parks and parking RVs on streets. Santa Cruz is becoming a place where tourists are unlikely to make second and third trips, after they have encountered groups of people living in a variety of our city streets and parks. Further, individuals are choosing to sell homes and find communities where they are not constantly impacted by the population of street people.
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> One distinction that we need to make is that of people who have been citizens of our community but who have become homeless because of job losses and foreclosure or escalation in rent AND individuals who have never worked or rented or owned a home in our community but who have chosen Santa Cruz because of our amenable geographic and political climate.
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> I believe that we have an obligation to those who have lost jobs and to ensure that members of our community who are essential to our well-being have affordable housing. For individuals who have chosen Santa Cruz because it is a viable place to live on the street or in parks or to camp on our streets, that is another matter. I believe that there may be some people who are taking advantage of the commitment so many of us have in Santa Cruz to support those in need.

***Please DO NOT halt enforcement of our parking regulations!***

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