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To: [Lori Martin](#)
Subject: City Council public comment regarding homeless in Hercules
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Dear Mayor Esquivias, City Manager Biggs, council members and city staff,

Since last December, some of us have observed a homeless woman sleeping on the streets of Hercules. When offered assistance, she declines, saying she is ok.

Recently, I decided to follow up on what services in the area are available to those like her who have found themselves in such a difficult situation. I visited one of the shelters in Richmond. They informed me that they are not taking any additional occupants, but that they do offer motel vouchers. I have been told by some, that these motels are located in high crime areas, that there is crime at these motels. Additionally, I read in the news of a woman who died at a nearby shelter, her body was found bruised, that some believe she had been assaulted at the shelter. For this reason, I am asking our city council to ensure that those sleeping on our streets are safe, and that the options available to them, are an improvement, that our local shelters are providing these unfortunate individuals with the safe environment they need. I also ask that Chief Imboden and our officers please do what they can to ensure the safety of these individuals. I am sure they already are.

Lastly, I want to give thanks to Mrs. Tiffany Grimseley, for looking into this matter with me. You have my vote for city council, Tiffany.

Respectfully submitted,
Giorgio Cosentino, Hercules resident