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To all of Council:

I am writing today in regards to the current situation bubbling in our community in regards to the homeless population. First of all I applaud ALL who are working towards putting something in place for our vulnerable.

I want to say I am so tired of the fear mongering happening by individuals in our communities, and from rumors I have heard out and about in the community also from those who are supposed to be representing our community. Representing the people of West Elgin involves looking out for the best interest of every single person in the community and that includes the homeless.

I am in full support of any systems that are put into place that will help these individuals get off the street and into a warm bed, have food in their belly and have the medical support that they need. Is a trailer next to the Seniors in West Lorne the best spot? I don't know; but I do believe it is a good short term solution to be able to assess and use as a stepping stone to move forward with the needs of these individuals. Not all homeless are drug addicts, law breaking individuals and that mentality from my conversations with others in the community is what is causing the discord and pushback in having something in place for them.

Homeless or not they are HUMAN beings, I hope all of these NIMBY individuals never have a family member who becomes homeless and needs support.

I hope that Council will hold a town hall for members of our communities to attend and ask questions, to get INFORMED, to set people's minds at ease.

Winter is coming, the ball needs to get rolling to help these vulnerable souls so that they have someplace warm to be.

JESUS was homeless, he was born in a stable surrounded by farm animals. Jesus spent most of his life walking the face of the earth HOMELESS. Think about that, if you're Christian get your Bible out and read! Jesus took care of the homeless, Jesus DIED on a CROSS homeless!! Shame on anyone who looks down on a homeless person as something less than.

Thank you in advance for any considerations that are taken from my email.

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“live each day like there’s no tomorrow, take each breathe as though it were your last, love wholeheartedly, give freely and simply be kind”