I am unable to attend Thursday’s meeting but am in full support of safe parking concept.

Santa Barbara Ca has had this program for at least 12 years. During this time City of SB has never had to use their liability policy. It provides stress reduction and a good nights sleep for homeless families.

Who are these people: a nurse and her two daughters who had to sell their home after a divorce and those waiting for more stable housing options.

COB planning has statistics stating a high percentage of homeless former address was a home in Whatcom county. They are not for the most part coming from afar.

However Bellingham is on a route to and from Canada with a new generation of van dwellers who cannot afford housing but make the four wheels under their vehicle their home base. Affluent snowbirds would also like a place to stop overnight on their way to winter golf courses.

This will not go away. Let’s not criminalize the homeless nor penalize travelers.
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