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Dear City Council,

I am a 35 year resident of Santa Cruz, we live in the Prospect Height neighborhood. I am retired and have a part-time job working in downtown Santa Cruz for a tax accountant. This week I saw that the Food not Bombs organization has moved to the city clock tower. Please do something to stop this. I feel that our city is not being aggressive in managing our homeless population. My opinion is we are attracting drug addicts and dealers to our town with the benchland area being an easy target for this population. Why are the police not daily monitoring the benchland area with dogs to detect illegal drugs? I know this would only shift this drug population to another town but Santa Cruz has been accepting of this life style a long time and I would like them out of our town. I feel my taxes are not being spent to maintain our town public areas for the tax paying citizens. I now understand that there will be more camping areas for the "homeless" set up at the National Guard Amory at DeLaveaga Park which is right above my home. We are already having our cars robbed by individuals needing to support their drug habit and feel it will increase. I do believe that there are homeless that need our help but Santa Cruz is helping a drug population not wanting to improve their situation.

Downtown Santa Cruz is becoming a ghost town with many stores closed and scary even in the middle of the day. Please help return our city to a safe place.

Thank you for reading this.

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