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Honorable Mayor & City Council

November 5, 2024

Over the the past several months I have been presenting to you a detailed report containing City Staff data documenting the severe hardship the Chula Vista City Council's actions have caused the homeless and financially vulnerable members of our community. Specifically, how the Tenant Protection Ordinance has exacerbated the housing crisis. Hundreds of individuals continue to live on the streets, with children forced to seek shelter in refrigerator boxes. The human suffering caused by you is real, measurable, and continues to grow unchecked.

Tonight, for a third time, I am including a note respectfully requesting that you acknowledge whether you had read the data prepared by City Staff—data that quantifies the damage being inflicted on our community. I am disheartened to find that in the past not one council member could be bothered to at least read the data the City Council has hired Staff to prepare.

The homeless crisis in Chula Vista will not be resolved if the City Council continues forcing landlords to raise rents. By neglecting the information provided, you are compounding the very housing problem that your policies have helped create. Additionally, passing a “No Camping” ordinance does nothing to address the root causes of homelessness or improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens.

My purpose tonight, once again, is to urge you to review the updated report, dated October 15, 2024. This nine page document contains critical data prepared by City Staff that I believe will compel you to take action. Specifically, it makes a strong case for instructing staff to issue warnings to noncompliant individuals before levying excessive \$5,000 daily fines. Threatening massive fines only drives honest landlords to preemptively raise rents, worsening the housing crisis.

On the reverse side of this note, I am, once again, requesting that you acknowledge whether you have read the nine page October 15 report. You are free to agree or disagree with City Staff’s findings, but I implore you to at least consider their data. The future of our community’s most vulnerable residents depends on it. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

*Joseph A. Raso*

Mr Raso,

**YES!** I have read and understood your  
nine page 10/15/24 communication to the  
Chula Vista City Council . . . . . ( )

**NO!** I have NOT read your  
nine page 10/15/24 communication to the  
Chula Vista City Council . . . . . ( )