

## David Cutaia

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**From:** David Cutaia  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 08, 2021 12:51 PM  
**To:** David Cutaia  
**Subject:** FW: I want to speak on Item #1, homeless encampment and item #2 archaeological resources.

I am a veteran advocate for the homeless. I have spent 10 years buying them clothes , Feeding them at the Showers of Blessing at St Michael's . I also wash the towels and washclothes. I have worked directly with Paula Perotte in finding housing for them. We found several places for them.

I have a great deal of Experience and insight into the people who roam Goleta There are a few different classes- homeless families, and homeless men.

The men choose to be homeless because they are addicted to drugs and alcohol. They often camp on the tracks. This situation is a major disaster waiting to happen . Homeless workers are often at St Michael's.

The City does not have an arena to assist Goleta homeless. There are no spots For the showers of Blessing, no food distributions , no overnight shelters and no supervision of people camping in their cars please forward this to whoever is responsible for this situation. Until we have Mandatory drug testing and counseling, Accessible AA support groups the money you receive will be useless. The Railroad needs pressure to clean out the camps and close the fencing. Perhaps a legal incentive would help. I have been in touch with Lupe Valdez and she said the Railroad is working with the City . Why can't the City Close up the fencing. ? This would not allow the homeless to construct their miles of RR camps. So in summary, drug and alcohol counseling, work incentives, Closing the camps , providing showers and meals at an accessible location . Please consider these possibilities.

Irene Russo

Sent from my iPhone