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Hello,

Firstly, I would like to thank the city for holding the Community Workshop on housing today. I think it is great to bring this issue in front of our community and hear about potential solutions.

I like the idea of a 'Tent City', and feel that this could be a great right now solution to help with housing this summer. I lived out of a camper in San Diego for 4 months while working and finishing school, and I had the opportunity to talk with a lot of 'homeless' people also living out of a mobile space. The hardest part of living like that was always being in fear of getting a ticket or getting woken up in the middle of the night and asked to move. I feel that having a dedicated safe space where people can park would be very beneficial in giving people a chance to feel comfortable while finding more permanent housing.

I would also like to bring up the town of Lander, Wyoming, which has a unique city park where camping is legal. Lander sees a large influx of people in the summers partially due to the NOLS trips which depart from Lander. Many instructors and guides that work seasonally for NOLS use this park as their temporary home while based out of Lander. It could be beneficial to look at Lander as a case study for temporary 'tent city' style solutions.

Long term, I feel that Air BnB and VRBO style rentals need to have a large tax in order to disincentivize people from renting places short term. I also liked the idea of treating these style rentals as businesses and making it illegal to use them in residential zones.

Thank you so much,
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