

Honorable City Council Members:

It has been brought to the attention of the Bolton Neighborhood Association that the city has appointed a Task Force to make suggestions to the Council regarding space for a Homeless Encampment in the City.

We feel that the West Linn Police Station parking lot would be the best location for the following reasons:

- Many Homeless people feel vulnerable and want a safe place to camp. The Police Station would provide that safety.
- If anybody in the encampment has a crisis or emergency there is always someone at the Police Station 24 hours a day.
- Public Transportation is near the Police Station.
- There are businesses near the Police Station in the Willamette Area such as the food mart at the gas station.
- There is a water supply available at the Police Station.
- If hours for camping need to be enforced, the Police are already there for such enforcement.
- The Police would be right there to limit any illegal activities by campers or toward campers.
- Other: 3 of 5 sites are near schools. The parking lot by the old City Hall is good backup.

Sincerely yours,