

Public comment in reference to closed session agenda item one:

Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9) DAVID ALLEN YESUE, MICHAEL W. DEEGAN, PAIGE 'ELIGHTZA' CORLEY, JESSICA MARIE WETCH, and 'SONOMA COUNTY ACTS OF KINDNESS' (sic) Versus City of Sebastopol

While this lawsuit annoyingly remains shrouded in legal secrecy to city citizens, there are several historical and upcoming realities that should be born in mind when discussing this case.

- On April 22nd later this month, the supreme court will be hearing the **Grants Pass challenge** to the 2018 'Boise vs Martin' decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in response to a 2009 lawsuit by six homeless plaintiffs against the city of Boise, Idaho regarding that city's anti-camping ordinance. That 2018 ruling held that cities cannot enforce anti-[camping](#) ordinances if they do not have enough [homeless shelter](#) beds available for their 'homeless population'.

- That decision six years ago led to a massive migration of

people to live on the west coast in vehicles and on the street, knowing they had 'housing' and camping rights based on Boise vs Martin.

The Grants Pass case will probably wrap up in June with a new ruling **which may well declare most of the legal efforts for 'relief' in this current case vs the city obsolete.**

For this reason it would be unwise for the city attorney, legal council or councillors to contemplate any sort of compromise 'deal' from the plaintiffs at this point, given this possible important new legal precedent.

- . While the listed plaintiffs in the lawsuit are portrayed as helpless people suffering from various debilitating medical conditions including PTSD (apart from non profit 'Sonoma Acts of Kindness' whose relevance for 'relief' in this case is both puzzling and illogical). Corley, who migrated from the midwest to the city of Sebastopol recently. has a long criminal record and I believe has just been released from jail. It is unclear if her claimed disabilities were recognized by the court or prison services?

Plaintiff David Yesue has an address listed online at 1528 Occidental Rd, Sebastopol along with Kathy M Viall who he is related to (married?) <https://neighbor.report/a/4460a1b/>

- While settlement proposals may seem enticing to get the massive burden on the city, both financially and in time burned, off our backs, a wrong move accepting a compromise with the endlessly aggressive and greedy 'non profit' legal activist lawyers could prove a great deal more costly to the city in the future.

If the entire city is subjected to a further increase of 'experiencing homelessness' in the form of a fresh RV armada of down and outs descending to live on our streets due to a 'deal', we can then say goodbye to any new hotel developments, tourist sales tax income and massive fresh burdens on our overstretched police and fire services. Thi swill push us a lot further into fiscal crisis.

In recent years the city has endured multiple homeless RV fires, one of which knocked out internet services, a murder of a camper on a city street by a citizen, collisions with

people living in campers on city streets, endless petty crime taking up police time, 'homeless' deaths by overdose. The city provides a well above average spectacular array of services to homeless people, but is being unfairly picked on by activist political agitators in part due to opportunities created by the naivete of past council missteps.

The county has a massive homeless budget. This should be their problem to solve for taxpayers, lead by Tia Rivera. The city of Sebastopol needs to stand firm and await the Grants Pass legal verdict before making any further decisions in the current case.

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