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I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT CITY COUNCIL NOT RUSH IN TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE GOVERNING FOOD SHARING EVENTS IN CERTAIN PARKS IN THE DOWNTOWN HAYWARD AREA.

IT WOULD BE IDEAL FOR CITY COUNCIL TO TABLE THIS MATTER, AT LEAST UNTIL THE NEW YEAR, ALLOWING TIME FOR AT LEAST ONE COUNCIL MEMBER TO BE APPOINTED, OR VOLUNTEER TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE TASK FORCE TO END HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS THAT ALREADY EXISTS IN HAYWARD.

YOU WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A GREAT DEAL OF INFORMATION, ALBEIT SOME REPETITIOUS, TO CONSIDER. CAN IT REALLY BE DONE WITHIN TWO WEEKS?

YOU WILL BE PRESENTED WITH SOME INFORMATION WHICH HAS NO BEARING ON THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE. YOU WILL SEE WHERE THE CITY OF HAYWARD HAS SPENT X NUMBER OF DOLLARS ON COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. NONE OF THOSE PROGRAMS ACTUALLY DOES WHAT THE OUTDOOR FOOD SHARING PROGRAM DOES. OH YES, SOME OF THE PROGRAMS LISTED HAVE A "FOOD PANTRY". WHERE IS A HOMELESS PERSON GOING TO COOK THOSE MANY PACKAGES OF RICE, BEANS AND SPAGHETTI?

THERE ARE MANY VACANT PROPERTIES IN HAYWARD AND YES THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA CURRENTLY OWNS MANY OF THEM. HOWEVER, A CAL TRANS EMPLOYEE RECENTLY DIVULGED THAT CAL TRANS PLANS TO LIQUIDATE ALL OF THEIR HOLDINGS IN HAYWARD, WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR.