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Subject: Aston Park evictions

Ms. Campbell

I'm writing to urge you and the rest of city government to please comply with CDC guidelines and pause all evictions in Asheville, including people living in homeless encampments, as recommended by the Center for Disease Control. From the CDC:

"If individual housing options are not available, allow people who are living unsheltered or in encampments to remain where they are. Clearing encampments can cause people to disperse throughout the community and break connections with service providers. This increases the potential for infectious disease spread."

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/unsheltered-homelessness.html>

If the city is unable to safely house this group of people why are they being removed from the park? Not only is clearing these encampments cruel, it is dangerous for the community at large. Please consider the implications of the cities actions for the entire community as the city continues to ignore guidelines issued at the highest levels of government. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Robert Wright