

# **Coast Christian Center**

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**City of Fort Bragg  
Members of the Safety Committee**

**Sirs:**

***Herein allow me to express my concerns about requiring a use permit for those who provide food for the homeless and poor within a city park.***

***The church ladies have been providing sack lunches for almost seven years to the poor and homeless that gather in the park every Saturday. Never has the handing out of a sack lunch caused a problem while our ladies were on site.***

***We actually don't use the park. We park our van along the sidewalk and the folks come up the sidewalk to the van. We hand them a lunch and they leave to eat in the park or they leave with sack in hand.***

***Please understand that we did not create a meeting place to accomplish our mission; this is where we found them. Often as I drive by the park, in the middle of the week some are gathered there for no reason.***

***The number of people varies, increasing as the month progresses and folks run low on money. The weather also plays a part in the numbers of people that come out, decreasing in number when raining.***

***All the lunches are handed out within 20 minutes of our arrival and there has never been one imposition for others who wish to use the park.***

***Please don't hinder the hands and hearts of those who are assisting the poor and needy.***

**Cordially,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. H. Blum', written over the word 'Cordially,'.