

To M. Cleve Morris

City Manager

Hello, my name is Ryan Cappell with Candystrike Emporium on Main st. Placerville, and I am contacting you in regards to the removal of the bench in front of our store. In the recent months we have had countless complaints from our guests and patrons about some vagrants that sit there and harrass people that are walking by. Some of the comments have been lewd and or vulgar directed towards women, and even after the Police have been called, without the women having to stay there and wait for 45 minutes while the police arrive to finally make their report and press charges, nothing was done. As i have taken over the candystore the Girl Scouts have sold cookies infront of our store, but since local homeless have taken to the bench the girl's Mom does not feel comfortable with them around their Girl Scouts. Smoking on the bench has also been a reoccurring problem for our guests, and we do not feel our geusts should have to walk through their cloud. Since Chief Scott Heller left the local police force there has been an increase in homeless complaints. The Police Department has been dispatched to the bench on several occasions, but on a day to day basis we feel it is affecting our business and our fellow business members on Main St. Although the bench is nice for families to take a rest while they are walking historic main street, but it has became more of a nuisance to the public and the businesses surrounding it.

Thank you,

Ryan Cappell

Owner, Candystrike Emporium.

398 Main St. Placerville, CA 95667

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Cappell", is written over the typed name.