

am now the proud owner of a camping ban ticket," she said. "They were doing a sweep of Mission Street Extension area Friday morning at 7 a.m., going from car to car to car to car. The officer was doing his best to move people along."

A homeless woman said, "The problem I have now is lack of energy due to lack of sleep. I go up to the armory to sleep and they wake us up at 5 a.m. How can City Council expect us to endure things they themselves would not go through?"

Dressed in a jester's hat complete with bells and a flute, the "Pied Piper" of Santa Cruz, who claimed to "live in the same vehicle on the same street where I first became homeless," told the councilmembers that the police primarily use the camping ban to run ID checks and look for warrants. Another homeless man expressed distrust of the willingness of the council to do anything. "I don't see much danger from people resting in their automobiles, truly sleeping. I hope you don't waste a lot of time while another 100 people get tickets."

Street Spirit vendor Steve Argue graphically described the intimidating way the police enforce the ban: "Boom, boom, boom! on your window. Get up! Move along! And a \$162 fine if you argue with them. Making people criminal just for sleeping — that's cruel."