Dear Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Ryan, Rubio, Hardesty and Mapps,

Downtown Clean & Safe is a vital service that provides support to our small businesses and ratepayers. They provide services in an efficient, effective and accountable manner. Without question, this program is an invaluable service to our downtown community...especially now. The aspect I want to highlight is the DC&S contract with Central City Concern and their Clean Start Program. Countless lives have been transformed by providing employment, training and support services for those transitioning from houselessness to stability. This workforce development program is essential to providing job training and opportunity for members of our community. These kinds of employment and training opportunities are an essential part of our job training ecosystem and I encourage you to recommit to the Clean and Safe contract by voting yes.

Thank you,

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