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Commissioners and fellow citizens,

I am writing as a very concerned citizen and neighbor of a nearby unsanctioned camp. It is very clear to the our neighborhood that the police do not have the bandwidth to handle to amount of criminal activity that goes on in this city. While street response is great in theory, their capabilities are limited. Crime goes on everywhere and it's a huge concern for me with two little kids. I constantly worry when I see someone who is mentally ill or on drugs and if and when the police can respond. They are everywhere. That is why I'm in full support of behavior health units operating at 24/7. Please, please do at least this to protect us citizens. I'm also in full support of having detox and triage facilities to get people the help they need. Let's not brush the problems under the rug and address the root cause, these people need to get off the streets and given the help they need with their addictions. It's way past time to coddle the situation and address this head on. We think it's cruel to move these houseless people but what's really cruel is to not get them the help they need, getting them off the streets and off the drugs and treating mental illness.

In short, as a concerned mother and nearby resident of a camp, please please increase the budget for the behavioral health units to they can operate 24/7 and detox and triage facilities.

Thank you for taking the time to hear me,

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