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**To:** [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)  
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I want to add on to my testimony if that is possible.

1. **I support the plan to ban unsanctioned camping- that is a vital step in any plan.**
2. **We encourage the Mayor to ensure that the City makes appropriate indoor shelter and sanctioned safe camping sites available**
3. **We expect the Mayor to acknowledge how his plan will prioritize the immediate relief to persons with disabilities** who need to use the sidewalks to get from one place to another. Currently, he anticipates an 18 month plan based on Friday's press conference. **Implement this plan with urgency. 18 months is too long.**
4. **We encourage the City Council to refrain from making its November 1 payment to the Joint Office of Homeless Services(JOHS) unless and until it receives written assurances that the County will be supportive of the City's efforts to ban unsanctioned camping on the sidewalks. If they will not commit and be true partners in this, we should pull out of the JOHS partnership.**

On Oct 24, 2022, at 1:55 PM, Frank Blackston <[frank.blackston@icloud.com](mailto:frank.blackston@icloud.com)> wrote:

I fully support the resolutions. Unsanctioned camping needs to be banned and camps setup with services to ensure balance between neighborhoods and the unhoused. Enforcement of laws and security in and around the camps is key.

Thank you,  
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