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Hello Council members and attendees.

Thank you for addressing the issue of homelessness and street camping in the downtown area. I support helping people in our community, including those with drug and alcohol addictions, and mental health issues. I work downtown on Broadway and often walk to/from our office, and within the neighborhood during lunch.

What is hard, and what is not OK, is continuing to feel unsafe and have general concern for my well-being during broad daylight working hours while walking past a tent or sleeping homeless person who is potentially having a bad day. I have witnessed people yelling, hitting others/themselves, defecating on the streets, and more. Please help in bringing street camping to an end, for the better welfare of all in the downtown community.

I would welcome the possibility of seeing growth, and a sense of community restored in this beautiful and historic part of our city.

Kind regards,

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