

From: [Chris Davies](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Re: testimony for public hearing item 899-903
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On Wed, Oct 26, 2022 at 3:33 PM Chris Davies <growatree5@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi, I'm a taxpaying citizen who's lived in this city for over 20 years.
I strongly support the ordinance. We need to make the city work for everyone, not just the housed. Not just the unhoused.

Let me share a couple experiences

There was a large encampment of massive tents set up there under the fremont bridge along N mississippi. I frequently commuted past. One day I biked past just after the fire crews had doused a massive fire that had burned all the tents and charred the pylons holding up the bridge. What remained were the burnt remains of three motorcycles, 9 bicycles, and two lawnmowers, revealing that this had been a stolen goods chop shop. Within two weeks new tents were back.

Another experiecnce. Last year a homeless woman wacked off my internet backup battery off the side of my house with a piece of 2x4 while I sat in my living room. When I called 911 the operator just took my phone number. I was called back 3 hours later and the officer apologized that all police had been dealing with a double homicide all evening, and he suggested I use pepper spray next time if I wasn't comfortable owning a gun. I'm not comfortable using either a gun or pepper spray.

What's my current experience? I currently have the smell of feces from a homeless camper wafting into my backyard. It no longer even occurs to me to call the police, as I am sure none would be sent.

My own encounter with the homeless has been an encounter with a population that is either too insane, too addicted, or too socially maladapted to live in unstructured settings. Obviously, there are homeless individuals who are not criminals, or addicts, or insane, who simply had bad luck and really just need an apt and a shower and a meal and a job. They will be far better served in a centralized camp. we need a policy that fimly centralizes point of contact, helps those who want help, and proects the residents of this city from the the anarchy.

I hear complaints about forcing people into camps. Living in a city forces all of us to follow rules, be considerate of others, and not cause harm to others.

I would ask you to consider the need for structure, consequences, expectations while you also consider the need for compassion and resources.

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