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Council Member Foley,

I am Julie Neider from your District, 9. I was at the meeting last night but had to leave before my name was called to speak. I wanted to pass on my notes and thank you for your fine work in our district, in particular over the last year.

I am in support of the mayor's March budget:

First, matching pay with performance tells the public that **the council will hold itself accountable and will be compensated for meeting promised deliverables.** This should be a no-brainer.

Secondly, Mandatory indoor living.

Voting for mandatory indoor living is the first step for the houseless to accept their responsibility as a full member of the community, **accept help and take the path to living not just existing.**

For the last two decades I have lived across from the Guadalupe River. For 8 of the last 10 years I have outreached to the houseless weekly, as **my** civil responsibility; from my own

pocket buying items for their care such as bandages, sterile pads for wounds, needle containers, gloves, soap, and handy wipes to name a few.

I may have eased their plight for a moment or two but the behavior did not alter an iota, **nor did I expect it to.** I have witnessed them leave their trash, feces, needles, and demolish public space year after year. The **conclusion I drew in engaging with them, they didn't have to change because there were, nor are, any consequences for their actions.**

If we continue to allow the houseless to choose whether to live inside or out, that is not compassion but irresponsibility on our part to think they will somehow "see the light" or "change their ways" if left to their own devices.

The houseless are members of the community and have a civic duty and responsibility to us just as we do to them.

Thank you,

Julie Neider

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