

From: Aaron Schneider
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 7:53 AM
To: Council Agenda <councilagenda@london.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] re: Homeless HUBS

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my unqualified support for the new homeless HUBS.

I'm a longtime resident of London. I live in Ward 4, in the Old East Village at 845 Dufferin Avenue. I regularly walk down Dundas Street and see the homeless people who gather there. I don't see them as frightening. They don't make me feel unsafe. They aren't threats. They are human beings who are suffering. They are people in desperate need of kindness, care and support. We should be doing everything we can to assist them, not condemning them or further marginalizing them by turning them into boogeymen.

The homeless HUBS are an important step towards helping this vulnerable population. As someone who lives in one of the neighbourhoods most affected by this issue and who encounters homeless people every day, I see the HUBS as an essential service. From my perspective, they cannot be implemented soon enough.

I want to live in a community that cares for its citizens, and the homeless HUBS are an initiative that will make me proud to call this city home.

You have my consent for this letter to appear on the public agenda.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,

Dr. Aaron Schneider