

To whom it may concern,

I am writing you concerning funding for 519pursuit. I would like to recommend the city continue funding for 519pursuit. Their consistent support for those experiencing homelessness has made a life changing difference to many. They show up everyday to tents, and in community, bringing not only food and clothing, but friendship, narcan and a working phone, for times when ems or support services need to be called.

They also provide care, above and beyond what London cares, can offer, to some of the most vulnerable people, whose needs are so extreme they fall through the cracks of the system.

Some of the people are in wheelchairs, living in tents or on the street, without psw support.

519pursuit is not only an outreach organization, they are a pathway for many to survive living unhoused, and then rebuild a sense of self worth and purpose while transitioning into a housed lifestyle.

519pursuit offers unhoused and previously unhoused people, the opportunity to serve the community that they have struggled with to survive.

Every person who is helped, becomes someone who can help others.

The cheif of police has stated that homelessness is not a problem we can police our way out of. The city needs alternative supports. 519pursuit has displayed its efficacy, even to the point where officers from LPS have said to 519pursuit outreach staff "I'd like to be able to call you when I need help."

It would be a great detriment to the city to lose 519pursuit, please fund them.

Thank you

Sean Horrell

Please email me back to confirm receipt of my letter, and it's addition to the council agenda.

I give explicit written consent for my letter to be included in the public agenda.

I also request to delegate time to speak on this matter in the meeting April 13.

Thank you
Sean Horrell