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Dear Council Members

I attended the final two summit meetings. My reason for being there was three-fold:

1. I own a business that operates out of the Woodfield-core area;
2. I own a building there; and
3. I am very concerned about the wellbeing of the folks I see on a daily basis. It is heart breaking and very frustrating to see their numbers grow.

I lived near the corner of Oxford and Richmond for over 30 years. I walked to work most days. Over that time period the once-in-a-blue-moon panhandling grew to daily with one or two folks, then moved to a consistent barrage. The City must take immediate steps to correct this problem before the core dies, along with too many of its citizens. The plan put forward to you is exceptionally far-sighted and with proper support could be a template for other communities to follow.

I encourage its adoption.

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