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Subject: homeless encampments

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Hello John Paul Danko,

I am writing about the order to dismantle the homeless encampments on Ferguson North and York Blvd. This order comes as a surprise to many community partners and allies.

I demand that:

- 1- The City not dismantle homeless encampments
- 2- The City provide interim and permanent housing for encampment residents with necessary supports
- 3- The City prioritize individuals experiencing homelessness for urgent housing placement
- 4- The City engage encampment residents in assessing their needs prior to dismantling
- 5- The City remove barriers in shelters and hotels in order to accommodate the individual needs of encampment residents
- 6- The City allow for sanctioned encampment sites and/or designate specific parks/public lands where individuals are allowed to set up tents/temporary structures
- 7- The City allow for a streamlined, low-barrier, accessible process of issuing permits allowing for tents and temporary structures

Dismantling homeless encampments will cause harm to encampment residents and this harm is heightened by the current pandemic. It is important that the city takes a holistic and reasoned approach to encampments.

Thank you,
Pamela Taplay