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Subject: Delegation re: General Issues Committee - November 8th

Good morning,

Waking up this morning in my warm home on John Street North feels like an absolute blessing as the weather turns cold and my windows are covered in frost. CAN YOU IMAGINE sleeping outside in these temperatures, ill prepared, and which will only get (much) worse?

I am writing today to add to the many voices delegating at the council meeting on Monday with respect to the city budget and our houseless neighbours.

How does the city continue to fail them? How do the many voices of support for these folks continue to go unnoticed? Why are we not prioritizing the end of homelessness in our city? Why are we spending more on police and consultants to harass and displace these folks rather than prioritize permanent solutions like HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT, ADDICTION SUPPORT, SAFE INJECTION SITES, SUPPORT WORKERS?

With the current rental and housing market, ANYONE is vulnerable to becoming houseless. The majority of folks in this city are only a bad month or two away from living out on the streets.

I beg the council to prioritize the review and implementation of the policies set forth by HESN.

I am absolutely appalled at my councillor, Jason Farr's, perspective on these vulnerable folks and his role in ending the injunction which will only lead to more deaths this winter. SHAME SHAME SHAME. What is wrong with the leadership in this city?

Yours very truly,

Sasha Katz