

Good morning, Councillor Frizzell,
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It was a pleasure presenting to Mayor and Council last night.

As discussed in the presentation there are three areas where City partnership could significantly strengthen outcomes for both individuals and community safety.

1. Strengthen Recovery Pathways: Support targeted investment in recovery-focused programming that moves individuals from stabilization into long-term recovery and independent living.

What we are seeing: many individuals are being stabilized repeatedly but have no clear pathway forward, which keeps them cycling back into crisis downtown.

2. Improve Coordination with Frontline Organizations: Create a more structured coordination process between the City and frontline organizations working directly with vulnerable populations.

What we are seeing: agencies are often working with the same individuals as enforcement and emergency services but without consistent coordination we miss opportunities to intervene earlier and more effectively.

3. Recognize Recovery as a Public Safety Strategy: Include recovery-focused solutions as a core component of the City's long-term downtown safety approach.

What we are seeing: when individuals move into recovery, their interaction with police, emergency services and repeated downtown disruption drops significantly.

AWAC is committed to working alongside the City to move people from crisis to stability and recovery, because that is what ultimately creates safer streets and a stronger community for everyone.

Thank you for the opportunity to share these priorities.

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