



January 16, 2019

RE: Enhanced Service District and Compassionate Change District

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Regarding adoption of Central Eastside: Enhanced, the Enhanced Service District proposed by the CEIC, the HAND board neither endorses nor opposes their proposal. Before council decides whether or not to approve the ESD, however, the HAND board encourages council to investigate the implementation of programs listed in the Compassionate Change District (CCD) proposal by Right 2 Survive--and endorsed by over twenty community organization--into the ESD. Although the ESD proposal by CEIC has not yet incorporated any CCD programs at the time this letter was written, we encourage both parties to continue to work together to find a mutually acceptable proposal.

Whether part of an Enhanced Service District or part of another program, HAND endorses the following programs listed in the Compassionate Change District Proposal:

1. A clean-up initiative that includes programs such as: (a) bathroom and hygiene program with outreach that educates and liaises with businesses on how to successfully open peer-attendant supervised bathrooms/showers to our unhoused neighbors, (b) peer-attendant, attractively painted "mural" port-o-potties at strategic spots, or (c) a community center with bathroom, laundry, shower, and locker units with programming encouraging shared housed/unhoused use of space.
2. A jobs development program that includes: (a) a peer-run waste collection program that complements the Central City Concern Program and services houseless camps and vehicles with regular waste collection--without causing "One Point of Contact" complaints--and (b) a peer-run attendant training program for peer-run bathroom and encampment aids/attendants.
3. A security program that includes: (a) a peer run, stable sleep area near green space, (b) a peer-run, safe, car-camping program run by faith community members, non-profits, and others, similar to those in Seattle and Milwaukie, and (c) a modified security contract focused on trauma-informed community health, aid, and conflict resolution advocacy.

HAND is aware of the factual situation that motivates the implementation of CEIC's proposed ESD, and we would like to see the issues of safety and trash accumulation addressed in a most humane manner. We therefore feel it is critical that CEIC and supporters of the CCD continue to work together to find an approach that meets the needs of all parties.

Yours sincerely,

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