

Dear Mayor Guthrie,

I am writing to express my deep concerns for and opposition to the proposed motion, **even after recent revisions**. These proposed measures will only harass and criminalize unhoused individuals.

You have included regulations that already exist in current laws, such as those against lewd sexual activity, public defecation, and harassment. These items only serve to disproportionately target the unhoused population.

The overarching premise of the motion stands to marginalize vulnerable individuals under the guise of public safety, whether through criminalization or exclusion. The downtown area is where many unhoused people have meaningful communities and access to important resources. Unhoused people still have the right to exist in public space.

As a member of the community in Guelph I find the further criminalization of our unhoused population abhorrent. I hope that you and the Council will find solutions that prioritize compassion and support for those in need.

Sincerely,

Allana Cortese