

To whom it may concern,

The changes I have seen downtown in the past couple years are truly sad.

In highschool I used to hang out downtown and it was like a big community where everyone was welcome and friendly with eachother.

I have spent the past 25 years working downtown and have seen everything but the physical buildings slowly change, but the recent addition of tents surrounded by garbage and the blatant drug dealing happening in the biggest tent in the square have brought things to a new low.

This is absolutely unacceptable. There have always been homeless people sleeping downtown and that is not the problem. The issue is the fact the addicts are treating our downtown like their rec room. Nobody wants this in their back yard but there has to be a better place.

The number of people who have put their hearts and souls, along with their life savings and sometimes taken on a large amount of debt to open businesses downtown and have lost it all in the past year, or are on the verge of having to close is heartbreaking.

I have compassion for all sides but we must find a better place!  
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