

Dear City Council,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed by-law to remove the encampments from downtown. As an employee at a restaurant in the downtown area, I have a front-row view of the challenges posed by these encampments. I have observed firsthand how the presence of these tented communities adversely affects local businesses, driving away potential customers and harming the vibrancy of our downtown. Guests at my workplace frequently experience harassment, and I have had to call the police on multiple occasions to address these incidents. This level of disruption should not be a normal part of our daily lives. I have noticed an increase in safety concerns, including instances of sex trafficking between the tents. This is deeply troubling and highlights the urgent need for action. While I understand and respect the rights of those experiencing homelessness, the current situation has escalated into significant safety and disturbance issues. It is crucial to address these problems to restore a sense of safety and community to our downtown area. Thank you for considering my perspective on this important matter.

sincerely, Quinn