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To: Kim Roney
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Thank you, Kim.

On Tue, Sep 25, 2018, 10:14 AM Kim Roney <mskimroney@gmail.com> wrote:
Councilpersons Smith, Young, and Haynes,

Happy Fall to you and your families!

This week's thoughts:

1. I hear there are some concerns about the gun violence resolution. The first thought is the ramp up to the FY 2019-2020 budget, especially in regards to APD funding.
2. Speak of that, Ashley Cooper (HRCA) has shared a note she sent regarding DWI Task Force and metrics. I think it's very well-stated, and encourage a 2nd read: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/avlcommunityreportback/permalink/2155499751436593/>
3. Action items on the 21CP report all head in the direction of more funding. I will not stop being concerned about this so long as the funding for transit, housing, equity, and sustainability combined are such a small fraction of the APD budget. I am thankful that it recommends training for EMS as well.
4. The Equity and Transparency Items report names barriers to recruitment of minority officers. Posting where people will see the opportunities is part of a realistic solution, but so is pay. This is one of the concerns that may not have come out as loudly from the Millions Dollars for the People campaign: pay lower-level staff more instead of adding additional officers means base/starting pay for officers would be more competitive. After speaking with 3 officers a couple weeks ago, they unanimously stated that the lack of benefits package post retirement is one of the reasons for high turnover, especially when departments as close as Charlotte offer that package.
5. I'm very glad to see the Burton St Neighborhood Plan in new business! Nathanael and I were invited to join the steering committee for the Burton St Community Peace Gardens, and the event this weekend was lovely! The neighborhood will need every tool available to protect from I-26 Connector impact and gentrification, and this will be a helpful one.

Peace and health!
Kim

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