From: Jenna Miller <jmiller2@ashevillenc.gov>
Sent: 12/8/2021 2:41:07 PM
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Subject: Fwd: Forced Removal of Homeless Camp on Patton

Should I send this to Bryson to route for a response or no?

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From: **Esther Manheimer** <esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com>
Date: Wed, Dec 8, 2021 at 1:18 PM
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From: **K. Ferrin** <kristy.contact@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Dec 8, 2021 at 9:38 AM
Subject: Forced Removal of Homeless Camp on Patton
To: <AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov>

Greetings to all of you,

I am writing today in regards to a news story I read last night about the Asheville PD forcefully removing folks from the homeless encampment downtown on Patton Avenue. I would like to see the Asheville City Council members intervene on behalf of the folks encamped there, preventing the police department from removing those folks.

I think everyone understands clearly that kicking homeless people out of encampments does nothing to solve the problem of homelessness. All it does is force folks to find new places to camp, maybe places that are more hazardous for their health and well being. Until we have somewhere to relocate them TO, somewhere safe and warm, we should allow them to stay where they are.

I understand there are concerns about litter, cleanliness, and perhaps fires given the cold nighttime temperatures, and these are valid concerns. But rather than displacing already displaced persons, we can solve these problems by providing trash services to this area, by providing warm clothing and bedding and food enough to discourage fires, and leaving porta potties nearby for their use.

Please, please, please, do not allow these people to be further victimized. Let's address the health and safety concerns in a humanitarian manner while we work out how and where to house these folks. Please intercede immediately. Do not let the PD remove these folks until we can do so safely, for them.

Kristy

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