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Subject: City Council 10/5/21 Agenda Item 10: Ad Hoc Unhoused Committee
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Dear Mary and Council: I am submitting this public comment in SUPPORT of the Recommendation of City Administration for creation of the Ad Hoc Unhoused Committee, with assigned tasks and concerns as described, on behalf of the group which I chair, West County Homeless Advocates (WCHA).

It has been proposed that the Committee include two advocates for the unhoused, and WCHA appreciates that proposal so that advocates for the unhoused may be heard. That proposal has been opposed in written comments to the Council submitted by Ms. Kate Haug, that "no residents or business owners are included in the meetings, only advocates for the unhoused." I note that the proposal in fact includes a provision for "Other City Staff, WCCS Representatives, and Community Members as appropriate for specific issues." Certainly within that provision would be space for such stated "Community Members" to include business stakeholders.

To that end, in approving the committee, I would encourage the recruitment and inclusion of business stakeholders, along with advocates for the unhoused, so that all voices may be heard, with collaborative balance in seeking solutions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Arthur George
Chair, West County Homeless Advocates

