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**Subject:** RE: Homeless "Hot Spots" in D5

Hello Councilmember Juarez,

Thank you for reaching out regarding negative impacts stemming from unmanaged encampments near the Lake City Post office and along Thornton Creek within the Kingfisher Natural Area. The Navigation Team is aware of both situations and has been actively engaging people living unsheltered within these areas and is in the process of developing appropriate next steps to best help individuals living unsheltered and address negative impacts in these areas.

Regarding the Lake City site, which is located mid-block on the north side of NE 127th Street on the pedestrian right-of-way between Grocery Outlet and the U.S. Post Office, the team has been in contact with the individuals present on site. Specifically, the team has been in contact with an individual believed to be suffering from mental health condition(s). The team has brought in DESC's HOST outreach professionals and a DESC nurse to further conduct intensive engagement with this individual. The team has learned that the individual is a likely candidate to be housed through the Coordinated Entry for All (CEA) in the near future. The team will continue to engage both this individual and our partner agencies to ensure a resolution in the near-term.

While this intensive outreach engagement is ongoing, the team has inspected the site and has concluded it presents an obstruction to the public right-of-way. The team is planning to remove garbage, debris, and human waste from the site while maintaining contact with the individual to ensure they remain aligned to be housed via CEA. We will update your office as that plan comes further into focus. Additionally, the Navigation Team is working with Seattle Public Utilities and the Department of Neighborhoods to identify ways to better maintain public health in the neighborhood in collaboration with community groups.

The Navigation Team has been active in the Thornton Creek watershed, recently removing an encampment alongside the creek earlier this month. However, an additional unmanaged encampment has been identified along the creek in the Kingfisher Natural Area. The team recently completed an inspection of the site and concluded that it too presents an obstruction due to its location on Parks property. The encampment also presents hazards to occupants given the numerous creek crossings required to access the site and proximity to the fast-moving creek that is likely to swell in the upcoming rainy season. Outreach to residents living unsheltered in the encampment is now underway. The team anticipates it will remove the encampment in the next week and will provide an update to your office.

Human waste impacts are primary concern in nearly all unmanaged encampments throughout the city. In regard to Kingfisher Natural Area, team contractors will likely be deployed in both clean-ups to provide removal of debris and waste clean-up. SPU will work with Parks to restore the natural habitat within the Kingfisher Natural Area. Additionally, following the removal and clean-up of the natural area, Parks will deploy crews to monitor the area to discourage and/or report re-camping.

Thanks again for flagging these circumstances in D5. We will keep working to improve the situation and to keep your office informed. fp

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Mr. Podesta,

I am writing to follow up regarding the situations at the Lake City Post Office/Grocery Outlet, as well as the Kingfisher Natural Area on Thornton Creek (near 17<sup>th</sup> Ave NE between NE 100<sup>th</sup> and 104<sup>th</sup>). I visited the Grocery Outlet area over the weekend and noticed a group of 6 people sitting out in the parking lot, with umbrellas and other personal belongings.

Community members have noted the potential hazards associated with the human waste at both of these locations. Store owners, customers, and nearby residents described people living in these areas as using harassing language, and using large quantities of drugs.

I have supported the expansion of funding for affordable housing, shelter, drug treatment, the Navigation Team, and waste disposal through my votes on the city budget. I have also been a consistent supporter of SPD's North Precinct replacement project and of hiring more officers to the force. I would like to know that my votes supported services that are responsive to the needs of my district.

As such, I would appreciate an answer to the following questions as soon as you are able to reply:

1. Has the Navigation Team made contact with folks at one, both, or neither of these locations?
2. If contact has been made, have any offers of shelter been made?
3. Have any offers of shelter been accepted?
4. If offers of shelter have been refused, what are the next steps for the city's Navigation Team?
5. What is the immediate plan for dealing with the human waste in these areas?
6. What is the ongoing plan for dealing with the human waste in these areas?

Please see attached a photo I took of the Lake City Grocery Outlet parking lot this Saturday. I would appreciate if you could include my constituents, CC'd here, in your response.

Regards,



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Hello Councilmember Juarez,

Thank you for your email. As you may be aware, we are in the midst of an expansion of the navigation team with a focus on working with encampments that are obstructing access to the public right-of-way. I believe this is an element of both of the circumstances you describe below, so we will factor these location into the deployment of new resources.

I should note that the number of obstructions across the city will likely outstrip our resources, but constituents should see more activity on the part of the team, who will inspect the Lake City site today.

I appreciate hearing from you about concerns in your district, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks again - fp

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Mr. Podesta,

Congratulations on your new role leading the City's Navigation Team. This work is crucial in addressing our homelessness crisis. I wanted to get in touch and let you know what I am hearing from my constituents, and where I have determined the "hot spots" in my district are in regards to homelessness, drug use, and people in crisis.

1. The area immediately surrounding the Nesbit Tiny House Village
2. Lake City (Post Office and Mini Park)
  - There is particular concern regarding the quantity of human waste surrounding the Post Office and shopping center across the street to the north of the Post Office.

Many constituents and businesses have reached out regarding these areas, and I want to be able to reply to them with the City's action plan for these locations. Kindly reply as soon as you are able with the Navigation Team's input on these locations, and the prioritization of these locations relative to other "hot spots" around our city. I am attaching a couple samples of correspondence my office has received for your informational purposes.

All the best,



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