

**Lena Bonner**

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**From:** Commissioner Lonnie Wimberly  
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**To:** Lena Bonner  
**Cc:** Mayor Johnson; Tameka Allen  
**Subject:** Agenda Item for Public Safety Committee

Good evening, Mrs. Bonner

Please add this as an agenda item for the May 26, 202, public safety committee and all department and agencies that have a part in assisting with our homeless persons.

### **Agenda Item: Addressing Homelessness in South Augusta**

South Augusta is experiencing a noticeable rise in the number of homeless individuals sleeping in public spaces, including sidewalks, parking lots, and near businesses. Residents of District 4 are increasingly concerned and are asking what is being done to ensure these individuals receive real help, not simply being moved from one part of the county to another.

Residents have made it clear that **“herding” homeless individuals from one location to another is not a solution**. It does not address the root causes, and it does not improve safety or stability for the individuals involved or for the surrounding community.

This agenda item seeks to discuss:

- **What coordinated services are currently available** for homeless individuals in South Augusta
- **Where gaps exist** in outreach, mental-health support, addiction services, and emergency shelter
- **How the county can strengthen partnerships** with nonprofits, faith-based groups, and service providers
- **What immediate steps can be taken** to ensure people are connected to resources rather than displaced
- **How to improve communication with residents** who are asking for clarity, compassion, and accountability

The goal should be to move toward a **countywide, humane, and effective strategy** that supports individuals in crisis while maintaining safe, clean, and welcoming public spaces for all.

Sincerely,

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