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To: Mayor, Councilmembers and Administrator Buchholtz
From: Councilmember Lisa Dircks
CC: Josh Antoine
Date: 10/3/2022
Re: Development of Community Partnerships to Aid Police Department

Comments: On August 19th, I met with Chief Antione to discuss the increasing population of unhoused people in the city and to discuss the police departments policy and procedure that guides their interaction with our unhoused population. Part of that conversation was to explore where the Chief sees gaps in resources, and to determine what additional tools and resources he would like his staff to have to make the interactions more positive for both our unhoused population and police department staff. In this work session, I'd like to discuss Council's feelings on the development of community partnerships to provide aid to people in need, pursuing outside funding sources, and feelings on council support to encourage higher levels of government to work towards solutions that will positively impact people in need and alleviate the impact to City resources. Prior to reaching out to potential community partners, I thought it might be a good idea to determine council consensus in this matter. Thank you for your consideration.