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TO STEVENSON CITY COUNCIL:

As the Stevenson Farmers Market Manager, I aim to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for everyone while enjoying the Stevenson waterfront and supporting our local farmers and makers.

I am concerned about the state of the public bathrooms, finding drug paraphernalia and witnessing the use of drugs. The safety of market vendors and market visitors is our first priority. And I'm eager to partner on finding solutions to this issue.

Recently down at the waterfront during the market, we've witnessed vandalized and abused bathrooms. I have asked the Port about the poor quality of the bathrooms and was told about drug use taking place and that the bathrooms are a challenge to maintain because of frequent misuse.

There was even an instance when I took my two-year-old daughter into the bathroom and we found ourselves in a closed room with what I assume was meth smoke due to a couple next door in the bathroom using drugs. This experience came after we found needles in the grass that were for drug use.

I found these experiences to be shocking and scary. I feel the waterfront area and of course all of Stevenson should be safe and free of drug use.

So I wanted to put the question forth to our city leaders, what can be done?

The safety of market vendors and market visitors is our first priority. And I'm eager to collaborate and committed to being a part of a solution.

Pharaoh Skinner  
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