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Subject: RE: Response from District 1 Commissioner
Date: September 30, 2022 at 4:18 PM
To: Neighbors 4 Safe Smart Shelters info@n4safe.com



Attached for your review is the email N4safe sent to Multnomah Commissioner for District 1 (Pearl and surrounding area) asking for the Commissioner to respond to the hundreds of petitions sent to her over a month ago. When there was no response other than an auto-reply n4safe volunteers sent her an email (attached).

Subsequent to the email asking for the Commissioner's response - her email was received (attached) on September 27, a full two weeks after the n4safe third communication asking for a response.

As you will see the Commissioner is "not opposed to the SRVs". Continue reading:

"I do not oppose SRVs, but I strongly believe that they need effective services for people in the village, an effective security mechanism to keep people inside and outside the village safe, and a way to coordinate efforts to support the entire community. And they need to be part of a larger system with goals, transparency and accountability, rather than a one-off in a single neighborhoods."

As you can see, she all but outright declares the proposed SRV on NW Naito is not workable. There is no public safety protocols, no effective security mechanism and no plan to provide services to the drug addicted, alcohol addicted and mentally unwell homeless placed in the SRV. Her statement makes it clear that without her standards being met, the SRV is not workable.

n4safe is going back to the Commissioner and responding to her note as well as her invitation to meet. If you are interested, please let n4safe volunteers know by way of an email. In addition, please express your strong opposition to the proposed SRV on NW Naito for public safety and other reasons you may wish to add. Here is the information to make contact:

Multnomah County Commissioner - District 1
(Sharon Meieran)

district1@multco.us

copy to: info@n4safe.com

Sample email:

Commissioner Meieran:

Thank you for your response to neighbors4safesmartshelters.
Your communication expresses similar concerns to the coalition as well as concerns that I have.

Unfortunately, while some people may support SRV's "in concept", they will never be workable under the system set-up by Dan Ryan and your colleagues at the County as you astutely point out.

The Low barrier SRV being proposed for NW Naito Parkway is dangerous - with no "effective security mechanism" in place to protect the homeless or the community members, home owners and others in the neighborhood. Proof of the public safety problems abound...
- the closing of the Old Town and Water Street SRV's (run under similar circumstances by the same contractors)
- statements by experienced homeless advocates who, when asked to contract to operate an SRV, declared there was no way they could insure the public's safety under the city and county SRV operation model.
- example after example of Good Neighbor Agreements - proposed by Dan Ryan - cannot work as there are no provisions for any responsibility or liability

In addition, because there are virtually no experienced and well qualified operators and staff to support the contractor, the proposed SRV cannot work.

Please speak out today against this dangerous and ill conceived plan and halt the proposed SRV on NW Naito Parkway.

