

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to request reinstatement of the tents down requirement from 6am-9pm Item 20-0147. Encampments and tents are taking over our city and enabling those in need on the street to be supported by city services to the point where they never hit rock bottom. Communities form on the streets in large encampments, and individual persons build massive structures that control 20, 30 or even 40 linear feet of sidewalk. Encampments spread to mark territory and keep others from becoming close neighbors. We must not allow this to continue. Reinstatement of the no tents down law and enforcement of that will begin the process of clearing these encampments, and waking street dwellers to the fact that it is unacceptable to live in an encampment on the street and thus they might be more willing to take a shelter or offer of shelter.