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City Council Comment received from Brian Bosma

From Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 3:11 PM

To Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

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Karma Box has been a pillar of of success in our community and they are doing tremendous things for those who need it. I am fully in support of Karma Box and they are the right organization for Reno.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

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Yes

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Karma Box Contract Renewal

From Bryan Holloway <bryan@pigeonheadbrewery.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 3:02 PM

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To the members of Reno City Council, City Manager, and Mayor Shieve,

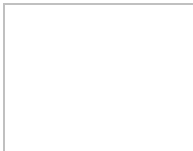
I am writing to express my support for Item D5 renewing the contract with the Karma Box Project. Grant and his team have done tremendous work for the small business community in the 4th street corridor. We can't give this project enough money. They are easy to work with with an open line of communication and have helped our business grow by keeping the area clean of trash and therefore encouraging more customer traffic into our community.

Unfortunately I am unable to make the Council Meeting to show my support for the Karma Box Project due to the daily demands of running a small business. Today I will be in California working with a distributor for our brand so I will not be in town. However, I hope this letter will encourage your continued support or Karma Box's community outreach.

Cheers,

Bryan Holloway
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Grant Denton and The Karma Box Project

From Sarah Scattini <sarah@mysbteam.com>

Date Tue 9/24/2024 2:07 PM

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Cc Sarah Scattini <sarah@mysbteam.com>

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Sarah Scattini and I am the current Secretary on the board for the Karma Box Project since 2021. Grant Denton has always been professional with me, as I was the only female on the KBP Board. I have Never felt threatened in any way, nor was he ever inappropriate with me. Grant brings his passion into the board room, he has walked in the shoes of the homeless and builds relationships with them, builds trust with them, and helps these people want to Succeed in life and get them off the streets! I see Grant put his heart and soul into the Karma Box Project. In my opinion Grant is an Amazing Human, who went from Homeless to Helping the Homeless, who in the last 3 years of me working with him, has grown leaps and bounds from where we started, as I have walked through these challenges that the KBP has had, with him. Grant has held his head high, faced the challenges head on, and now has a great board behind him helping him with his dream with the Karma Box Project, as it has become all our mission to help Karma Box Be the Best We Can Be while Helping the Communities we live in.

Thank you

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City Council Comment received from Monica DuPea

From Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

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Dear Esteemed Officials, I have worked with Grant, founder and director of the Karma Box Project, for many years and have seen firsthand his commitment to our community. Unfortunately, I have also witnessed how certain advocates and media outlets have repeatedly targeted him with damaging narratives. It is difficult not to view the current accusations as yet another attempt to tarnish his reputation and dismantle the critical work he is doing. Like anyone, Grant deserves the opportunity for a fair process, free from undue attacks. Grant's lived experience is one of his greatest strengths. He has faced immense challenges, turned his life around, and now uses that experience to lift others out of similar situations. This background allows him to connect deeply with those he serves, offering

understanding and guidance that many others simply cannot provide. It is troubling that people often exploit past mistakes to discredit individuals like Grant while overlooking similar issues in others. Suppose concerns about his behavior were genuinely valid. In that case, they should have been reported promptly, especially by mandated reporters, to the proper authorities, not delayed and then sensationalized in public forums and social media. This approach feels more like an attempt to harm his reputation than to address any actual misconduct. Grant's intensity and passion for his work are often misunderstood. But those qualities are precisely why he is so effective. Like many of us who work in high-stress, emotionally charged fields, his approach is direct because he genuinely cares about the outcome for those he serves. This work requires difficult conversations and hard decisions—things many providers may shy away from. Grant does this not to be controversial but because he knows these uncomfortable truths are necessary to help people move forward. We must also recognize that being in the public eye and working in such a visible, vulnerable space opens one up to heightened scrutiny and criticism. Grant's work is stressful, emotional, and often controversial, but none of that should detract from his positive impact. As a community, we need to afford him the same grace and fair consideration we want for ourselves. We have all made mistakes; that does not mean we should lose everything we have worked for, especially when no verified allegations warrant such drastic action. If we allow unsubstantiated claims to overshadow contributions, we stand to lose far more than we gain. Grant's efforts through the Karma Box Project have made a significant difference in the lives of many, and undermining that work through personal attacks only harms those who rely on his support. Please consider all the good Grant and Karma Box Project do for our community daily. Personal vendettas or unverified allegations should not derail that work. We must support those like Grant, who genuinely strive to improve our community. Lived experience should be valued, and we should not let past mistakes define someone's ability to contribute positively today. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

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