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**December 9, 2024**

**Mayor Schieve and Reno City Council Members**

**RE: Support for ordinances E1- E4 on the Dec. 11, 2024 Council Meeting**

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

The Downtown Reno Partnership is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit business improvement district formed in 2018 and tasked with increasing the safety, cleanliness and vibrancy of Downtown Reno. Our boundaries cover 110 blocks, and we represent over 1,500 property owners.

We are writing in support of ordinances E1, E2, E3 and E4. These ordinances will help to clean up vague and unclear ordinance language and will help to create consistencies across numerous agencies and departments. Support of these ordinances gives those on the front lines the appropriate tools to enhance community health and public safety and improve overall conditions for visitors, students, residents and businesses.

Downtown Reno welcomes more than 3 million visitors per year to our iconic Virginia Street, to stroll along our beautiful Truckee River and to enjoy the Riverwalk District, the Brewery District and the J Resort Glow Plaza. Downtown Reno is a special place for residents, visitors, students and business owners to come and enjoy all The Biggest Little City has to offer. These ordinances will help in ensuring our law and code enforcement agencies have the necessary tools to ensure all who visit, live or work in our city have a positive and safe experience.

Numerous organizations and agencies are working tirelessly toward Downtown Reno's revitalization efforts and these ordinances will help in addressing behaviors and conditions that threaten public safety, cleanliness and overall experience.

Thank you for all your efforts and work on behalf of Reno residents, businesses, students and visitors. And thank you for your focus on making Reno a safe, clean and enjoyable place for everyone. We hope you will vote in support of Agenda Items E1 through E4.

Sincerely,

*Neoma Jardon*

Neoma Jardon  
Executive Director  
Downtown Reno Partnership



Outlook

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**City Council Comment received from Richard Stoltz**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>**Date** Mon 12/9/2024 9:33 AM**To** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>**Contact Info:**Name:

Richard Stoltz

Commenting on behalf of:Ward #:

Ward 1

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-12-11.

**Section:**

E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

E.1, E.2, E.3, E.4.

**Position:**

In Favor

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

I am the President/CEO of WEDCO, Inc. located at 450 Toano St. In the past 2 years, we have invested more than \$250,000 into fencing, lighting, landscaping, security cameras, and restricted door access. This has all been done due to homeless issues both on the city property as well as our private property. The activities include sleeping, lying, sitting, and camping around our facility and in alleys. We utilize RPD, Reno Direct, and Karma Box on a regular basis to assist in moving this population away from our building. It's not only a safety issues for this population, but it's a safety issue for my employees and customers. We battle this on a daily basis only to show up the next morning dealing with moving camps once again. I am writing today in support of E.1, E.2, E.3, and E.4.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

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**Yes**

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**No**



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**City Council Comment received from Alea Martin**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 3:04 PM

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

**Contact Info:**

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Ward #:

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**Section:**

E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

E.1-E.4.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

I, as a lifelong Nevadan, am strongly opposed to the implementation of any city ordinance that will push people out of the city and/or into jail due to an inability to find stable housing. Instead of allocating city resources toward criminalizing an already difficult and dehumanizing experience, I believe we need to go back and address the root causes of homelessness.

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No



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## Opposed to Agenda items E.1-E.4

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**From** Amanda .P <amandapalmer1386@gmail.com>

**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 3:21 PM

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

Greetings City Council Members,

My name is Amanda Palmer and I am opposed to agenda items E.1-E.4 that criminalize sitting, lying, sleeping, or camping in public places including but not limited to sidewalks, streets, alleys, sensitive areas or within doorways in the city of Reno.

These items will only serve to further harm vulnerable houseless members of our community with nowhere to go, as our shelters are currently at capacity. This is an inhumane proposed ordinance and until the city decides to do more to shelter our unhoused community members and help them to transition with programs that are based on effective and research-backed strategies, this is only serving to brush a growing problem under the rug that will only continue to grow in visibility, whether the City Council and local business interests attempt to hide it or not.

Sincerely,

Amanda Palmer



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**Oppose items E.1-E.4**

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**From** Bella Fregoso <fregoso2114@gmail.com>

**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 2:39 PM

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

I'm writing as a resident of Reno horrified at the action the City is taking against our unhoused neighbors. Criminalizing homelessness is a cowardly, wasteful action taken in cities unwilling to invest in necessary services and infrastructure, who would rather throw people in overcrowded jails than show any grace.

Police, who tear up encampments, destroy belongings, and incarcerate the homeless, are not serving the community by taking these actions. The "unsightliness" of the unhoused is not reason to treat them as less than human.

Where are these people supposed to go? Overcrowded shelters with no beds available to them?

It is especially heinous to limit camping or fire burning in the coldest season, when people living on the street need to be able to insulate themselves with tents and fires to stay alive in the cold. This action, if taken by the city, will result in unnecessary suffering and death.

Do unto our unhoused neighbors as you would have the city treat you, if you were ever in their shoes.

- Bella Fregoso, registered voter and resident of Ward 3





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**City Council Comment received from Bishop McDonald**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 10:11 AM

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

**Contact Info:**

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Bishop McDonald

Commenting on behalf of:

Ward #:

Ward 2

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Address:

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E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

1,2,3,4.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

This is completely abhorrent and inhumane. Houseless people are still citizens of our great city and kicking them around like trash is only going to make this problem worse. This will kill people, which I'm sure is your goal, but this will only make people angrier. These people need somewhere to live, not a hole to be pushed into to rot. This problem will not simply go away by punishment and brutality. They need homes and proper funding to live a full proper life.

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City Council Comment received from December Cuccaro

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>  
**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 3:46 PM  
**To** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

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E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

E.1-E.4.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

The city's continual harassment of our most vulnerable population is disgusting and shameful. These measures are punitive, petty, and serve to criminalize a poverty that has been pushed on us by the council's inability to take action on measures that would actually benefit the people of Reno.

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No



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## Opposition to Agenda Items E.1-E.4

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**From** Devin Chatterton <drchatterton@gmail.com>

**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 3:18 PM

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

Hello,

I am submitting this public comment in opposition to Agenda Items E.1-E.4. Criminalizing homelessness does nothing to improve public safety. It wastes tax dollars policing those in our community who lack housing, instead of those dollars going to actual enforcement of laws and safety. These types of harsh on homelessness laws never result in diminishing homelessness, rather it just moves them from location to location within the same city. This is a waste of tax payer money to enforce this policy and will solve nothing.

Thank you,  
Devin Chatterton



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**City Council Comment received from Donna Clontz**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 3:22 PM

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

**Contact Info:**

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Ward 5

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-12-11.

**Section:**

E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

E1- E4.

**Position:**

In Favor

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Please vote for these ordinances to allow Reno police, rangers, other enforcement officers to cite those who camp in the parks and other public places to the community court where they can see the judge and be ordered to get help to get off the street.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

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**Yes**



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**City Council Comment received from Elizabeth Walsh**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 2:22 PM

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

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Ward #:

Ward 1

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-12-11.

**Section:**

E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

E.1-E.4.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Hello Council members, I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed ordinance, under agenda item E that would criminalize sitting, lying, sleeping, or camping in public spaces. This ordinance is not a solution to supporting our houseless population, a population that you, as council members, represent. Reno shelters are often at capacity, leaving people with nowhere to go. Criminalizing poverty does not help houseless people. Providing quality housing and aid does. However, this proposal is not aimed at helping people, and it will only worsen the situation for those in need. Please oppose ordinances listed under agenda item E.1-E.4.



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No

## City Council Comment received from Emma Doty

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 3:52 PM

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

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-12-11.

**Section:**

E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

E1, E2, E3, E4.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

Yes, I will check-in with the City Clerk upon arrival.

**If no, enter comments below:**

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No



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## City Council Comment received from Fiona McDonald

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 3:15 PM

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

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**Section:**

E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

1,2,3,4.

**Position:**

In opposition

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**City Council Comment received from Gabriel Matthews**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 2:40 PM**To** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>**Contact Info:**Name:

Gabriel Matthews

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E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

E.1-E.4.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Being without a home should not be a crime. The time and resources being put toward this could be used to establish more effective and accessible care for the homeless population in Reno. Criminalizing homelessness doesn't make the problem go away.

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**No**



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**City Council Comment received from Jake Maynard**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 3:26 PM

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

**Contact Info:**

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Commenting on behalf of:

Ward #:

Ward 3

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Phone Number:

Address:

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E1, E2, E3, E4.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

The further criminalization of Poverty, Houselessness, and simply Existing in one place for too long in Our city, sets an extremely dangerous precedent. If you pass these ordinances you will be only willingly enabling the incarceration, abuse, and death of your constituents. It has been proven ad-nauseam that these policies do nothing at all to get people off the streets. Instead, it only perpetuates the cycles of houselessness. For every person you sweep, their life sustaining resources are confiscated, leaving them vulnerable to the harsh elements that regularly kill dozens of our community members a year. And even more audacious is to call these proposed violations "Offenses to Public Peace." All that says to me is that the city wants to consider and equate the violent removal of people "sitting or laying" on



public property with keeping the peace. Why even call it "Public property" when all you do is try to prevent the public from existing there? It's clear that each and every one of you who allows this ordinance to pass will have acted in a way that only further harms your constituents. It will show them that you don't value them as human beings simply for existing in a state of struggle, and are willing to abandon their well being for the wishes of career capitalists under the guise of "beautifying" downtown without caring for any of the people who actually exist and live there. For every person you sweep and arrest, you are removing them from the world- removing them from their friends, their sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, mothers, and fathers. Every time someone is swept, everything they've done to try to get off the street is undone. These people are literally focused on trying to stay alive and your answer to this is to make it harder for them to do so? Do you not want these people to survive? I've seen the cycle repeat and it goes like this- their documents are thrown away, they can't make it to work the next morning, they end up using narcotics or alcohol to numb the pain, they go further in debt to you, they now have a criminal record, and they die in the cold. These actions have severe human consequences. It is beyond irresponsible to even consider these ordinances, not only for the fact that they will not only bring more harm, misery, and destruction- but that they will do absolutely nothing to get people off of the streets. This has been proven time and time again- and I look forward to the day when you realize that kicking the can down the road and playing with people's lives doesn't make our city a more "Peaceful" place. Until then, your constituents who care will continue advocating against the rapid criminalization of poverty all while working independently of the city or county to try to keep the folks on the streets alive. Can you please stop making it harder to keep my friends alive? I plead that you dismiss these ordinances because our whole community's lives and freedoms are at stake.

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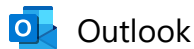
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## City Council Comment received from Kate F

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 12:40 PM

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

**Contact Info:**

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Kate F

Commenting on behalf of:

Ward #:

Ward 1

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Phone Number:

Address:

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**City Council Comment received from Kennedy Dobbs**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 12:11 AM

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

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Kennedy Dobbs

Commenting on behalf of:

Ward #:

Unsure/Other

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**Position:**

In opposition

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No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Criminalizing homelessness benefits no one. Punishing people for sleeping on the street is cruel and unnecessary. Being homeless is not an eye sore, it's a human condition, and lacking empathy for that condition cannot justify brutality. A policeman's job is not to harass the homeless and underprivileged.

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**City Council Comment received from Kiawna Lavery**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 1:23 PM

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

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**Section:**

General Opening Session Comment (unassociated to an agenda item)

**Item:**

1, 2, 3, 4.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

If you will criminalize sleeping outside, outdoor camping, does this mean that you will also help fund resources for our houseless population instead of treating them like stray dogs?

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**City Council Comment received from M.E. E.**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Date** Mon 12/9/2024 5:43 PM

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

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Commenting on behalf of:

Ward #:

Ward 1

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-12-11.

**Section:**

E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

E1, E2, E3, E4.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

I oppose your ever expanding criminalization of the homeless. Shit like this makes me want to start looking into tax evasion.

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**City Council Comment received from Marliena Landeros**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 3:33 PM

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

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-12-10.

**Section:**

E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

E-e4.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

The issues faced by the unhoused community are vast, and each one brings a person lower and lower in the social stratification of our culture, when in reality so many of us are closer than we know to that position. Ensuring that the conditions of which the unhoused faces are made worse by imposing terribly targeting ordinances is cruel and unusual. Homelessness is not crime, it's an unfortunate position many are forced to. By not allowing people to sleep in town you are removing any ability to work, but most importantly you're denying them the shred of humanity they have. You are denying them to keep space with you, and it's strange, and it's sad and it shows where this community has gone.

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**No**



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**City Council Comment received from Michael Davanzo**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 3:22 PM**To** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>**Contact Info:**Name:

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Commenting on behalf of:Ward #:

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-12-11.

**Section:**

E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

E.1 - E.4.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Hello, I am writing to you to voice my opposition to agenda items E.1 - E.4 to further criminalize homelessness. The people whom are facing issues of homelessness, houselessness, job insecurity, addiction and mental health struggles need help, not to be treated as criminals. With the greater Reno/Sparks/Tahoe area growing, the rent and mortgage costs have increased to near gluttonous levels. Time and energy would be better spent pushing for stronger regulations against rising rental prices and absurd and unnecessary fees. Rent control. Rent stabilization. Tenant's rights. Disabling large corporate entities from buying and owning real estate. And creating safe spaces for homeless individuals to access resources and aide. They should not be rounded up, their belongings destroyed,

and thrown into prison. And anyone advocating for such things should truly question their lack of a moral center.

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No

## Opposed to E1-E4

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**From** Mycahl Cook <mycah@cookmech.com>

**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 3:38 PM

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

I am opposed to agenda items E1-E4. Do not criminalize being poor.

Sent from Gmail Mobile



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**City Council Comment received from Natalie Handler**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 3:24 PM

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

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Ward 3

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**Section:**

E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

E. 1, E. 2, E.3, E.4.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

I am once again pleading with you all to not criminalize those who are struggling to survive through the housing crisis pr chronic homelessness! These ordinances that could lead to a fine or arrest do nothing to solve the lack of affordable housing and do nothing to provide safe shelter. Many people struggling to exist without shelter/housing have no where to go. The Washoe County shelter census dashboard very clearly shows that all shelter options at Cares Campus and Our Place Women + Family shelter at capacity or near capacity on a daily basis and has been that way since it opened. It was reported over a year ago by County staff on record that there remains a 30+ long wait list for families looking for emergency shelter. The Women's beds are also nonexistent regularly. The men on average

show about 12 open beds daily but we know that many more are living without shelter currently so even if they were encouraged to go inside there would not be enough space for everyone. So if we can not supply enough shelter for the growing unhoused population than how in your right mind can we fine or arrest them for sitting, resting, eating or trying to stay warm and alive with no where to go??? Literally, where do they go? This is cruel and only perpetuates harm, trauma and discourages people from getting to the next step off the streets and into shelter or housing. Many cannot afford the fine so then what? Does an unpaid fine lead to a warrant which leads to an arrest which then creates yet another barrier to getting a job or renting a home? Why can't somebody sit or rest in public? How is that a public safety issue??? We have other ordinances already in place that prohibit violence or disturbing the peace or littering to name a few...why would we need to restrict people's mere existence? The resources wasted on implementing these type of inhumane ordinances, the policing of them, the court time, holding a person in jail etc is supremely wasteful all the while doing nothing to create life affirming pathways to housing healthcare rehabilitation or anything that we could and should be doing with this time and money instead. Instead of sending resources over to policing or private security companies please consider hiring mental health workers to do outreach in the community as first responders to non-violent calls to service. Building trusting relationships through care models rather than punishment is proven more effective in positive outcomes for helping people off the streets. Use resources to implement holistic life affirming services rather than punitive ones that only push people down further. You have an opportunity today to vote down this cruel wasteful ordinance and I hope you do.

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**City Council Comment received from Phoenix Caller**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 2:55 PM

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

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-12-11.

**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

RMC 8.12.011, RMC 8.12.012, RMC 8.12.030, RMC 8.20.090.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Hello! I have to honestly say I am quite disturbed by how bloodthirsty it seems Reno City Council is! Like, talking to any homeless people at all and it is very obvious that the Cares Campus has deep issues that would drive the people it is meant to serve away. I saw the Grant's Pass court case mentioned, and that was also disturbing because anyone paying attention knows the US Supreme Court is stripping rights away left and right. There are 10 empty houses for every homeless person in Washoe County, and studies that take an honest look at the housing situations around this planet have found that the fastest way to get people out of homelessness is, astonishingly!, to give them housing! Housing, medical support, and food, when these things are taken care of something I like

80% of them are able to reenter the workforce. And of course, many homeless people are deeply disabled, unable to work, and deserve to have housing provided for them. If these laws pass, an increase in the police budget will eventually follow, as more police are required to shepherd the growing homeless population around the city and haul them off to jail. The police budget is already too high in this city, so rather than giving more money to the people who inflict the most harm on our homeless neighbors we could spend that money housing them. I would suggest starting by revamping the voucher system, which requires people to jump through hurdles for years at a time to then get a voucher that nowhere will accept. Housing is a human right, it shouldn't be sold for profit, and the path the Reno City Council has been going down has only made the crisis worse. Please evaluate these law changes, and look inside yourself. There is no way you could vote on this law, knowing the harm similar laws have inflicted elsewhere, unless you are quite simply an evil person.

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## City Council Comment received from Radhika Gupta

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 3:41 PM

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

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-12-10.

**Section:**

E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

New City Ordinance on Camping and more..

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

I do not feel there is any value in further criminalizing houselessness. I had a friend (adopted) who was kicked out by her adoptive parents during lockdown and forced to live in her car. Cops found her and took her home and her parents said they didn't want her in the home and because she was 18, the cops said they'd arrest her if her parents couldn't let her in the house. Thankfully she called me and was able to stay with my family and in my room while I was out of state for school but that could have ruined her life and the new ordinance will only further harm people in dangerous or precarious situations. Homelessness is not solved with Jail Time. It is solved with care and dedicated resources. This is not wishful thinking; this is proven time and time again by all the countries who have adopted our housing first model successfully. That was developed in America but never implemented. I think of POOR Magazine and the Homefulness Project and I wonder why can we not put more money there, instead of in this? Reno could access money from HEAL (CA 2023 budget initiative) to train and support a sustainable economy and workforce but instead, they are taking steps to further criminalize the housing crisis AND ensure that money will be spent caging people instead of being spent on care for our communities as a

whole. I have several community members and friends in Reno, which is why I am making a comment despite being from a different location in California.

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**City Council Comment received from Rina Bottom**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 2:34 PM

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

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-12-11.

**Section:**

E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

E.1 - E.4.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Every single resident and city council member is closer to homelessness than they want to realize. Please do not further ridicule and disrespect our houseless neighbors. They deserve a safe place to sleep or camp and since our shelter is almost always at capacity and general resources severely lacking, criminalizing homelessness does nothing. How did the war on drugs end? History is repeating itself with our houseless population.

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City Council Comment received from Rosa Kirk-Davidoff

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>  
**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 3:49 PM  
**To** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-12-11.

**Section:**

E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

E.1, E.2, E.3, E.4.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Outlawing sitting on the sidewalk is ridiculous and immoral. Criminalizing homeless people just existing in our city does nothing to end the root causes of homelessness and just gives cops more excuses to harass homeless people. Please do not take these heartless measures! I love my neighbors and unhoused people do not make my experience of living in Reno any worse.

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**City Council Comment received from Sophie Jantz**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Date** Mon 12/9/2024 9:44 PM

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

**Contact Info:**

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Ward #:

Ward 2

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Phone Number:

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-12-11.

**Section:**

E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

E.1 through E.4.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Dear Members of the Reno City Council, I am writing to express opposition to the proposed actions of agenda items E.1 through E.4 that would expand the criminalization of homelessness in our community. Decades of research in public health, medicine, and the social sciences demonstrate that such measures exacerbate the hardships of unhoused individuals while failing to address the root causes of homelessness. Although the proposed changes under Title 8, Chapter 8.12, are framed as efforts to simplify and clarify existing laws, they will ultimately implement broader, more encompassing restrictions on essential human activities in public spaces. By expanding these rules, the ordinance creates a more punitive framework that will push unsheltered individuals into increasingly

isolated and dangerous conditions, as well as limit access to vital resources and support systems. What the ordinance will not do is address Reno's homelessness situation. I agree that Reno's policies are unclear, redundant, and ill-defined. But the proposed ordinance in this agenda is not a solution. Nevadans who are unsheltered or struggling have a right to exist in public spaces. There is no clearer example of excessive punishment than imposing penalties on individuals for the very human need to sit, lie down, and sleep. Homelessness cannot be solved through arrests or fines or jail time. You cannot punish people into having a place to live. Instead, I urge the Council to amend language in existing ordinances to focus on evidence-based approaches that address systemic drivers of homelessness. Additionally, I encourage the Council to direct resources toward proven strategies, such as increasing access to affordable housing, expanding mental health and addiction services, and supporting employment and training programs. Lastly, I encourage Council members to engage directly with unhoused individuals and advocacy groups in our community to better understand their experiences and needs. I remain hopeful that Reno can come together to address the complex challenges of homelessness affecting our most vulnerable. This responsibility is shared by each and every one of us. It is possible to balance the issues facing Reno with the humanity and rights of unsheltered citizens. And it is possible to write and implement good, clear policy without enforcing a punitive framework against those with no place to lay their heads. We must work together to build a community where all of Reno's residents, regardless of housing status, are treated with dignity. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

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**City Council Comment received from Spencer Banda**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 2:11 PM

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

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-12-11.

**Section:**

E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

E1-E4.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

I'm disgusted at city council going forward with more criminalization of poverty in the beginning of winter before we've even gotten snow. As we have been saying for years, the shelters are full and people have no place to go. There are fewer shelter beds than unsheltered people. Daily and weekly motels continue to be shuttered with no end in sight. Parks and Rec is harassing people to keep them out of the parks. Where are they supposed to go? Why do we keep approving "affordable" housing that the tens of thousands of people struggling the most can't afford? Why does the definition of "affordable" not accommodate people who are actually chronically housing insecure? Why do developers get the buy up land and leave it unused for years after promising housing? Why do we

spend such obscene amounts of money on police, who are only able to (violently) address the symptoms of our problems instead of addressing those root causes? The lack of humanity from our so-called "representatives" is astounding.

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**City Council Comment received from Stone Hoopes**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 3:24 PM**To** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>**Contact Info:**Name:

Stone Hoopes

Commenting on behalf of:Ward #:

Ward 5

Email Address:Phone Number:Address:

A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-12-10.

**Section:**

E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

E.1 - E.4.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

As I cannot attend I am writing to express my disappointment for a city council that wants to hurt those less fortunate than themselves. Instead of working to make housing a right and ensure that all peoples have a roof over their heads you are now trying to incarcerate and fine anyone who is already struggling to find a home. Instead of attacking citizens that are hurt and in need first go after people like Jacobs entertainment that are systematically removing all affordable and low income housing options within the city of Reno. No person should be punished by the city because the city has set them up for failure. If you were homeless and without work would you think it's right to be fined or taken away because you can't afford to be anywhere else?

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

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**City Council Comment received from T Sutherland**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Date** Mon 12/9/2024 6:54 PM

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

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-12-11.

**Section:**

E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

1, 2, 3, 4.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

I am writing to strongly oppose the ordinance prohibiting people from sleeping, sitting, or lying down in public places. Homelessness is a serious issue in our city, and this ordinance fails to address the root causes while unfairly punishing and degrading those already struggling. The city has allowed wealthy people from out of state to buy up and destroy Nevada land and affordable housing in reno, displacing countless residents and forcing them onto the streets. Now, with this ordinance, those who have been displaced are being further marginalized with no clear solution or alternative. Instead of criminalizing homelessness, the city should focus on protecting and creating affordable housing, ensuring that every resident has a safe and stable place to live. And don't even say that the Cares

Campus is enough, because it isn't and you know that. Would be nice if you guys could stop criminalizing and harrassing homeless people.

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**City Council Comment received from Tara Tran**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>**Date** Tue 12/10/2024 2:38 PM**To** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>**Contact Info:**Name:

Tara Tran

Commenting on behalf of:Ward #:

Ward 1

Email Address:Phone Number:Address:

A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-12-11.

**Section:**

E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

1,2,3,4.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

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The introduction of this ordinance, now as the deadly cold weather descends upon our city, is abhorrent. Our shelters, as insufficient and unsafe as they are, are consistently full. Our neighbors, displaced from their homes for reasons out of their control, have little option but to stay just warm enough to stay alive, any way they can. This ordinance will result in jailing, or at best, fining innocent human beings, making it impossible for them to navigate their way back into real housing or work. If you want less people sleeping on the streets, as we all do, we need transitional supportive housing and sufficient resources, not criminalization. People with criminal records face more difficulty reintegrating into society, when the opportunity arises. Not only is this initiative cruel, tone deaf and

deadly, it fails to help any of the issues the current City Council is looking to address, actively making long term solutions for YOUR constituents more difficult to achieve. Take a step back and really face what this ordinance aims to do. I hope that nobody you care about ever faces the unfortunate circumstances that would lead someone to be forced to sleep in 25 degree weather on the cold, wet ground, as shelters lie full. And I especially hope that nobody would vote for them to be punished for it.

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