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**City Council Comment received from Ada Smith**

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

**Date** Tue 1/21/2025 9:07 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: 2025-01-22.

**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F.1, F.2, F.6.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

I am strongly opposed to these measures because criminalizing homelessness doesn't actually solve any of the multitude of problems that cause homelessness, it only adds to the problems that homeless people currently face. Sweeps cause dangerous situations, increasing the likelihood of violence and putting people who are already in precarious situations in more desperation. We know what homeless people need; they need shelters that are accommodating to their needs and are safe, they need mental health resources and medical supplies, and they need help finding and keeping jobs. Homelessness is caused by so many issues, including high cost of living and lack of social safety nets, and is rarely the result of illegal or illicit actions. Almost 70% of people who are struggling with

addiction while homeless developed their dependence only after becoming homeless. Criminalizing people who are homeless simply for existing and resting in public spaces is a waste of time, money, and resources that could be better put towards long term and impactful solutions that will actually go towards reducing the number of people who are unhoused, instead of increasing the number of people in jail

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Yes



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**City Council Comment received from Alexa TH**

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

**Date** Tue 1/21/2025 5:21 PM

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

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Ward 1

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**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

1,2,6.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

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**If no, enter comments below:**

I am now a student attending UNR; solely relying on the loans the federal government provides. I graduated in 2021 while simultaneously disowned at 17. After high school I worked four jobs (all at once) to pay bills; I spent two years trying to make it in the "real" world. Even after working so hard and trying to save up money for college the cost of housing forced me to go hungry majority of my nights. The resources that Nevada, specifically Reno, provides are imperative to our community. However, the lack of outreach and resource education caused a child to seek out two homeless shelters. They are known to be the most secure out of any shelter available; I'm underscoring this out of experience that youth shelters are terrifying, and this is a problem. My own fear of sleeping

unprotected on a park bench pushed me to a homeless shelter, though many individuals would rather sleep in a public place than be locked in a building where any form of protection is taken, showering is not private, cots are set up in any available space with no gender separation, and no security. Safety is not promised in a shelter or on public property, though it speaks volumes that many individuals would take the latter. Taking away the choice of sleeping in a public area is taking the choices America, as a nation, promised all of it's people. We are the nation of opportunity and new life, so give the less fortunate the resources we need to succeed. Do not punish the people that had no say in life changing events leading to homelessness. Provide alternative resources to homeless individuals. The problem isn't homeless people "loitering" on public property. The problem is affordable housing. The cost of living in Reno isn't sustained by four jobs, so how many jobs does it take? How many jobs do disowned children require to avoid experiencing unnecessary fear and danger? Is the only option tremendous debt for a piece of paper that will maybe provide basic human needs?

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**City Council Comment received from Allison Koszuth**

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**Date** Wed 1/22/2025 10:18 AM

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

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**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F.1,F.2,F.6. .

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

These ordnances in cities will only push people out of the city into rural areas. There are already unhoused communities building in the north valleys and I can see this continuing. Making it illegal to be homeless is NOT THE SOLUTION. To incarcerate these populations would only be further hurting them with the system meant to help them. We should want to help them get back on their feet rather than focusing on not letting them be seen in public spaces. Unhoused people will always exist, especially when there are larger issues like housing inequality and no ability for stability when they are in these situations. They fear the clothes will be taken off their backs while they sleep outside they shouldn't have to worry that it will be some cops in different outfits that will be doing the harming.

Fees and court dealings are not what these populations need. Rather stability and support, not to be shunned and shut out. I thought we were done sending them to California... you got in trouble for this once...

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**City Council Comment received from Andrea Sharp**

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

**Date** Tue 1/21/2025 7:59 PM

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

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**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F.1, F.2, and F.6.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Criminalizing poverty does not make poverty disappear; it just removes homelessness from public existence. As a public defender who represents indigent defendants, criminalizing people for where they sleep when they have nowhere else to go exacerbates the problem and makes it even more difficult for people to escape poverty and find stable housing. Invest in housing, not criminalization of homelessness.

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meeting.

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**City Council Comment received from Brooke Noble**

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

**Date** Wed 1/22/2025 6:32 AM

**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: 2025-01-22.

**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F.1, F.2, F.6.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Dear Mayor and Members of the Reno City Council, I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed ordinances outlined as F.1 through F.6. While I understand the importance of maintaining public safety and addressing issues in our community, these measures disproportionately affect the most vulnerable members of our society, particularly individuals experiencing homelessness. These ordinances, as written, would criminalize basic human behaviors and exacerbate existing inequalities, rather than addressing root causes or providing meaningful solutions. Specific Concerns: F.1: Criminalizing sitting, lying, sleeping, or camping on public places effectively targets individuals experiencing homelessness, without addressing the underlying lack of affordable housing or adequate

shelter space. Such measures often result in costly enforcement actions, legal challenges, and increased strain on social services. F.2 through F.5: Repealing specific protections for individuals in the Truckee River corridor or downtown areas may seem like a step toward streamlining policy, but these repeals risk leaving communities without clear guidelines. This may result in increased punitive measures that fail to solve systemic issues. F.6: Prohibiting loitering on private property shifts the burden of enforcement to private property owners, creating potential conflicts and disproportionately impacting individuals who may have no other safe spaces. Alternatives to the Proposed Ordinances: Instead of punitive measures, I urge the Council to consider the following alternatives: Expand Affordable Housing Initiatives: Increase investment in affordable housing projects and create incentives for developers to include low-income housing options. Strengthen Access to Shelter and Services: Collaborate with nonprofit organizations and expand funding for shelters, mental health services, and substance abuse programs to address the root causes of homelessness. Create Safe Public Spaces: Designate safe zones where individuals can sleep, sit, or rest without fear of legal repercussions. Pair these zones with access to social services. Adopt a Housing-First Approach: Focus on providing permanent, stable housing as a precursor to addressing other challenges faced by individuals experiencing homelessness. Studies show that this approach is both humane and cost-effective. Implement Community Policing: Train law enforcement to engage with vulnerable populations in a compassionate and solution-focused manner, prioritizing connection to services over criminalization. Leverage Federal and State Funding: Advocate for and utilize available funding to address homelessness and support initiatives that prioritize dignity and safety for all residents. Conclusion: Rather than criminalizing poverty and homelessness, Reno should adopt policies that prioritize compassion, inclusion, and long-term solutions. By implementing evidence-based alternatives, the city can foster a stronger, more equitable community. Thank you for your time and consideration. I urge the Council to vote against the adoption of these ordinances and instead pursue strategies that uphold the dignity and rights of all residents.

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**City Council Comment received from Brooke Noble**

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

**Date** Wed 1/22/2025 6:37 AM

**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: 2025-01-21.

**Section:**

General Opening Session Comment (unassociated to an agenda item)

**Item:**

general comment.

**Position:**

In Favor

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

I am writing to express concern about the City of Reno's continued use of the platform X (formerly Twitter), given the alarming direction the platform has taken under its current leadership. Recently Elon Musk used a Nazi salute, combined with the platform's significant rise in hate speech and extremism, are deeply troubling. Continuing to use this platform contradicts the City's commitment to fostering inclusivity, diversity, and respect for all residents. The Problem with Platform X: Increased Hate Speech: Numerous studies and watchdog groups have documented a sharp increase in hate speech, harassment, and extremist content since Musk's takeover. This shift has made the platform an unsafe space for marginalized communities. Leadership's Troubling Behavior: The act of giving a Nazi salute is

not only offensive but also a direct affront to the values of equity and tolerance that our city strives to uphold. This behavior undermines trust in the platform's leadership and its intentions. Erosion of Trust and Credibility: By associating with a platform that actively tolerates hate speech and divisive rhetoric, the City risks damaging its own credibility and alienating residents who expect their local government to stand firmly against bigotry. Why the City Should Act: The City of Reno has a responsibility to lead by example and ensure that its communication channels reflect the values of the community it serves. Using X sends an implicit message that the City endorses or, at the very least, tolerates the platform's actions and policies. Proposed Actions: Cease Using Platform X: Transition away from using X for official communications. This will demonstrate the City's commitment to standing against hate and intolerance. Adopt Alternative Platforms: Consider adopting platforms that prioritize inclusivity and respect, such as Threads, Mastodon, or BlueSky. These platforms allow for transparent, accessible, and community-focused communication. Increase Focus on Direct Engagement: Enhance the City's website, email newsletters, and other direct communication channels to ensure residents remain informed without relying on problematic platforms. Publicly Condemn Hate Speech: Issue a public statement affirming the City's opposition to hate speech, extremism, and the normalization of harmful rhetoric. Reno has an opportunity to demonstrate leadership by cutting ties with a platform that has become synonymous with divisiveness and hate. By making a clear, values-driven decision, the City can reinforce its commitment to inclusivity and ensure that its communication efforts align with the principles of equity and respect. I urge the City Council to take immediate action to stop using Platform X and to explore more ethical and community-centered alternatives.

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**City Council Comment received from Caitlin Bull**

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

**Date** Tue 1/21/2025 10:49 PM

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

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Ward 3

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**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

1, 2, 6.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

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**City Council Comment received from Cameron Green**

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

**Date** Wed 1/22/2025 7:44 AM

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

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Ward 6

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Damonte Ranch

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**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F.1.

**Position:**

In Favor

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

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This is a great change to allow the city to keep our town cleaner and safer

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**City Council Comment received from Caroline Branch**

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

**Date** Wed 1/22/2025 7:48 AM

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

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**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F1, F2, F6.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

I am fiercely against ordinance f1, f2, and f6. It punishes the unhoused without offering better options, and is frankly inhumane when shelters are full and people are suffering.

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**No**



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**City Council Comment received from Casey Drucker**

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**Date** Tue 1/21/2025 10:49 PM

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

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**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F.1,F.2,F.6.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

This government should look at the issues that cause homelessness and start there instead of punishing the people they have failed. If you pass these laws you are failing your constituents.

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**City Council Comment received from Charlie Wise**

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

**Date** Tue 1/21/2025 7:56 PM

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

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Charlie Wise

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**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F1, F2, F6.

**Position:**

In opposition

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**City Council Comment received from Cristina Ferguson**

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

**Date** Tue 1/21/2025 11:30 PM

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

**Contact Info:**

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

**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

1.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

I object as there are not enough resources for our house less population.

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**City Council Comment received from DOUG BROWNE**

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

**Date** Wed 1/22/2025 5:05 AM

**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: 2025-01-22.

**Section:**

I Items - Public Hearing Items

**Item:**

I.3.

**Position:**

In Favor

**Are they speaking in person?**

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

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**City Council Comment received from Elea Wolf**

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

**Date** Tue 1/21/2025 6:03 PM

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

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Ward 3

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**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F1, F2, F6.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

People have nowhere to go because the shelters are full. Even when there are available shelter beds, they're often unsafe and/or inaccessible for people with disabilities, women, couples, families, and people with pets. Sweeps and incarceration lead to more deaths, more overdoses, less stability and less ability to seek and maintain access to services they trust. In addition to being morally disgusting, it is a waste of taxpayer money! You are wasting our money on police and jails instead of addressing the cause: housing access. A study in Charlotte, NC found that the city saved \$2.4 million over the course of a year after creating a Housing First program! Three months in jail costs the same as one year of supportive housing. Remove barriers to jobs and housing like prior incarceration and help people get

off the streets permanently. Help them grow beyond their past mistakes and struggles and you will help shape a grateful, happier population and more unified community, on top of saving our money for more life-affirming programs. So many of us are one quick accident away from severe hardship. Being houseless is not a crime- turning it into one is ethically depraved and inhumane. The people of Reno are better than that. The Biggest Little City is only as good as the way we treat our most unfortunate. Be Better.

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**City Council Comment received from Emma Charles**

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

**Date** Tue 1/21/2025 11:20 PM

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

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Ward 1

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**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F.1, F.2, F.6.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

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**If no, enter comments below:**

Quite frankly, these new measures are inhumane. People are on the streets because shelters are full, or inaccessible for a variety of reasons (such as being unsafe, not allowing pets, being unable to accommodate disabilities, etc). On top of that, it's a waste of taxpayers' money. People who have been incarcerated have a much harder time finding employment after being released, and that's going to make it more likely for them to just be arrested again, leading to a cycle that's just spending money with no legitimate solution for anyone. Three months in jail costs the same as a year in supportive housing. Shelter beds are often full, many shelters are downright unsafe, and there are limited resources for the most vulnerable in our unhoused population. I really hope that you reconsider these

ordinances, as they will do nothing except remove the unhoused from public view, and lead only to continuing cycles of poverty and just be an utter waste of money and effort on the part of the city.

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No



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**Ordinance Prohibiting Sitting; Agenda Items F.1 ff January 22**

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**From** Father Chuck Durante <fr.chuck@stacathedral.com>

**Date** Tue 1/21/2025 11:27 PM

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

Dear Mayor and Reno City Council -

At this eleventh hour I received notice of a proposed ordinance that would actually prohibit sitting, among other things, in public places. Section 1 of Title 8 chapter 8.12, (a) actually says: "No person may sit, lie, sleep or camp on a public place at any time." After such broad language being used as "public place" Section (c) of 8.12 additionally includes a prohibition for "sensitive areas" defined to mean, among other places: public parks, public libraries and warming and cooling centers. I am shocked that such broad language is being proposed. It appears to go way beyond what the Grants Pass US Supreme Court addressed and basically appears to me to be language designed to be applied to criminalize just about anyone - including me if I was sitting down in a park or such place unless on bench or chair "supplied by the public agency." Despite the representation in staff notes that this ordinance is being used by other cities, I find it objectionable and immoral and, if not yet challenged in court, certainly something that likely will be.

I totally understand the need to keep sidewalks, doorways, businesses, etc., free from people loitering who keep or even block others who have equal right to access, especially in public places. That must be addressed and I believe loitering laws do so to a large degree. At the same time, proposing an ordinance that is so broad so as to be applied easily against anyone who is poor and has nowhere they own to sit - particularly in public parks where people sit all the time without benches or chairs - smacks of economic discrimination and is capricious. I am not proposing that law enforcement would use this ordinance in these immoral and illegal ways, but even just putting this on our books is wrong and bad public policy.

Please take another look at this ordinance and get input from social service agencies, churches, and additional legal analysis before taking any further steps in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Chuck Durante

Rector

St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral

Reno, Nevada



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**City Council Comment received from Jack Kovanaki**

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

**Date** Wed 1/22/2025 12:45 AM

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

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Ward #:

Ward 5

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Phone Number:

Address:

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**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F.1, F.2, F.6.

**Position:**

In Favor

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Hello, I'm in favor of these ordinances because the area I reside in has gotten worse with people who these ordinances would curtail committing crimes and harassment of residents of the community. The downtown and midtown have also become increasingly unsafe as recent news has shown. These agendas would make my area of Reno safer and make Reno a better place to live, work, and conduct business in overall. That is why I'm in favor of these agendas. Thank you.

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**City Council Comment received from Kelsey Albano**

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

**Date** Tue 1/21/2025 5:49 PM

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

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**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F1.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

People have no where to go because youve raided their spaces to survive. The shelters are constantly full, and also unsafe in a handful of ways. Three months in jail for an individual costs the same as one year of supportive housing. You guys absolutely do not have to further oppress unhoused people and perpetuate more deaths. You could actually do something to help someone other than yourself.

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**City Council Comment received from Kelsey Albano**

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

**Date** Tue 1/21/2025 5:58 PM

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

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**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F6.

**Position:**

In opposition

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**If no, enter comments below:**

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**City Council Comment received from Kelsey Albano**

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

**Date** Tue 1/21/2025 5:50 PM

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

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**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F2.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

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**City Council Comment received from Kierstin Acuna**

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

**Date** Tue 1/21/2025 11:49 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: 2025-01-22.

**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F.1, F.2, F.6.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

I am opposed to making sitting and laying in public space illegal. It is a waste of taxpayer dollars to incarcerate the homeless, when it is both more humane and cost effective to fund housing access. Current shelters are full, unsafe, and inaccessible for vulnerable groups such as women and disabled people.

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**City Council Comment received from Lydia Hejny**

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

**Date** Tue 1/21/2025 10:06 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: 2025-01-22.

**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F1. F2. F6..

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

People have nowhere to go, the shelters are full. Even when there is space, they're often unsafe or inaccessible to people with disabilities, women, couples, families, and people with pets. Sweeps and incarceration lead to more death, overdoses, less ability to seek and maintain access to services. They need our help, not to be punished for existing.

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**City Council Comment received from Miles Comstock**

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

**Date** Tue 1/21/2025 6:33 PM

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

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Ward 3

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2025-01-22.

**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F1 F2 and F6.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Illegalizing homelessness does not solve the problem. Arresting and charging fines to people that cannot afford housing is only going to worsen the problem for those experiencing homelessness. It's embarrassing that as a city our solution is to make a policy that pushes them off somewhere else or gives police the ability to arrest anyone at any public space if they are sitting down? Are you serious? That's your solution. What a joke. How about you try and solve the root of the problem. Affordable housing? Mental health resources? More shelters?

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**City Council Comment received from Riley Kusnick**

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

**Date** Tue 1/21/2025 9:20 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: 2025-01-22.

**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F.1, F.2, F.6.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

It's cruel and unfair to penalize people for loitering or sleeping on the streets when they have no other options. The local shelters are at capacity and can't serve everyone who needs them. Sweeps and incarceration make the issue worse - we should focus our efforts of public services and affordable housing instead.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

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**City Council Comment received from Samuel Rooney**

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

**Date** Wed 1/22/2025 5:32 AM

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

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Ward 2

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2025-01-22.

**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F.1 F.2 F.6.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

I oppose agenda items F.1, F.2, F.6 because sweeps and harassing homeless people is a waste of taxpayer money and does more harm than good. We should focus our city's efforts on housing and helping these people that are a product of corporate greed and lack of affordable housing instead of criminalizing them.

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**City Council Comment received from Sarah Noble**

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

**Date** Tue 1/21/2025 5:43 PM

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

**Contact Info:**

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Sarah Noble

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: .

**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F.1, F.2, F.6.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Incarceration uses more taxpayer dollars than social services, and the claim that people will refuse social services is more of a blight against our public officials and the lack of resources offered. Police have never and will never benefit anyone more than providing social services that help and protect people from homelessness.

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## Testimony for LDC25-00003

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**From** Shannon Morrow <shannon.morrow@gmail.com>  
**Date** Tue 1/21/2025 7:10 PM  
**To** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Greetings,

My name is Shannon Morrow, and I am a property owner within 750 feet of 2400 West Seventh Street.

I agree with the decision to deny plans for a 28-lot single-family detached subdivision.

That area is already congested. Increased residencies would cause additional distress upon the neighborhood.

Thank you,  
Shannon Morrow



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**City Council Comment received from Steph DeHart**

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

**Date** Wed 1/22/2025 1:33 AM

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

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Ward 2

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2025-01-22.

**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F.1, F.2, F.6.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Unhoused people will die or be imprisoned if these anti-homeless ordinances are approved. Human beings deserve shelter, and at minimum, the right to exist. Taxpayers deserve real social programs, not to see their incomes spent on creating more prisoners.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

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**City Council Comment received from Téa Garza**

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

**Date** Tue 1/21/2025 8:35 PM

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

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**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F.1, F.2, and F.6.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Most of our shelters are full and unsafe which is the biggest reason why our unhoused population is on the street. Throwing people, actual human beings, into jail instead of getting them the help they need to be able to reintegrate back into society is inhumane and abusive. If this passes which it looks like it will; it just goes to show us, the people, how much the City of Reno does not actually care about any of our livelihoods. Just as long as the money flows in, right?

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**City Council Comment received from Zachary Robertson**

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

**Date** Wed 1/22/2025 6:49 AM

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

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**Section:**

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

**Item:**

F.1-6.

**Position:**

In Favor

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No, I am submitting a written comment only.

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I see homeless everywhere and it is making it dangerous to walk around and enjoy Reno's public spaces, while I myself am not a woman, I know several who are feeling increasingly unsafe when out alone even during the day. Please do something about this issue.

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