

Hello,

I am submitting my testimony to the City Council in writing pertaining to ORD 22-9. It is as follows:

My name is Diane J. Peterson; I live in Ward 5. As a volunteer with ISAI AH, I support the vision ISAI AH promotes for St. Paul residents to be empowered to create safety in our homes, neighborhoods, and city. Creating and maintaining good public safety should involve transparency and accountability so the average person can see, evaluate, and possibly correct our local government's efforts to provide protections from hazards. I don't want to exclusively funnel resources into increasing the capacity of police officers as agents of force. I want substantial investment in the Office of Neighborhood Safety. That path promises to foster the basic building blocks for more people to achieve stability and reduce stressors in their lives. Rather than resorting to punishment as a first and last approach to public safety, we should build up the comprehensive approach with a robust Office of Neighborhood Safety.

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