

- My name is Katherine Barton and I live in Ward 3. I'm a leader with ISAIAH.
- I have been shocked by the level of homelessness and substandard housing in a community that enjoys as much prosperity as St. Paul. Everyone deserves dignity and basic services.
- I strongly support the low income homeowner support program because it deals with helping people know there are programs so they can feel the community supports them. It also shows government cares about the housing crisis. It is also terrible to fill out those forms. I have a masters and I have problem doing govt forms. This program would address that issue.
- I've seen this play out personally when I see the number of panhandlers and homeless rising across the city.
- I know this won't help everyone, but that's life. But if we don't change the way people get benefits we can't pretend there will be improvement.
- Though not everyone will have access to this new and innovative program, that's how most government programs work. We need to directly address issues with different languages and confusing forms that prevent many people from getting help. If we don't take care of people we seed crime and create unused govt funds for people who desperately need them.
- Thank you for your public service.

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- My name is Katherine Barton and I live in Ward 3. I'm a leader with ISAIAH.
- All people, no matter what color, deserve fairness and protection and addresses the issues causing crime.
- The Office of Neighborhood Safety is a great idea that can address core issues of race and violence facing the city and our nation. It will work on
 - coordinating Community-First investments including violence prevention strategies and alternative response.
 - supporting the creation of a permanent Community-First Commission which will engage community residents, local stakeholders, and public safety representatives to inform ongoing strategy development, as well as directing resources to impacted communities.
 - engaging in research, data collection and analysis through participatory methods that engage residents and system stakeholders in the co-development of neighborhood

assessments, alongside interventions that are responsive to the needs of our neighbors.

- Having this department in places matters to me personally because the rising crime and violence is destroying the city. Police only doesn't work - let's do this and work with the people.
- I ask that you include the full dollar amount requested by the Mayor to fund this new department and not have money shifted from it to hire more police
- Many thanks for your public service.

Yours, Katherine Barton

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