

Council Member Prince,

When considering potential changes to the cities position on the location of services for the homeless population in St Paul I think it is important to remember that the conditions currently existing around Freedom House and Listening House on Dayton's Bluff are predictable by products of those sorts of facilities. In an environment that by all measures shows that our police force is stretched thin, any calls for service, be they proactive or otherwise, adds to that situation.

For that reason I think it is important to locate those sort of low barrier programs where they have no retail or residential neighbors. Those sites exist in St Paul and are convenient to services and transit lines.

Also, I believe that wherever they are situated that they be required to pay for excessive consumption of services based on the threshold determined by the city to be excessive. It seems like common sense that organizations like these should be expected to deal with any side effects of their business like any bar or rental property.

Thank you for letting me address this issue.

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