

Hello Mr. Dermody:

As a St. Paul resident I felt it very important to provide my opinion on this matter. I think St. Paul could definitely use more shelters...even if just overnight shelters. I live and work in St. Paul and I am blown away by the number of people I see sleeping in allyes including my alley, in the skyways, stairwells, and directly on the streets and various times of the day, but mainly at night. I understand that homelessness is a very involved multilayered issue. However, as a human being everybody should at least have a safe dry place to sleep every night. If you don't know where you can lay your head at night it makes it harder to be successful during the day. There are cities who have been able to end homelessness and I encourage St. Paul to research those cities and see if there is anything we can learn, adapt and then apply to our own city.

Thank you for your time.

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