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As a resident of downtown Salem and a member of the Advisory Council to Chief Womack I write in support of adding 2 additional police officers to the Homeless Services Team. A 4 day work week disrupts any continuity of service and results in problems compounding and expanding. The presence of officers in encampments and the referrals and safety they provide have been instrumental in the observable reduction of street camping in the downtown area. As we see new developments and growth downtown, services to our homeless community must be enhanced to insure that Salem continues to thrive.

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