



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Date: 16 November 2017

To: Fred Podesta, Director of Finance and Administrative Services
Catherine Lester, Director of Human Services Department

From: Mike O'Brien, City Councilmember
Debora Juarez, City Councilmember
Kshama Sawant, City Councilmember
Kirsten Harris-Talley, City Councilmember

Re: Ballard Nickelsville Relocation Efforts

Thank you for the time and dedication in advancing the City's response to homelessness. Because of your collaborative efforts, we have increased our number of locations to provide vulnerable individuals and families safe places to reside while experiencing homelessness. Part of the City's response to homelessness is the City's authorized encampments, which have contributed to the increase of safer, alternative living locations. In addition to providing immediate safety, the *Permitted Encampment Evaluation* in June of this year stated of those who exited the authorized encampments during 2016, 26% moved into a permanent place to live and 13% entered a transitional housing program.

With these successes and identified opportunities, we are writing to you today to officially request that a written commitment be provided indicating the two newly identified sites for authorized encampment locations be selected for the Ballard Nickelsville relocation and an additional site. As mandated in Ordinance 118310, the relocation date for Ballard Nickelsville is scheduled for November 17, 2017. Ballard Nickelsville has indicated that they support the City and larger community's invitation to remain at the current site with a written commitment from the Human Services Department that these two new sites will be prioritized for Ballard Nickelsville. Additionally, the Council has appropriated further funding for authorized encampments during this year's City Budget process.

We remain grateful for the work of Nickelsville, SHARE, Low Income Housing Institute, your Departments, neighborhood residents, and other community partners in these types of innovative approaches to addressing homelessness.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Councilmember Mike O'Brien

Councilmember Debora Juarez



Councilmember Kshama Sawant



Councilmember Kirsten Harris-Talley



Councilmember Rob Johnson