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ITEM 3.A.

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Good morning Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore,

Below please find correspondence related to Item 3.A. on this morning's Homelessness Subcommittee agenda.

We will upload to the City's website as well.

~Melissa

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Good Morning Mayor Meister and Mayor Pro Tempore Sepi Shyne,

Thank you for placing this item on your agenda. This issue is long overdue.

The city, community members and specifically long term residents like myself can greatly benefit from having access to 24 hour public restrooms. 24 hour public restrooms offer a dedicated space outside of retail stores and restaurants. In addition most establishments will not share their restroom to non customers.

There is a need specifically during graveyard hours when most establishments are closed. I have had conversations with private security that are placed at abandoned properties and there are limited options for them during those hours as well.

I have also experienced unhoused community members use the front lawn of my apartment complex as a restroom. I believe a multi stall 24 hour monitored public restrooms will treat all community members including our unhoused members with dignity.

In a blog written by Sanitation First Organization, states that "In 2015, the United Nations General Assembly declared sanitation a universal human right. This means that everyone, everywhere, has the right to a toilet." <https://sanitationfirst.org/blog/the-right-to-a-toilet/>

Let's set the example and implement it immediately.

thank you

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