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Subject: My comments for 2019.EC6.16 on July 16, 2019 City Council

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## To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the July 16, 2019 City Council meeting on item 2019.EC6.16, Downtown East 2023 Five Year Action Plan

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Comments: I wish to state my support for this recommendation as president of the Winchester Park Residents' Association. The need for these services in downtown area is critical to the safety and security of the residents of the area where the poverty level is so high, drug addiction and mental health issues are so concentrated and homelessness continues to increase. The difficulties of dealing with the concentration of drug-related problems in this area needs to be dealt with through responsible and compassionate actions that consider both the problems of the addicted (including mental health issues and lack of services which contribute to this problem) and the entire community. Passage of this item would be a good beginning.

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