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Hello,

I am sending this email asking that you please consider voting yes to resolution 25–0682 in the matter of allowing five lease agreements between city staff and landlords. This will benefit the pathways home initiative, and thus further work towards the issue of our housing crisis in our city. These funds for this program will not be coming out of the city budget, but rather from a wonderful donation for Mayo. This is a win-win. all the way around and should not be knocked down before giving the chance to be applied. There are many people that have made great changes in their lives, but I've had a hard time finding someone to run to them because of mistakes they've made in their past sometimes decades ago. This will be an excellent program for those folks and may be able to shed light for other landlords to be willing to give other people in similar shoes a chance without even having to use this program.

I am also asking for you to vote no in regards to resolution 25–0723 that is proposing to spend another \$115,000 out of the city budget on private security for our parks and ramps. We have been able to hire more police And I feel like with continued efforts of our police department that our tax dollars pay for, we should be able to manage whatever is going on in our public spaces without spending such large amounts of money on private security. And if we invest efforts as mentioned above, then we might find spending this kind of money on private security wouldn't be as necessary. I am a mother of young children and I frequent many of our local parks in our community and never once have I been concerned about the need for private security. I also shop local businesses downtown. I work in public health and have encountered many of our own sheltered individuals and the vast majority of them are just like you and I. There is a lot of stigma and misinformation that perpetuates the fear mongering that leads people to believe private security is needed. I think the city could Find other things to spend this money on that would actually benefit our community rather than tear it down. The sun is the wrong message. It only adds fuel to The fire. If you don't take anything from what I'm saying, please remember that it is free to be kind!

Thank you for your time and consideration. Have a blessed evening.

Kindest Regards,

Jennifer Steele