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Registration Statement - Common Council
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Wish to Speak

Oppose

Neither Support Nor Oppose

At this meeting are you representing an organization or a person other than yourself: Yes No
(If you answered "no," STOP; you need not complete the rest of this form. If you answered "yes," provide the name of who you represent and go on to the next question.)

Name, address and telephone number of each person or organization you are representing:

Are you being paid for your representation? Yes No

Are you appearing as part of your other paid duties for this person or organization? Yes No
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Speaking Limits: Public Hearing (Common Council)5 minutes
Information Hearing.....3 minutes
Other Items.....3 minutes

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(If you answered "yes" to the question, STOP. You need not complete the rest of this form, except that you must sign this form. If you answered "no" to the question, go on to the next question.)

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Date _____

Signature _____

Print Name _____

New centers, ideas can help the homeless



Holly Spraul
MY EXPERIENCE

Holly Doan Spraul is a lawyer who lives in Green Township.

This morning, I somehow ended up in conversation with a very young woman living on the streets and panhandling at city intersections.

I was determined not to encourage her panhandling (and maybe encourage a drug habit) with a fleeting dollar, so I started preaching to her about the various social agencies that would be of better help to her.

Our conversation made clear to me how difficult it was for her to get the help that's there and how difficult it was for the help that's there to reach her.

She had no bus card or cellphone.

She had no way to obtain services or schedule an appointment.

She didn't have a watch or calendar, so she had no idea what date, day or time it was.

She had no way of keeping an appointment.

She was a living example of the critical need for the kind of multi-agency

centers that will soon be open at the City Link Center in Brighton and the YWCA City Gospel Mission center in Walnut Hills.

The agencies will have a far better chance of reaching, coordinating and helping if the needy only have one stop, one hurdle to jump.

I so wished those centers were already up and running so I could have confidently directed her to help and maybe keep one more young, probable runaway off the streets.

Fortunately, that piece of the puzzle is on its way.

The other pieces, communication and transportation, could be so easy to solve.

Cellphones, programmed to call only 911 and the applicable agencies can't be that hard to deliver. (And, with proper consent, the phone could be used to locate the person if they didn't show up for appointments.)

Likewise, bus cards good for fare only to the services consolidated in the soon-to-come centers can't be that costly.

These wouldn't be freebies, but rather a small cost to prevent the much greater costs to all of us (emotionally and financially) to have fellow human beings on the street, assaulted, raped, sick, addicted and hopeless.

The new centers will make these simple kind of ideas practical.

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