



Memorandum

Date: July 13, 2022
To: Mayor Vinis and City Council
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Subject: Testimony Submitted

Attached is testimony submitted at the Public Forum on June 27, 2022. A copy of this material is also included with the meeting materials posted on the web at:

<https://eugene.ompnetwork.org/embed/sessions/250041/city-council-meeting-july-11-2022>

Date: 7/11/2022

To: Eugene Mayor/Council/Staff

From: Eugene Business Alliance

Subject: Atlantic Street Safe Sleep Site

What the hell is Atlantic Street?

I know that Staff is very aware of this site because they accommodated the occupation, continue to supply garbage and Porta-potty services, and most importantly allow it to continue. EPD has very little call to visit it, public services do not have to pick up around it.

Why is it that our city is allowing this site to exist but fails to publicly endorse this very duplicatable safe sleep site? Atlantic Street is the only site in Eugene that is managed by the homeless that occupy it, I challenge everyone to visit it.

Why is Atlantic Street never talked about?

The Atlantic Street site cannot be promoted because it costs relatively nothing. If duplicated it would not support Eugene's overabundance of non-profits in this space in any way. This type of model endorses, individual freedom, privacy, integrity, trust, and most of all respect. Our neighbors in that site know and protect the value this unique model and are endorsed by neighboring businesses that just consider them neighbors.

Eugene breeds non-profits! The money coming in to support the housing/homelessness industry is staggering. All this money is passed threw countless governmental agencies, at each of these hand off's a substantial portion of these funds are used to support governmental staffs and enabling government to grow.

So why do we have such an overwhelming homeless population in Eugene?

1. Overabundance of managed services
2. Liberal city policies
3. Low expectations