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Mayor Haila and Council Members -

I am emailing to share an alarming trend I am seeing in Campustown.

For the third time in a week, I have seen a homeless person(s) just hanging out in Campustown. First was a gentleman who was passed out half on the sidewalk and half on the "Battles" property with his bike and belongings strewn around him. Earlier it was a woman and her belongings on the corner walking aimlessly around.

I consistently see homeless individuals gathered in the Campustown Court park and often find clothing, shoes and other items left behind. Over the weekend there were two gentlemen who had clearly spent the night there as their "stuff" was everywhere.

In addition, we have had a homeless man sleeping in our Campustown office building and in our garbage enclosure at Cardinal Terrace. The Campustown USPS was this same man's spot to sleep over the winter as well.

If I was a potential student or parent of an incoming freshman here for orientation, I would think twice about attending ISU. The City and University do not seem to have any urgency to clean up Campustown and make it a viable area for students, community members and businesses. The Chamber is planning several events, but they need the support of the City to change the atmosphere and environment.

There are so many vacant buildings that should be filled and the lot on Lincoln Way that has been vacant for years is tragic. What efforts are being taken to recruit businesses to the area? What will happen to the newly vacated CVS? Is there a plan to demolish the post office and Battles building or will it continue to be a homeless camp?

The City and University seem to be very interested in the success of CyTown, but not Campustown. Let's work to enhance what we have and help our local businesses succeed.

Thanks,

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