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**To:** Nancy Backus <[nbackus@auburnwa.gov](mailto:nbackus@auburnwa.gov)>  
**Subject:** City Council Meeting

Dear Mayor,

I am submitting this presentation that I gave last Thursday at the senior center on the recommendation of Councilman DaCorsi.

While I would have preferred to make this presentation in person, my wife recently took a hard fall and broke her hip which requires my presence at home.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss any topic further, you may reach me at 253-735-5867.

My hope is that you will share this in the open format of the council meeting.

With regard to the statement by Councilman Peloza, it is taken from the Auburn Reporter dated Friday, November 3, 2017.

Best regards and congratulations on your successful re-election.

Mike Carr

MAYOR BACKUS, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

MY NAME IS MIKE CARR. MY WIFE AND I HAVE LIVED IN AUBURN, SPECIFICALLY ON PIKE ST NE, FOR OVER 30 YEARS.

IN THAT TIME, WE HAVE HAD MAYORS, DOCTORS, LAWYERS, CLERGY AND MEMBERS OF THE ROTTLE FAMILY AS OUR NEIGHBORS.

UP UNTIL APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS AGO, IT HAS BEEN A QUIET AND RESPECTFUL PLACE TO LIVE.

NOW, WE ARE INUNDATED WITH INCREASING CRIME, CARS RACING UP AND DOWN PIKE ST., MOTORCYCLES PERFORMING STAND UP WHEELIES AND A GENTLEMAN WITH A HOMEMADE POWERED TRICYCLE SPEEDING THROUGH THE LOCAL STREETS.

WHILE THE SURROUNDING STREETS WERE GRACED WITH MULTIPLE SPEED BUMPS, PIKE ST. WAS BYPASSED RESULTING IN A WIDE OPEN THOROUGHFARE FOR DRIVERS TO RACE THROUGH UNIMPEDED.

EVEN THE SCHOOL BUS EXCEEDS THE SPEED LIMIT.

ADDITIONALLY, IN THE PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS, THE POLICE HAVE RAIDED FOUR HOMES FOR ILLEGAL DRUG ACTIVITY THAT WERE WITHIN 1.5 BLOCKS OF OUR HOMES.

SUPRISINGLY NONE OF THIS HAS EVER BEEN REPORTED IN THE LOCAL AUBURN REPORTER.

THE FIRST BLOCK OF PIKE ST. NE, JUST OFF OF MAIN, HAS BEEN A DEN OF DRUG AND THEFT ACTIVITY FOR YEARS, YET WE SEE LITTLE BEING DONE TO CLEAN IT UP.

THE GRAFFITTI THAT LITTERS OUR COMMUNITIES IS DISCRACEFUL, YET AGAIN, WE SEE LITTLE BEING DONE TO CLEAN IT UP.

INDIAN TOM PARK IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF PROMISES MADE AND NOT BEING KEPT. THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION PROMISED TO KEEP "NON USERS" OF THE PARK FROM PARKING IN FRONT OF THE ENTRANCE SO THEY COULD WALK TO WORK OR WALK TO THE VARIOUS DENTAL BUSINESSES AROUND THE BLOCK. ALONG WITH THIS, IT HAS BECOME A HANGOUT FOR DRUG USERS AND THE HOMELESS. PARENTS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ARE AFRAID TO TAKE THEIR KIDS OR

GRANDKIDS TO THE PARK AND ENJOY THE NEW PLAYGROND EQUIPMENT.

WE LIVE IN CONFLICTED AND CONFUSING TIMES. TIMES WHERE THE CURRENT MANTRA IS, "IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING," YET WE HAVE A COUNCILMEMBER, MR. PELOZA, WHO WAS QUOTED IN THE AUBURN REPORTER, STATING, "I COULD STOP, TAKE A PHOTO AND SEND IT TO (CITY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS), BUT THAT ISN'T MY JOB."

SIR, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT IT IS INDEED YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS AN OFFICIAL AND CITIZEN OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, TO REPORT THOSE THINGS THAT ARE WRONG AND ILLEGAL IN OUR COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO THINK IT IS ALL OF OUR JOBS, SPECIFICALLY EMPLOYEES OF DIFFERING DEPARTMENTS, TO TALK WITH ONE ANOTHER AND REPORT THINGS THAT ARE AND MAY BE CONTRIBUTING TO CRIME AND DEGRADING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.

IN PRIVATE BUSINESS, THIS IS CALLED CROSS DEPARTMENTAL OR INTERDEPARTMENTAL REPORTING. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.

PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT WE HAVE COMMUNICATED WITH VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE CITY. I HAVE PERSONALLY SPOKEN WITH VARIOUS OFFICERS ABOUT WHAT WE SEE BUT AM TOLD THAT THE POLICE DO NOT HAVE THE TIME OR RESOURCES TO PATROL THE AREA.

WE HAVE ALLEYWAYS WHERE CARS ARE ABANDONED BEHIND HOMES AND GARBAGE PILES UP ALLOWING FOR HOMELESS TO HIDE AND SLEEP. IT WOULD SEEM THAT AS THE OFFICERS MAKE THEIR PATROLS, IT WOULD BE VERY EASY FOR THEM TO REPORT TO CODE ENFORCEMENT THE VARIOUS INFRACTIONS THEY SEE AND MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, WE WOULD SEE A DECREASE IN THE UNWANTED ACTIVITY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.

I WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT MY GRANDKIDS ARE SAFE WHEN THEY COME OVER BUT I FIND MYSELF BEING MORE VIGULANT AND MORE CAUTIOUS EACH DAY.

I LEAVE YOU WITH THIS QUESTION:

DO WE PUT OUR HOMES THAT WE HAVE LIVED IN FOR DECADES, UP FOR SALE OR DO WE START ARMING OURSELVES?

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.**