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Subject: [External Email] Re: Board of Police Commissioners - Robin Tress' Presentation Request

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Hi Lindell and all

Sorry to get back to you so late in the game and close to the next meeting. I'm hoping I can still present at the meeting, and I think we may have had a miscommunication about the purpose of my presentation. I'm hoping to ask the board to make a policy, which as far as I understand is a reasonable and normal thing to appear in front of the board and ask them to do. I hope to use the story of my recent experience witnessing the eviction as background for why that policy is necessary. So the purpose of my presentation is not to scrutinize one officer's actions, but to ask for a policy.

I understand that the board does deal with operational matters of the police if those operations have policy implications, and this situation does have policy implications for how the police as a whole respond to people sleeping in tents in public spaces.

Also, you suggested that I could file a complaint to the police about the eviction. It's not possible for third parties to make complaints about police behaviour. In this case I was not the one getting evicted so I won't be allowed to make a complaint.

I appreciate that the board of commissioners meeting is on Monday and it's now Friday afternoon, but I hope you will forgive my lateness. I am not affiliated with any groups or organizations, and this kind of advocacy does not relate to my paid employment, so I hope you'll understand and help me participate in this important public conversation by presenting to the board on Monday.

Thanks very much, and I hope you have a nice weekend,

Robin

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