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**Subject:** Davis Square homeless problem

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City Councilors,

Last week, my wife was entering Diesel Cafe when two homeless drug addicts in front got into a fight, screaming and throwing things at each other, one with his pants falling down and rear end exposed. The visiting parents of an international student watched from inside the shop, horrified, and had to usher my wife inside to safety. This was a threat to my family's safety, an embarrassing look for the city in front of visiting guests, and a continuation of the sketchy, seedy element that has taken root in the neighborhood.

This week, windows were smashed at the T station and at Tsurumen ramen shop. Every day, there are homeless people smoking and doing drugs inside the station at the top of the stairs. Now, this morning, I'm hearing there was a stabbing. And on top of all this, I understand the city is allowing (endorsing?) a homeless shelter down the block, cementing the presence of these folks in the square.

The weather has barely been warm for a week and the old problems are back, the same as before. The city has basically put up a flashing neon sign saying, "if you're a homeless drug addict who wants to make your surroundings filthy, unstable, sketchy, and unpleasant for everyday people, come to Davis Square, where you'll be allowed to act with impunity."

It's okay to use law enforcement to reverse this trend. Search people constantly and confiscate their drugs. Arrest people for disorderly conduct. Cite them for littering and arrest them for unpaid citations. Remove the port-a-potty. Make this a persistently uncomfortable place to be an antisocial, belligerent junky until they pack up and go somewhere else.

I have sent this same message to the mayor's office, but I also expect the city council to stand up for the right of everyday citizens to enjoy public spaces without crime, disorder, filth, and general sketchiness. Please change the city's strategy and address this, aggressively and urgently.

Thanks,  
Jonah Abrams

Sent from my iPhone