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Hello City Council,

As a resident of Ward 7 for 20 years, I'm reaching out to inquire about the City's approach to the encampment that appears to have taken root in Seven Hills Park and the Bike Path in the Davis Square area over the past several weeks or months.

I fully appreciate the complexities involved and approach this matter with empathy. However, in the past few weeks I have been personally threatened twice and my wife has had to call the police numerous times - including once when an individual had overdosed and almost died. More importantly, my 11th grade Somerville High School son has now witnessed plenty of drug abuse in plain sight and voiced his concern to us. Needless to say, we as parents are increasingly concerned that without a deliberate and focused strategy, we risk further deterioration of a public space that once served as a gathering place for neighborhood families and children, but seems to be less so now. I, as a father and husband, no longer feel safe for my family in my neighborhood and as a family we also worry about open drug use and dealing, public camping, and the declining physical state of the park.

This subject has been frequently discussed in our neighborhood, so I imagine others in Ward 7 have reached out as well. I would appreciate any insights you can provide regarding how the City is addressing this situation.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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