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Public Comment from The Reverend Philip Michael Mitza

Subject: Vagrancy on Lower Broadway; Personal Effect(s) on One's Self

Madam Clerk,
Distinguished Members of the City Council,

My name is Philip Mitza. I am 36-years-old, and I reside on [REDACTED] off Lower Broadway in Ward 1. Originally from Central Square, Cambridge, I have been a resident of the City of Somerville for nearly 17-years - a proud resident, until now.

Please allow me to start off by saying that there is indeed a difference between homeless people and vagrants. Homeless people are true victims of circumstance. As a matter of fact, I was born to a homeless mother, and, for the first 6-weeks of my life, I was a homeless infant. Therefore, I have much respect for the homeless.

Vagrants, on the other hand, who urinate & defecate outside, use marijuana outside, consume alcohol outside, and litter and cause property damage, are some of the worst of the worst allowed to roam freely in Society -- all of whom can be found on Lower Broadway in Ward 1.

Since January, a part of my life has been pure hell having to deal with these people. I have been verbally threatened by them, harassed by them, and even assaulted by them on one occasion -- all of which were 100% completely unprovoked. By the way, I have absolutely no faith in the Somerville Police Department; they are as useful as a three dollar bill.

Even though things have improved on Lower Broadway since the Boston Herald article broke back in August, some vagrants still remain, and I am forever traumatized by them and their malevolent ways. They truly are heartless reprobates.

In closing, I know that probably not much will become of this public comment of mine, but I am still hoping that Lower Broadway will be safer someday. I greatly appreciate your time, thank you very much, and take care.

Sincerely,

Rev. Philip M. Mitza

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"Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful."

- Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, Italy (1887 - 1968)

"Trust in the Lord with all thy heart and lean not unto thy own understanding."

- Proverbs 3:5
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