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To: The Honorable members of City Council

Dear Council Members,

I had the pleasure of sitting in on the committee hearing for Safety Housing Education Homelessness Committee, on July 19, 2017. The Topic: The Draft Denver Public Safety Enforcement Priorities Proposal. Unfortunately, I did not get signed up to testify in front of you. I was not able to locate the sign in sheet.

I am the Chair of Criminal Justice, For the Democratic Party of Denver and my group and I, have had the opportunity to review and discuss this Draft Proposal. We are 100% in support of the passage of this Ordinance. And we encourage you to adopt and pass this ordinance, with that same passion.

We as a city are facing some very challenging issues around Immigration and ICE procedures and tactics. They certainly challenge Human Rights, if not violate the Act, itself.

Like you; I hear from concerned citizens, I field phone calls, emails and meet with folks, who are frightened and concerned for their personal safety and that of their children. They no longer feel safe in participating in activities, we all take for granted, a house of worship, public schools, a public library, shopping for groceries and raising a healthy family. They no longer are comfortable in participating in civic engagement. Their quality of life has diminished from fear of being arrested and being deported on the streets of Denver and at its Public Buildings, which are open to everyone.

At Criminal Justice, we actually wish this ordinance went further, in offering more protection, than it does in its draft language. We also understand the challenge and the issues in crafting the perfect ordinance and commend you for taking on this issue.

I thank those of you, who took the time to speak with me on this issue, after your executive session on July 19th. I also spoke with Chief Quinones of DPD, Don Mares of Human Services and others in attendance.

I and others from the Democratic Party, will be following this proposal and testifying at your committee hearings and City Council meetings as it moves forward. It is that important to those living in the city of Denver and the Democratic Party.

Again I encourage you to adopt and pass this Ordinance, post haste. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank You

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