



## Denver City Council

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### CdeBaca Amendment to the Mayor's Proposed 2022 Budget 21-1343

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Councilwoman Candi CdeBaca

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Madam President: I move that the Mayor's Proposed 2022 Budget be amended in the following particulars:

1. On page 658, in the line titled "Safety Management – Expenditures by Type Total" (Fund 3501000) reduce the amount in the 2022 Recommended column by \$100,000.
2. On page 616, in the line titled "Special Events" (Fund 7010000) increase the amount in the 2022 Recommended column by \$100,000 from \$0 to \$100,000 to provide portable bathrooms and handwashing stations in close proximity to encampments.
3. Make other appropriate adjustments to comments, tables, schedules, and figures in the Mayor's Proposed 2022 Budget as may be required to reflect the actions in this amendment.

**Explanation:** Portable bathrooms and handwashing stations in close proximity to encampments are a top request and priority for people camping and for people visiting our city. To use the restroom is human. To deny people the ability to perform a human function unless they are a paying customer at a business is inequitable and inhumane. According to Parks & Recreation Deputy Manager Scott Gilmore, several public restrooms will not be available to homeless people because the pipes will freeze during the winter months. We must be as concerned with freezing people as we are with freezing pipes, and therefore must provide public restrooms during winter months. Per Parks & Rec, the unit cost for porta-potties with handwashing stations is \$1,000 per month, including twice daily cleanings, 7 days a week. Per the Tiny Home Village, their porta-potty costs are \$425 per unit per month, with twice weekly cleanings. Public restrooms can also cut down on our costs responding to public defecation calls and indecent exposure calls. Using a restroom and washing hands can help us maintain the cleanliness of our outdoor spaces as well.