



Denver City Council

CdeBaca Amendment to the Mayor's Proposed 2022 Budget
21-1346

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 \$1,000,000.
2. On page 482, in the line titled "Department of Housing Stability – Expenditures by Type Total" (Fund 0144000) increase the amount in the 2022 Recommended column by \$1,000,000 from \$33,765,967 to \$34,765,967 to provide extended stay motel vouchers.
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: Homeless people are ordered to move along but with full, unsanitary or unsafe shelters they either forced to move to another block, or given one day motel vouchers and the eligibility criteria eliminates most people from even one night stays. More and more working people are becoming homeless. When people are stabilized they are more likely to access services and meet with case managers and maintain employment and health. This fits several priorities because it ensures that we are employing useful tactics during a sweep to get people off the street (customer service), it creates higher likelihood of capturing unhoused people into a pipeline toward permanent housing, it supports working people and those who can/want to work and it helps us reduce costs mitigating the shifting encampments. Additionally, these vouchers should be available through advocacy orgs who are present during sweeps and pre-sweeps. DPD and Sheriff or shelters administering makes absolutely no sense.