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President,  
Bridgeland Riverside Community Association

Dear Lori Losowy,

Thank you for copying me on your letter to Mayor Bronconnier regarding the issues of increased crime and social disorder in Bridgeland Riverside. I've been in communication with the Mayor's office and understand a response will be sent to you shortly.

I share your concerns and have been working with the District #3 and District #1 Police Service to request additional attention to the areas you have referenced. As well at the October meeting of the Ward 9 Presidents Advisory (with Bridgeland Riverside in attendance) we met with the Calgary Police Service, Calgary Bylaw Services and the Alberta Solicitor General's Office to discuss issues of safety in all of the Ward 9 communities. I've attached the minutes for that meeting which includes contacts and phone numbers. The presentation from the Calgary Police Service (CPS) statistical crime analysis reported that when problem bars like the Cecil Hotel are closed crime actually goes down. The CPS have made a commitment to follow the transient criminal population as a disturb and displace practice.

For the last two years I've been working on an initiative called Joe's Clean Team. We meet on a bi-monthly basis at the Drop In Centre to pick up litter with DI clients and community volunteers. This is a Ward 9 initiative that works in conjunction with the Clean to the Core project. We work along the south and north side of the river pathway, under bridges, to the LRT station and into the Bridgeland Riverside community. There are Bridgeland residents and businesses on Joe's Clean Team who keep me informed of any changes they notice. So I'm out in the community regularly to see what constituents are experiencing and to find solutions for these issues.

I'm also in touch with Jeff Keet, the Bridgeland Riverside Block Watch representative and we are discussing ways to have a focused learning meeting with key players in the new year.

Again, thank you for writing and expressing your concerns. The solutions to these issues will involve all of us working together to ensure communities are safe and secure for all our citizens.

Yours truly,

JOE CECI, MSW  
ALDERMAN, WARD 9

cc. Mayor Dave Bronconnier, Office of the Mayor (#8160)  
Sgt. Frank Cattoni District #1  
Constable Dom Laporte District #3  
Bill Bruce, Director, Animal & Bylaw Services (#36)  
Jeff Keet, Bridgeland Riverside Blockwatch

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Attachment