

Communication from Public

Name: Sam Lutzker

Date Submitted: 12/16/2021 10:23 AM

Council File No: 21-1115

Comments for Public Posting: This is a ridiculous, criminalizing measure for a small issue. I say this as someone who rides bikes and has had parts from them stolen. I also say this as someone who has spent hundreds of hours w/ unhoused people, who this measure unfairly targets, as part of my research. While some people (housed and unhoused) do steal bikes, many unhoused people do not and still need places to repair bikes (finding space is less of a problem for housed people). Hell, I need more places to repair my bikes, considering the paucity of stores, and public informal bike repair is one trick. To de facto criminalize all public bike repair turns us one step closer to becoming a police state. Perhaps investing in bicycle infrastructure would be a better use of your time and our tax dollars. Fat NO on this one!

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Name: Erin M

Date Submitted: 12/16/2021 01:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This motion is ridiculous. It makes no sense to outlaw working on bicycles in public. This motion is clearly a move to target unhoused neighbors. Shame on the council for this blatant disregard for our community. Vote no on this motion!

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Name: SORO People's Committee

Date Submitted: 12/16/2021 07:24 PM

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Thursday, December 16th, 2021

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YOURS SINCERELY,

THE CONCERNED STAKEHOLDERS OF THE SOUTH ROBERTSON PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE