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Jan, good afternoon and please see below. I would appreciate it if responses to my questions and concerns could be sent to the entire Board at least prior to our next meeting on December 20.

Katrina, as we discussed today, please send this email to the other Board offices.

1. The first motion passed by the Board at our November 15 meeting was as follows:

Given the prevalence of criminal behavior that causes great hardships for our residents and businesses, the Board of Supervisors states that anyone who violates laws in place to protect public health and safety should be arrested and prosecuted. Anything that prevents the enforcement of our laws should be identified and removed. The Board directs County Administration to work with the County Attorney, Sheriff, Superior Court, and any other involved parties to identify any barriers or impediments to effective enforcement or prosecution and report back to us with plans for addressing them.

Can we get a joint report from the County and City Attorney's offices on the crimes most likely to be cited as concerns by businesses/property owners and when they are most likely to be prosecuted?

2. Your memo from December 2 states the following:

At this meeting, attendees discussed potential modifications to the prebooking release protocols that would work to more strictly implement (and enforce) zone restrictions for individuals frequently arrested at the same location(s) where the alleged criminal activity occurred. The details of these modifications are still being vetted with law enforcement, PTS, and the Court, but this may be an avenue for deterring repeated criminal activity by the same person(s) at local businesses. A timeline for this initiative has not been established, however, we will monitor and report progress on this collaboration.

The proposed changes to these prebooking release protocols should be a high priority initiative. Can the Board get an update on these changes and what needs to be done to put them in place?

3. Your memo from December 2 also states the following:

A similar consensus was conveyed by attendees at the aforementioned meeting – in order to more effectively break the cycle of incarceration and recidivism, wrap-around services must be better integrated into these pretrial processes. Service providers who have direct engagement with individuals during these pretrial processes could facilitate a more rapid connection to treatment and wrap-around services. For example, participation in substance use treatment could be required as a “condition of release” and arranged immediately.

This also sounds like a high priority reform. How soon can the Board expect this change in practice to be implemented?

4. One of the other four items passed by the Board on November 15 stated the following:

There is a need for comprehensive “wraparound” services that seek to address the root causes of homelessness. The Board directs County Administration to report to us on any current joint efforts being undertaken by County and City of Tucson staff to provide such services, any further opportunities for greater collaboration, and ways that private sector agencies can join in support of these efforts.

For understandable reasons, your December 2 memo focused on “wraparound” services most likely to be needed as part of the reforms in pretrial services. However, as the maker of the motion, I was hoping for a more global explanation of how those county/city services are provided to the unhoused community as a whole, how both governments work with our private sector partners and what more we can do on a collaborative basis. Will those be tasks assigned to the new coordinator position jointly funded by the city and county? Can the Board get a report that fully addresses the language of this motion?

5. Can the Board get a report on approximately how much additional emergency and temporary housing is needed in Pima County, how the data reported to us was compiled and some options to consider for how the county might help to address that need?

Thanks!

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