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Dear Council Members,

We are writing to express our opinions regarding the proposed ordinance to remove local restrictions on drug paraphernalia, including in public spaces.

We are concerned for the health and well-being of all members of our community. We want our neighborhoods to be safe for all citizens. We support public health initiatives that treat addiction and, importantly, that our citizens must be treated with kindness and respect. Accountability is a vital part of this equation.

It is imperative that a balanced approach is taken. That means that intervention is a component and leads to accessibility for support and treatment. It also means that our children can walk safely to the library, the elderly people can wait confidently for the bus, and that our streets are free of drug paraphernalia.

We have lived in Uptown for over 40 years. What we see on our streets now is troubling for all of us. We find that living here now has changed and feels less safe. We can work together to create policy that is compassionate and accountability driven.

Sincerely,

Dan Bartel and Chris Rowe-Bartel

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