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In this section, CM O'Brien's aide Jesse Perrin identifies a list of 11 "stakeholders" in the encampments legislation. They are all supporters of the ACLU's position on the legislation. No neighborhood groups are included among the stakeholders.

Hi Elisabeth, Ann, and Yuri,

I also believe the conversation was extremely productive and strong pieces of the legislation were identified where other parts showed potential for amendments. There definitely is a need for us to convene and move forward on legislative language.

Receiving direction from Mike, I have spoken to Councilmember Herbold, Johnson, and Bagshaw's offices as well as Mercedes Elizalde from Councilmember Juarez's Office about the opportunity for our offices to meet with stakeholders to identify shared language that we can move forward on. In addition to you three, those stakeholders include Lisa Dugaard and Patricia Sully from the Public Defender Association, Alison Eisinger from the Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness, Tim Harris from Real Change, Leslie Smith from the Alliance for Pioneer Square, Don Blakeney from the Downtown Seattle Association, David Watkins from the Inn at the Market, and Ben Franz-Knight from Pike Place Market.

You also noted the complexity of amending the legislation with such a short window. That is definitely a challenge and a few of the Council offices, including us and Councilmember Herbold's office, are meeting with Central Staff to discuss a timeline for this legislation. I can definitely provide information from that meeting with y'all.

With support from LaKecia in our office, we will be sending out an invite for the meeting with that stakeholders and Council offices list soon.

Thank you again for all the work that's been put in and that will continue for this important issue. And please let me know if I can answer any questions.

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**Subject:** RE: Suggested Op-Ed Plan

Elisabeth Smith of the ACLU tells Mike O'Brien and Lisa Herbold that Sally Bagshaw wants to bring them all together to draft the encampments legislation.

Hi Mike and Lisa,

I've talked to Ann and Yuriy and we don't feel that you need to author an op-ed at this time. One task off your plates!

More importantly, thank you so much for your support of the ordinance in the hearing today—both of you contributed really important points to the discussion that we all appreciated. From the audience, the presentation and discussion made the ordinance's reasonableness shine through all the mischaracterizations.

Before the meeting today, Yuriy and I saw Sally outside the council chamber and she said that she would like to bring us together and work on drafting. We said we would be available for that work, but wanted to check in with the two of you. We strongly favor amending the current draft because it seems unrealistic to have a new proposal ready for committee action next Wednesday.

Again, thank you for your support this morning (and into the afternoon!).

All my best,  
Elisabeth

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**From:** O'Brien, Mike [<mailto:Mike.O'Brien@seattle.gov>]

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Here we see CM O'Brien debating whether he should be sending an op-ed to the *Times*, as Ann LoGerfo had directed him to do. "We're already headed for a win," he says. Perhaps he was worried about the ethics of signing his name to someone else's work.

Hi Ann –

Your (collective) op-ed last week was great. And while today's meeting bounced around a bit, it feels like we are on the right track. (mostly) great public comment.

Things may have changed enough since last week to change strategies. I am a little concerned about Lisa and I writing an op-ed at this point if it feels like we are already heading for a win, as I don't want Sally to feel slighted if it is perceived that we jump in front of her and claim victory. If you think this is critical, I am sure I could be convinced. Let me know where you think we are and what makes most sense next.

Thanks, Mike

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Dear Mike and Lisa

Ann LoGerfo of Columbia Legal Services (a close ally of the ACLU and CM O'Brien) directs CMs O'Brien and Herbold to submit an editorial for the *Seattle Times* to "keep the messaging going." She then offers to draft it. The final version of the letter was likely drafted by the ACLU's Smith.

We have been talking about the possibility of an op-ed piece. Yesterday, Yurij and I reviewed hundreds of emails to better inform the messaging. However, as it turns out, an earlier draft written by Yurij and Elisabeth has been accepted by the *Seattle Times*, and will be published on Friday.

This gives us an opportunity to keep the messaging going, in the same way those opposing the ordinance have been able to do. We propose an op-ed from both of you – CMs Herbold and O'Brien – which responds to the community, and addresses these comments head on. We think this would be the most productive way to go, and would have the biggest impact. The version being published this Friday would not have the same tone or content, and the version from you two would be powerful not just because of who you are, but also because it would be informed by events of the past week as well.

What are your thoughts? We would be happy to prepare a first draft for your review.

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