



March 21, 2024

Dear Council and Public Health Advisory Board members,

The Justice System Committee of the Riveters Collective applauds council members for taking action to address the fentanyl crisis in our community. We agree an emergency declaration is needed to respond to the growing death toll and devastation caused by fentanyl use.

We are pleased to see the additions to the revised resolution, including the Government Coordination, Accountability, Prevention and Community Supports, and Treatment recommendations. We support prioritizing treatment for users and full law enforcement options for fentanyl dealers.

Prior to approval of the fentanyl emergency resolution, however, we request that you address and modify the resolution around the following details:

- Identify and publicly share specific outcomes to measure success of the resolution.
- In any funding associated with this declaration, include details and tools for data collection that evaluate the success of the actions spurred by this resolution.

Thank you, in advance, for advocating for a humane and data-driven response to curbing this crisis.

Sincerely,

Justice System Committee
Riveters Collective

cc: Executive Satpal Sidhu
Health Director Erika Lautenbach