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Dear Mayor Lisa Helps and Council, Mayor Desjardins and Council

I am appalled at the ever increasing evidence of human displacement, neglect and misery on the streets of Victoria, particularly around the Quadra and Pandora intersection. Having lived in Boston, New York, Paris and Amsterdam to name a few, I have yet to see as much open squalor in a so-called civilized country as is witnessed daily on our streets. Some sidewalks and side streets are almost impassable without being subjected to unwanted and sometimes intimidating attention of these unfortunates. Nobody sets out to live life like this and it is by chance and good fortune that many of us avoid the same fate.

However, the situation has become intolerable and more needs to be done to correct it. As a musician with an appreciation for all forms of art, I am dismayed that a beautiful venue such as the Alix Gooden Hall in the Victoria Conservatory of Music is off limits for performances due to its unfortunate surrounding area. Why is the city being held captive by drug dealers and criminals and those with mental health and addiction issues? To realize its full potential as a beautiful, vibrant city, Victoria needs to increase funding for a measured, appropriate and properly trained police force as well as an increase in the numbers of those involved in social outreach.

While I live in Saanich near Swan Lake, I regard Victoria as my city and I want it to be the best place it can be.

Regards,  
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