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Concerned, Fed Up, and Scared

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This letter is addressed to both City Councils, as you have both been responsible for protecting it's citizens, and businesses.

I have lived here for 20 years, and the city that brought me here has lost its charm, beauty, and feeling safe in a city I once loved is gone. I clearly states where you as councils have failed the citizens of Victoria, and you all give it a read.

The police have done their job to the best of their abilities, and are working under the stress, lack of funding for additional help, their own safety on a daily basis. How demoralizing for them to have criminals laugh at them on streets by the next day.

I think Chief Malek, and his officers have shown great courage in trying to keep the force intact, and at the same time protect it. The city has seen these incidents of crime, drug use, vandalism rising beyond it's abilities to properly take care of the rise in crimes.

I myself have been verbally, and physically threatened. One in threats were in broad daylight. My friends, and I don't go out at night. Park, Quadra Village is now listed as the most dangerous neighbourhood.

As councils it is your duty to advocate for funding (if you don't fund the businesses of Victoria. The Provincial government needs to look at what it is dealing with, and get the funding that is needed. Instead of greedy developers, a proper state of the art Mental Health, and make it the main focus in helping the people suffering from mental health issues. Our Place is outdated, and cannot keep up with the number of people. Employees fear for their own safety going to work everyday with no safety.

These issues did not just happen over night, but have been in the making for years, so we can feel safe again, and enjoy our city.

Would welcome your responses, and have forwarded my letter to the council to show that they are not alone in their concerns.