

July 11, 2022

The Honorable Mike Coffman
Mayor, City of Aurora
15151 E Alameda Pkwy, Suite 5800
Aurora, CO 80012

Via Email

Dear Mayor Coffman:

Thank you Mayor Coffman for your willingness to engage with us regarding our management of the unsheltered in our County, an issue for which we have been providing solutions for a decade as part of the Denver Metro area regional solution.

Our success is rooted in solutions tailored for when, where and how we encounter the unsheltered, as represented by our successful collaboration with our faith-based community to create the [Winter Shelter Network](#), providing temporary shelter, meals and connection to services for unsheltered Douglas County residents during winter months.

More recently, due to the rising presence of the unsheltered in our County and our desire to be proactive with tailored solutions, we formed the [Douglas County Homeless Initiative](#), a larger, countywide collaboration among our elected officials, law enforcement, non-profits, business community, and faith-based organizations which leads with the [Four Cs](#): Compassion, Code Enforcement, Community Services, and Communications.

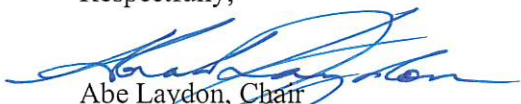
As we discussed, one contributing factor to the growth of the unsheltered is the lack of public transportation in Castle Rock. This is an issue for the 76.59% (Jan – May 2022) of those being released from our county jail – in Castle Rock – who are not from Douglas County and have no transportation options to return to their originating community or the community to which they have ties.

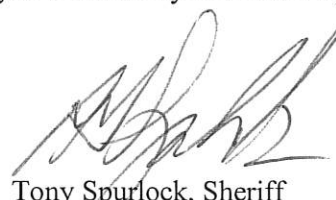
To address this specific cause of homelessness in our community, we created an extension to our Jail Based Reintegration program providing transportation to releasing inmates. The goal of the program is to return inmates with connected resources that will allow continuum of care and the best chance of individual success while reducing criminal recidivism. The Reintegration Deputy works proactively on individual relocation solutions. Through consistent collaboration, community partners address these needs to include mental health, substance abuse, veterans services, and homelessness.

Regarding our offer that Aurora engage with us via a seat on our Homeless Initiative Executive Committee, is it possible that a representative may join us on Thursday, July 14, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. at the Douglas County Sheriff Substation, 9250 Zotos Drive, in Highlands Ranch?

We look forward to demonstrating our commitments to you via the City of Aurora's participation in our Homeless Initiative Executive Committee.

Respectfully,


Abe Laydon, Chair
Board of Douglas County Commissioners


Tony Spurlock, Sheriff
Douglas County Sheriff's Office