



POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 26th, 2019

Re: Streetplus Downtown Street Ambassador Program

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to the Downtown Street Ambassador Program and their positive influence in Downtown Salt Lake City. I currently oversee the SLCPD's downtown bicycle squads as well as the Crisis Intervention Team/HOST officers and Social Workers who primarily focus on the downtown area. There is frequent interaction between members of the SLCPD as well as the Ambassadors. The Downtown Ambassador Program has been an enormous help to the SLCPD.

The Ambassadors respond on issues in the downtown area including transient camps, trespassing, medical assists, amongst numerous others. In addition to responding to these issues, the Ambassadors also conduct outreach, finding the most suitable path for the individuals they encounter. Not only do the Ambassadors assist in reducing calls for service for SLCPD, however they also make referrals to the Community Connection Center (CCC) in order to facilitate a connection between the subject and social workers.

I am very grateful for the Ambassador program in Downtown SLC. Their effectiveness in the downtown area is noticeable and further success could be seen by expanding the program to additional locations in Salt Lake City.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at charli.bennett@slcgov.com.

In much appreciation,

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