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1 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
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But any case.

2 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
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Thanks.

3 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
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Petro TV, are you down there? Is, are you able to see our, Webex page again today?

4 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
00:01:38.070 --> 00:01:55.530  
Thank you. I was just making sure.

5 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
00:01:55.530 --> 00:02:19.710  
You know.

6 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
00:03:10.800 --> 00:03:32.000  
Yeah. Yes.

7 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
00:04:06.180 --> 00:04:21.870  
And she's gonna do it. And.

8 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
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Thanks.

9 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
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I spoke last time.

10 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
00:04:54.089 --> 00:05:13.469  
Thank you.

11 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
00:05:33.029 --> 00:05:48.059  
Very. Yes.

12 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
00:05:48.059 --> 00:06:03.629  
Yeah, soon. Yeah.

13 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

00:06:36.719 --> 00:06:56.719

Yeah. I've been doing.

14 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

00:06:56.719 --> 00:07:19.109

Yes.

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No, just to commit, yeah, just like that incorporation. I don't like right.

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I forget how many whatever. It's not but it's not a full.

17 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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But I know we've got the. You.

18 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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If they take a stand either way.

19 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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And.

20 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Yes.

21 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

00:10:07.109 --> 00:10:24.989

Yeah. 1st time.

22 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Thanks.

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So 25 % of your life's better still not.

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Say 60000. So there's 10000.

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Yeah 10 % yeah because they don't see anybody. Yeah.

26 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
00:11:38.819 --> 00:11:54.749  
Okay, thank you. Which call you want? Yes. Triple green.

27 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
00:12:25.679 --> 00:12:43.259  
What we look for.

28 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
00:12:59.999 --> 00:13:18.719  
We can see that we get that we get abuse to that. It's.

29 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
00:13:34.739 --> 00:13:49.979  
But it's just.

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00:14:09.979 --> 00:14:41.809  
But then I'm kind of about. Okay.

31 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
00:15:22.019 --> 00:15:38.069  
One good thing is here.

32 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
00:15:38.069 --> 00:15:56.249  
Thanks.

33 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
00:16:12.839 --> 00:16:28.109  
Send. Okay.

34 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
00:16:28.109 --> 00:16:43.769  
And it goes.

35 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
00:16:43.769 --> 00:17:01.619  
Okay, one to six one to seven. Then there it goes eight.

36 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
00:17:01.619 --> 00:17:17.069  
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37 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
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And then it would go 141-56-0177 and six and six seven.

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But they still have to where they can. Have the president access.

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Well, I just. But some of them will sit in their regular.

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00:18:11.689 --> 00:18:33.809

Thanks.

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00:18:49.739 --> 00:19:09.299

Oh, she's on the.

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And at your TV 30 s. Oh, thanks.

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Good afternoon, it times 04:00 p.m.. I'll be joined shortly bye.

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Here councilwoman Tammy Hawkkins. Today we have the following members in chamber is councilman Jonathan Joseph Councilman Marcus Winkler, Councilwoman Betsy Rui, online we have virtually we have councilman.

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Kevin Bradger and Jenny Morby Woolridge and Shamika Paris Wright. We have excused absences with Scott Reed and Andrew Owen. Please keep our colleagues Scott in prayer. His son was just in a bad accident, he's in.

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The. So that's why he's not here, so Clerk, will you please thank you Madam Clerk.

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Item number four will be held in committee per the sponsor's request. Please note we will take the items in order according to the agenda. Madam Clerk, please read item number one into the record.

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To accept \$19942.31 from the US Department of Justice through the International Association of Chiefs of Police IACP grant program to be administered by the

Louisable Metro police department, Red and Full.

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Properly Moved been moved in the committee. As a sponsor of the resolution I'd like to invite LMPD assistant chief Corey Robinson to provide some background information on the grant. Assistant chief Robinson, thank you for being here. Please state your name and title for the record and proceed.

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I'm assistant chief Corey Robinson, the LMPD over the administrative bureau, and the grants administration flows through my bureaus, so that's why I'm representing this on today. And to my side here, I have the direct over victim services Nicole Carol, who's with me as well on today. The the grant that we are accepting today we were awarded \$19942.13 is the exact number that came from the.

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US Department of Justice through the International Associations of Chief of police. We refer to them as IACP. It's an organization Chief Huntry and the executive staff are a member of. Miss Carol here applied for the grant through the DOJ, and we were awarded this grant that will be going to victim services unit, and the grant will be used to fund our victim services by expanding community outreach efforts and support our professional development of our victim service.

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Services personnel. Perfect use of the money. Have nobody in queue?

53 "Tammy Hawkins" (4080089600)

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Yeah, I got a question.

54 "Tammy Hawkins" (4080089600)

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Yes, I wanted to know, also Robinson, exactly in detail, can you tell us when you say victim services, what type of services?

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Yes ma'am, that's a great question. The question was what type of services that we will, the victim services so for instance, we have the traditional services where a person is a victim of a violent crime or a violent offense or victim services unit, is a liaison for that person to extend services to them, but also in the more non traditional.

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Events Such as the UPS crash site, the victims from that where it wasn't a victim of

a crime per se, but it was a catastrophe in the community. Our victim services unit also aids in those type of events as well. Councilman Hawkins.

57 "Tammy Hawkins" (4080089600)

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I'm ok with that. Thank you. Thank you.

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I see NO one else in the queue, and NO more additional contact contact comments or concerns, hearing none. This is a resolution that requires a voice vote. The resolution passes, if it passes, it'll go to consent calendar. So we'll vote I for in favor.

59 "Shameka Parrish-Wright" (628739584)

00:24:12.367 --> 00:24:14.988

Hi. Bye.

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It'll be sent to the consent calendar. Madam Clerk will you please read number two into the record? Thank you for your time. Good to see you sir.

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To create new sections, 39.40 00:39 .401 39.402 39.403 39.404 and 39.405 to be known as the safe haven Law red and full. Your motion.

62 "Shameka Parrish-Wright" (628739584)

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Second that.

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Have been properly moved, today we'll allow time for those in support of an in opposition of the ordinance to speak. To accommodate this, I will provide each side with 10 min to speak for a total of 20 min, then we will open it up for council members to ask questions. As sponsor the ordinance, councilman Lenninger, you have the floor sir. Thank you mr. chair. Let me start my timer here so I know how I'm going on time.

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We have a group of people here that are part of our city, part of our community, neighbors co workers, loved ones, family, we're under attack. And this is an attack that is unfortunately not being met with the force that it should nationwide.

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Trans people are being escape coated and blamed.

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Every time that there is a national tragedy by powerful voices in the media, by politicians at every level, their personhood is questioned, they are being driven.

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From public life, my trans friends, my trans front family, loved ones, co workers are under attack, and the retreat from support for transliteration.

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Has done nothing to protect them and it has done nothing to protect other queer people in Louisville, in Kentucky, in the United States. A poll came out. Support for gay marriage has dropped.

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You saw governors yesterday or this week, declare that pride month, forget that. June's gonna be nuclear family month. June's gonna be, you know, sanctity of marriage month, I guess for some people.

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These attacks are emboldened on queer people generally because we have retreated from protection and full support of trans people. They've come for trans people 1st.

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And too many people said, that's an acceptable loss. It's not an acceptable loss to me. When people I love tell me that they feel that there is a transgenocide.

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Happening to them and that they need my support, I listen. And so democratically, in the community, we worked to draft this trans safe Haven ordinance. It has the support if you look in the supporting documents here in your terminals.

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Of check the numbers here because I hate to say something incorrect here on the record. 34 organizations, in addition, 35 local businesses and 3262 individuals in our city.

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Have signed on to the support of this ordinance that says trans luavilians matter, and we're gonna do everything we can on the perspective of local government to affirm and support them. I would be remissed not to mention that we also yesterday

received a letter of individuals.

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That are opposed to this ordinance, there was about a hundred people signed on, a handful of churches.

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I'm proud of the support that the community has put forward not just in saying that they want to protect their transmit neighbors and loved ones, but in the creation of this ordinance, I'm proud to stand with them and I will see the rest of my time now to supporters of the ordinance.

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Is I believe you're up 1st.

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Liz Harden. Yeah, my name's Elizabeth Harden. I live in district 24. So a few months ago I spoke to the full council in support of this legislation before councilman Lineninger introduced it and I told a story.

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At that session from late 2024 about going out in public as a trans woman for the 1st time. And around that same time, I also received a piece of campaign literature in the mail from the then candidate who currently represents my district contrasting her with her opponent. It read Luvell needs an a leader, not an activist. And I have some.

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Thoughts about that mailer that I won't get into here, but that is what I want to talk to you about today is leadership. I think every member of this committee as well as the full council will consider themselves a leader, and that's certainly the job description when you serve in public office. So my question to the committee is this. Why are you here?

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What is your obligation to your constituents? Now you're gonna hear from some of your constituents this afternoon who are leaders in their own communities and they have their own reasons for opposing the safe haven ordinance. Some are motivated by an extremist ideology of religious nationalism, and that's not just my opinion. They are literally considered a hate group by the southern property Law Center.

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It is my opinion that that ideology should have NO role in shaping public policy. Others are folks that on the surface would appear to be allies to this movement but fundamentally disagree with us on political strategy. Now I'm not gonna stand up here and impune the motivations of those folks. I'm gonna take their argument and good faith, which as I understand it is that.

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This ordinance may not be successful in what it sets out to do and could provoke retaliation from the state legislature. I respectfully disagree with the 1st point and I'm not unsympathetic to 2nd one. I think everyone in this room is well aware that the Republican super majority in Frankfurt salivates at every available opportunity to undermine the city of Louisville and to restrict.

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The freedoms of LGBTQ Kentuckians for reasons that are partisan, ideological and downright cruel. But if the 2026 legislative session was any indication Frankfurt hardly needs to be provoked to do either of those things. Now you may find this argument convincing and you may decide that this ordinance isn't worth the risk, and some members of my own community.

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Friends of mine have come to that conclusion and I respect that. But before you make a decision on this, I want you to ask yourselves, does capitulation to a bully demonstrate leadership? Does capitulating to the bullies in Frankfurt, the bullies in the White house, and the bullies in this room demonstrate leadership? If the ordinance fails, what are you gonna do to make sure the city is safe for your transconstituents, and I promise.

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That isn't a rhetorical question, I would actually like to hear the alternative. In closing I want to bring back to that campaign mailer. Louisville needs a leader, not an activist. And folks, nobody ever accused me to being a leader. I'm just an activist and I'm doing what I think is right to try to do my part and protect my neighbors, and so my question is, are y'all gonna do yours?

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Okay. Next we have Madeline Spalding here to speak in favor. Madeline, please state your name for the record and proceed.

88 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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I'm so sorry. Madeline's falding. Council members, thank you for having me today. I apologize for the confusion and tension around this ordinance. I want to start by saying who I am not here to fight. I'm not here to fight the fairness coalition, and I'm not here to fight the organizers standing beside me.

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Them. Those are people who have really been in doing the work for the last couple years. They've been to Frankfurt, they've looked the beast straight in escaping mall and not flinched. So when they raise concerns, I don't hear obstruction. I hear people who have earned the right to be cautious, and their concerns are real. They're rights ask about the process.

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This this ordinance has taken or who's centered in the middle of this conversation and they're also right to ask about the Transkentuckians who will be impacted by what Louisville does, because frankly what we're doing here is being viewed all around the state and by Frankfurt. So with all that said, I want to say that I'm here speaking for myself, not for any of the organizations.

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That I have worked with or my employer, but I can't tell you why this matters without telling you the work I do and the people I know. I have a recent work history as a community center supervisor with whoeveral Metro government through the Department of Public works.

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And recreation. Currently I work for a nonprofit serving LGBT QA plus youth around the state. Some of the young people who come to our programs drive two to 3 h to come and when they come they ask a question, is Louisville safe? If something happens to us here, will the city protect us? Right now I can't give them a clean answer, but they live with that looming fear every time they drive to one of our programs or come to our city.

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For gender affirming care or therapy or to visit a community center or receive services in the city. And I livewith the fears also that louisal might not be a safe city if there's a transition of power.

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So before, mayor Jacquiel might transform into mr. Hide. I think maybe it could put some safe restraints around its own hands before they do more harm. I also want to say.

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That currently I am a visible trans advocate. I do work in schools and so I'm vulnerable, currently in this climate, there are threats from the federal government and they can be enacted upon and what's preventing.

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Overreach from the city, is really just the fairness ordinance which doesn't cover how cities interact amongst themselves and other governments. So if I'm going into.

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With Public libraries to do a speech or talk about a book or I'm going into schools to advocate for one of our youth, and in a crisis situation and there's an officer taking information. I'm at risk, in that situation, the youth could be at risk in that situation.

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Question if the fairness ordinance were ever in question. So the question, you know, whether or not we're, we're safer, if this passes or not, isn't really abstract.

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And I think in the shifting political climate, we need to lean into what we can be assured of rather than worry about what might come. So reassurances would help our doctors and our therapists, our youth workers.

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Your advocates, our young people, our families, it would give them clarification and and I've also heard that potentially this might put more risk, a bigger target on Louisville from Frankfurt, just another arrow in their quiver to attack Louisville or trans people.

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Around the state, and that is valid also. I've seen how Frankfurt operates and I don't feel that this arrow will be, at any more risk of passing than any other anti trans legislation.

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But what does keep me awake is the threats that I know that could, maybe coming with a shift in power and access to private data and.

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What's keeping some people from making mistakes innocent or not with private data is, should be a a clear rule rather than just an assumption. So as, as you all consider this, think about it as clear rules that would.

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Doable can stand behind once again, leading the way in Kentucky for LGBT rights specifically trans rights. We can write a new chapter and be a leader in this field around Kentucky and give a model for how these kinds of ordinances can proceed around the state.

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So that we're not just doing it alone, but we're keeping solidarity in mind and giving, giving folks a strong example, to rely on and firm ground for people like me who are doing the work every day and putting ourselves in personal risk, firm ground to stand on so we can launch better supports to our communities around the city and around the state.

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So I urge you all to pass this bill so it doesn't die today. And my understanding is that we have the ability once it passes out of committee to amend and fix the, the glaring problems in this bill to listen.

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Redouble efforts listening to the affected communities because even having the conversation today is harming those minority voices and I would like to see that healing process begin immediately.

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As we move forward together in power and solidarity, to protect traumatized targeted families and Kentuckians. Thanks very much. Thank you.

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Next, we'll allow 10 min for the 1st network Trans health coordinator. Jazz, please state your name for the record and proceed. Jazz Williams. 1st I just want to thank you guys so much for having me here and being left.

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Willing to like listen to my thoughts. Like I said, my name is Jazz Williams. My pronouns are Heham, and I'm not just here today in unofficial capacity as the Trans Health Director of Kentucky Health Justice Network, but I'm also here as a concerned black Trans Kentuckyan that has some concerns with the ordinance. 1st, I want to just say that.

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I have been reached out to so many black and brown trans people about this ordinance and their concerns with this ordinance and how they feel like they've not been included in the community conversation and that these community conversations were not accessible to them because they are often never held.

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Or really held in mind about the overlooked parts of the city and what it's like to live as a black trans Kentucky in the West end versus the Highlands. We are concerned by the lack of research clearly defined terms and enforcement mechanisms that have gone into the ordinance. Specifically I'm concerned about what does.

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What the training for this look like? What does the cost of this look like? Because I know as somebody who has helped write legislation before, these are things that you have to consider when you are writing a bill and you wanted to get it approved. And we feel like at this time it does not meet that criteria. We are also concerned that this ordinance fails to address the current needs of.

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Not just future possible protections that might come our way. Examples of this could include like the fact that UFL students are losing their access to gender affirming care or the treatment of our trans youth in JCPS. These are current issues that could help people's lives today. Simply.

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He put the black and brown trans community does not feel like this ordinance is ready. Thank you.

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Thank you. Next up is dr. Bobby Glass with Fairness Education Fund chair. Dr. Glass, please state your name for the record and proceed.

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Dr. Bobby Glass. Thank you for your time today. My name is dr. Bobby Glass. I'm a lifelong educator. I recently retired JCPS teacher, a university professor chair of the Fairness Education Fund and a transgender.

118 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Kentucky and the family's Coalition works to build LGBTQ community and power across Kentucky. Many of our leaders and staff are transgender people and we center those most impacted. Over the past several years, we faced an increasing number of attacks on LGBTQ Kentucky.

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Through coalition working community engagement across Kentucky, we've worked to protect our communities while also reducing the political temperature surrounding

transgender people. We recognize that what happens in Louisville does not stay in Louisville decisions made here can have consequences for LGBT.

120 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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The two people living in smaller communities and rural parts of our state that do not have the same visibility, infrastructure or local protections that we do. After extensive conversations within our coalition, many of us share concerns about this ordinance is currently drafted.

121 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Those concerns are not about whether transgender people deserve protections. We absolutely do. Rather, thereabout whether this proposal provides excuse me.

122 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Whether the proposal provides the strongest, most effective and most broadly supported protections possible for those who are most vulnerable, those concerns are detailed in the coalition letter already submitted to the committee. We remain committed to working collaboratively with all stakeholders.

123 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Policies that materially improve safety, dignity, privacy, and protections for transgender Kentuckians while ensuring that those most impacted are truly centered in the process. Thank you for your time and consideration.

124 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Thank you. Hi there, my name's dr. Arden Jones. I'm a trans scholar and an advocate. I've spent most of my professional career in Louisville working for Queer and Transfolk here and in the state.

125 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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I was delighted to see the transwelfare ordinance pop up on one of my feeds, truly and honestly excited because I didn't, I I I didn't know about it and that is uncommon. But then I read it. My concern shared with many others is not about existing symbols or systems, but is instead focused on real mate.

126 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Material benefits for the lives of trans people and those who care about and for them. Unfortunately, this ordinance is short on change for trans folks in reality and in fact, is detracting from the work that we all do to uplift our communities. For those who say that the ordinance sends a message to trans people, they are correct. It sends a message about whose voices will be valued and embedded in the process and about what community and care look like at the local and state level. Trans people are more likely to be over educated, underemployed, over policed, and

under resourced. Nothing in this ordinance attends to.

127 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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To the particular ways that trans people need and could use real protection. We are living the lives you seek to protect and having to beg to slow down the process, to be including marginalized voices especially black brown and rural trans folks. Some of the protections proposed already exist in the fairness ordinance and others are responding to future possible threats. But we know what the threat to our wellbeing is right now. It's people using our community to 1st.

128 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Through their own agendas. Just because this particular agenda is friendlier doesn't mean that it doesn't have negative outcomes that NO one has planned for or addressed. That's because the people that wrote this are not the people alongside those seeking healthcare, safety, and ease.

129 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Just in time for pride, I am thrilled to know that so many folks want to support us. I imagine those folks agree in principle with the idea that trans people deserve safety and access to care on that we agree. But this ordinance doesn't get us that outcome. And that's the point. There are those of us that want to protect trans people in Louisville and Kentucky.

130 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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And to offer that beacon of acceptance for those looking on from out in the state at our politics with hope. Because it's our community, what we must of course care for those in it. And that is what I hope to see in the ordinance care, specifically for trans people. But I don't, not in the ordinance or the process by which it was developed. There are many ways for those of us that have been engaged in this work to move it forward with new ideas.

131 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Ideas and goals from all constituencies. But that requires engagement with difficult processes that center marginalized voices. We have done it before and we will do it again, but it would be better to do it together.

132 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Thank you. Seeker project.

133 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Kentucky Health Justice Network, Kentucky Mental Health Coalition, Kentucky Psychological Association, Kentucky Social Work Advocacy Justice and Leadership. Kentucky Youth Law Project Incorporated Metro United Way, planned Parenthood

Alliance Advocates of Kentucky and.

134 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Transafe Action fund. Committee members, are there any questions or discussion for the sponsor? Point of personal privilege, mr. chair, I'd I'd like to thank my co sponsor. I I failed to do so.

135 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Absolutely. Yeah, I just want to say that I appreciate the leadership of Councilwoman, Shamika Parish Wright. We also have the support of ask me Local 3425 black AF, Global standing up, showing up for racial justice, speed spectrum, vocal Kentucky, the restaurant workers united.

136 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Jeffers county Teachers Association among many others. Thank you. Thank you councilman. Any questions for the sponsor.

137 "Shameka Parrish-Wright" (628739584)

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Mr. chair, I didn't have a question for the sponsor. I did want to make a comment if you would allow that.

138 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Proceed please?

139 "Shameka Parrish-Wright" (628739584)

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Yeah, mr. chair. I just, I don't I I felt like everyone gave a great testimony of what this legislation means to them or why it isn't perfect, and I just want to remind that we are in the 250th anniversary of our.

140 "Shameka Parrish-Wright" (628739584)

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Declaration of independence. And so a lot of documents that were created for Americans for citizens have needed to be amended and updated and to meet the needs of what's happening. And so I want to commend everyone in that audience who continues to show up and, and, and.

141 "Shameka Parrish-Wright" (628739584)

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Participate civily and try to understand what this means. And so I've always been a person who's supported the LGBTQIA plus youth community in so many ways and I remember being with fairness campaign fighting, to make sure JCPS workers and partners benefits and.

142 "Shameka Parrish-Wright" (628739584)

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The list goes on. But for this, I was asked by trans people to support this, and I was honored to co sponsor this with councilmen linearger. These are not, this, this legislation for us is not about our personal agenda. It's about constituents concerns and people asking us to come and advocate in this way.

143 "Shameka Parrish-Wright" (628739584)

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It's about it doesn't take away from what's been out there, it's a chance to improve and make sure that we're being intentional about it. I remember when the trans community was left out of a lot of legislation and and advancements for years and now that they are having a voice and they're standing together to me while it's our turn while we're in leadershi.

144 "Shameka Parrish-Wright" (628739584)

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As elected, it's our turn to listen and do what's right by them. And NO this you like all black people ain't the same, all trans people aren't the same. And and I would dare try to represent everyone that identifies that way. But I will say the people who have supported who continues to write, who continues to ask.

145 "Shameka Parrish-Wright" (628739584)

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Who's access to advocate, wanted this. This is about making sure that they're being heard in many ways. And I hope that anyone whether NO matter what side you on, understand that human rights look different for us in different ways because of how we present to this world. And as someone who's grown up would trans.

146 "Shameka Parrish-Wright" (628739584)

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People in my family, very young ones before I even knew what a pronoun was, I always knew that their dignity, their respect, their resources, their needs, deserve honor, deserve a ear, deserve action. And so this is my way of showing love and action, and this is why I continue to support this legislation. I.

147 "Shameka Parrish-Wright" (628739584)

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I am definitely a yes to move forward because this is what the community has asked for and I do appreciate the advocacy shown here and the and how intentional you all are. Thank you.

148 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Thank you councilwoman. Next in queue would Beakler, please. Thank you, mr. chair. And thank you to everybody who came and spoke today. I mean I think, you know, this is obviously a very personal and challenging issue for people.

149 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Yeah, I know one of the questions that got brought up was a, is a question of

leadership, and I'd like to talk about that for just a second and and take one step back and talk about, you know, I think that the fairness ordinance is, is one of the most consequential or not the most consequential piece of legislation that we've passed to protect LGBTQ luabillions. And this ordinance doesn't change.

150 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Materially change the framework of that ordinance, but it does put it at risk. I mean, you know, I know some advocacy has said, well, the worst thing that happens is this ordinance gets preempted. That's not the worst thing that could happen. The worst thing that could happen is that the legislature in Frankfurt goes even further and undoes significant steps in the fairness ordinance, and and I think.

151 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Putting something like that at risk is, is not leadership. That's irresponsible. I I think too, understanding, you know, the makeup of the room, I mean, being able to count votes and understanding that this ordinance is highly unlikely to pass. In fact, I I feel confident that it will fail and and it will fail pretty significantly. I I think it's 1st.

152 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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That irresponsible to the folks that aren't in this room, that tomorrow, you know, a trans individual that's unaware of the nuance of the conversation that's happening in this room is just gonna see a headline that, you know, Louisville is not a safe haven for trans people, and that completely mrs. the nuance of the argument, the advocacy that groups like fairness are making here today, and I also think that that is not leadership, it is irresponsible, and that people will be damaged through the actions of having this before.

153 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Us and quite frankly I'm disappointed that we're having this debate. Thank you. Thank you councilman. No more speakers. This requires a, oh, Jenny Movie Wallries, did you want.

154 "Woolridge, Ginny" (3362538240)

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Yes, please. So, so I appreciate it and I appreciate the comments that are made and appreciate a councilman Winkler for the comments you made on leadership I was gonna make similar to the same, but the other things I did want to say is I I have taken self care for consideration and reading the ordinance that is at hand here and and heard from many of my, not only my own constituents, but those throughout Louisville that are not only in my district. But I think some comments are made earlier is that this ordinance.

155 "Woolridge, Ginny" (3362538240)

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Doesn't seem to meet the needs of everyone. You know, the dignity for all, the

safety for all, non discrimination for all. So, I just want to say that, you know, I I will have to say that I I don't believe this will pass, but, I cannot support this today as it's written. Thank you.

156 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

00:54:33.688 --> 00:54:52.190

Thank you councilwoman. Nope, NO more speakers in the queue. I wanted to get on the record that we have one technical correction that we need to make to the title and body. There's a reference to a section 39.405 in the title, and there is NO.

157 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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0.405 section it's an error in identifying the sections. So noted. Thank you. Thank you.

158 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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And NO one else in the queue. Right.

159 "Shameka Parrish-Wright" (628739584)

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Yes.

160 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Council memb.

161 "Kevin Bratcher" (2320991744)

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Rather? No.

162 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Councilman movie.

163 "Woolridge, Ginny" (3362538240)

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No.

164 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Voting is closing, oh.

165 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Okay Voting is closing. You have one yes vote, six NO votes in one present vote. Thank you.

166 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Regarding the issuance requirements and execution of search warrants reading.

167 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
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Eyes been properly moved.

168 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
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The goal of this ordinance is to create a consistent process for Louisvil Metro officials to obtain and use administrative search warrants. Specifically in instances where Louisvil Metro Code of ordinances violations create danger and enforcement action is needed but does not reach the threshold for a criminal warrant. Before I begin, I want to ask director Jeff O Bryant.

169 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
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To speak to the items, thank you chair Simon council members Jeff o Bryant Executive Director global metro Economic development. So the ordinance in front of you today is clarifying our, is amending our search forum procedures related.

170 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
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To our administrative ordinances, so I want to make a significant distinction here. This is still a warrant that must be issued by a judge after after a amount of evidence has been presented and we are not able to obtain access to the, to the site that is in violation of metric metric.

171 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
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Those administrative procedures versus our criminal procedures, so I don't want to confuse it with some of the other terminology around administrative warrants that's happening nationally. Specifically what this ordinance is doing, it's allowing us to gain access to properties that are in violation of metro code of ordinances, some specific examples that we have that happen in real time in our community all the time are illegal auto and junkyards.

172 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
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That are operating, so those are violations of the land development code, vacant and abandoned properties where we have people squatting in those properties and creating hazards for the neighbors and neighborhoods surrounding them, illegal transitional housing units, where we're, where there are, there are hazards created for the occupants and neighbors of those of structures. And then smoke shops where we have we have tobacco stores that are illegally located and selling products that are, that are.

173 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
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Creating hazards for our young people in the community, and then massage parlors which are also housing nefarious activities such as trafficking human beings. So

these are the, these are the sorts of issues that we are trying to gain access to. They're often in violation of our administrative procedures versus our criminal procedures and for us to further.

174 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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To those businesses and obtain the the proper compliance for those businesses. We we are requesting that we get a clear process for us to obtain a search for it from a judge again after following our procedures and taking it forward and I believe, chairman Simon has an amendment. Now before chairman, you introduce it if I may, if you'd like me to explain that or if you'd like to introduce it 1st. Before we take any questions, we'll, we'll offer the amendment and you can you can explain that by the substitution if you'd like.

175 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Yeah, thank you chair. So the, the amendment, the amended legislation, this is based on the feedback that received from the committee, the, when we testified in in April, the amendment clarifies the pros procedures and adds some administrative procedures in section in section two, specifically or I'm sorry in section two.

176 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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To be in that section we have added that the agency director must sign off on the proceed on the warrant and that there has to be demonstrated, a documented action that's taken place. So there might be happen what happens if we have a fire, a fire by nature is an emergent action, so we are.

177 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Able to we would be able to obtain access after one of our, one of our public safety departments does respond. Happy to answer any questions that you all might have from there. Before I head I'd like to ask. Just to clarify, are you wanting me to read the, the whole ordinance? Okay. Now the amendment is section B one prior to submitting an application for an administrative search warrant and.

178 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Administrative code officer shall receive written approval from his or her agency director, and this approval shall be provided to the court as part of the application and then section B two, the warrant application shall detail the facts and circumstances to support the application for the warrant to enter into a property, including any prior notice to any owner and or occupants of the property.

179 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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We're in the alternative while NO prior notice has been given and is not practicable under the circumstances. Thank you, mr. Howard. There's NO more speakers in the queue. Are there any comments?

180 "Shameka Parrish-Wright" (628739584)  
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Mr. chair, can I be added to the queue?

181 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
01:01:04.307 --> 01:01:08.209  
Right I'm sorry.

182 "Shameka Parrish-Wright" (628739584)  
01:01:08.209 --> 01:01:36.310  
Hey, thank you. I'm unable to be on a computer or laptop, so thanks for letting me chime in. I want code enforcement, whoever it is to have the resources they need to be able to do things that they need to do. My concern is that there's a concern around asset for sure. There's also a concern about will these warrants be randomly like randomly selected or, you know, to go to specific judges?

183 "Shameka Parrish-Wright" (628739584)  
01:01:36.310 --> 01:01:56.310  
I hear the process around how they obtained but what judges would they go to and what that process is. I'm not getting that from what I've learned about this. And so I just want to make sure that we're being careful to not duplicate, and I know it's different, but there are similarities to what happened with Brianna Taylor and the warrant.

184 "Shameka Parrish-Wright" (628739584)  
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Process not being, there wasn't enough due process in, in that. And so in in the warrants when the judges are handling warrants, that's the only thing in the court system that isn't recorded. So even if folks are going and they get warrants and they're going into these properties, will there be proper documentation pictures.

185 "Shameka Parrish-Wright" (628739584)  
01:02:16.310 --> 01:02:40.782  
Take and I understand if there's a fire happening, please get in there and do what you need to do. But what I'm worried about is that there's a lot of unknowns when people enter these these premises, and if you all are thinking about that and if you know what the process looks like on the court side with what judges would be this, would they go into a random process or will they get to choose a certain judge to present these warrants to?

186 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
01:02:40.782 --> 01:03:01.730  
Mr. O Brian. Thank you councilman. Thank you, councilman. I think so I'll I'll let the county attorney speak to the, how warrants are assigned I will say that from an, from an administrative side, we we really don't have any view into that. We don't get to pick or choose the judge, but under by my understanding. What I will say is what we go through typically to obtain a.

187 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)  
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Any sort of access to a property is have a documented history of violations on the property. So that's, that was the clarifying language that was added to the ordinance just to, to document that we have a situation where we need to gain access to the property. The most common use of this is gonna be around vacant and abandoned properties where we need.

188 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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We declare the properties to, to board them. As, as you all know, we have been been more sophisticated in our boarding techniques to avoid people from breaching those structures when they're we're, we're using the the the clear boarding, which is a.

189 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

01:03:37.110 --> 01:03:57.110

The high, the high visibility plexiglass, and so what in order to make sure that we can, that we can properly install those our our staff does need to go inside of those buildings from time to time and install those boards. What we want to make sure to make sure that our team is safe and that the people, any people that might be in the property are safe as we do need to clear them and so going.

190 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Going through this process, if we were unable to literally see through the structure, then we want to make sure we're doing the proper process of, of, of, of clearing the structure to make sure that nobody gets trapped inside and that our staff can effectively complete the work. And I, and I failed to say this earlier, but we do have representatives from the Department of Codes and regulations, and the.

191 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Global Metro Public Health and wellness.

192 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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I can answer your question regarding the issue with judges being assigned. We we've gotten rid of the rent of that concept of hand picking judges. So it goes through AOC like a retired judgmentation and he is the one for district court now, so would it be the same process as a criminal warrant? They would still have to submit through the.

193 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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AOC process and then it then it it doesn't allow you to be able to handpick a judge.

194 "Shameka Parrish-Wright" (628739584)

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Thank you, I appreciate that. Again, for the county attorney's office. Thank you. And that last part of the question around documentation, I guess codes and reds can say just a little bit. I'm not trying to hold you all up because I do want you to

have what you need. But just a little bit about your process when you go in because some people.

195 "Shameka Parrish-Wright" (628739584)

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Store good equipment materials and things like that into their home. I'm just giving random things. So does your process have a way to making sure that we are, you know, documenting that? I understand as he explained, if there's an emergency or you need to move things out the way, you know, I understand that, but is there some way that we as metro government are protected from people accusing us of theft or or taking something from those places?

196 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Yeah, yes. We when we do have procedures around what happens when we find, when we find items of value in those in inside structures and it really just kind of depends on what the, what the items are. Typically what we do when we're going to, I'm gonna say clear board of property since that's the most common usage, we're simply gonna go in, make sure there's NO.

197 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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People in there, if there are people in there, we're gonna safely get them out of the building and then we're gonna board up, we're gonna board the building, secure it, and walk out. And we're not gonna, and we shouldn't be taking anything with us except for the things that we brought in with us. So those would be that's, that's our typical process. If we do see something illegal substances or weapons, we will contact LMPD and go through our procedures like that. If there's other pieces of value and we can find an owner, we will notify them that there's something in there. If it's, if it's truly vacant and abandoned and there's not an owner, again, we'll just leave it in the building. That's our our typical process.

198 "Shameka Parrish-Wright" (628739584)

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Thank you. I appreciate that. Thank you mr. chair.

199 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Thank you. Thank you, thanks for beginning today. I have a few questions about this and a few concerns. How are you, ok, I know you're saying that written a written order by the judge that allows code, officials exit.

200 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Access to the property to conduct an inspection, determine compliance, and collect evidence, right? And it what is concerning to me is there's a few things.

201 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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One is illegal auto junk, right? Are you saying that you you're gonna ask for a

search warrant so you can go on the property when LNPP already goes on property without a search warrant and puts stickers on it? And so this is not for like junk out of.

202 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Deals that are that are sitting on properties, if they're in plain site and we can walk up to the front, up to the car from the front door like any, any normal activity, we were able to go do that and put stickers on the car. Codes and regulations was given the ability to assist LMPD with towing vehicles last year. So that is something that we already do. What we're talking.

203 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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About as the illegal illegal auto businesses that operate in many neighborhoods across the city where the the activity might be happening inside of a garage or in some of our, in some of our more suburban districts will see large properties where things are happening away from the street and neighbors can see it cause there.

204 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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In their backyards, but we can't necessarily see it. Sometimes we can gain access to seeing that and collecting the photographs and we're talking about evidence that we're talking about collecting here is photographic evidence and video evidence from our code and from our code enforcement officers. So we can, we can go to that neighbor's backyard and sometimes see the work. Sometimes we can't depending on the site lines into the property. So this will just allow us to get on the property itself. Oftentimes if somebody's.

205 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Doing something illegal on their property they shouldn't be doing, they're not gonna let us inside. And again, when I say illegal, I'm talking about breaking the zoning ordinance here. So, they will, the, the code officer now is able to go to the judge and say we've received 30 complaints, we've got these documents that we've seen from the, from the neighboring property. We've collected this evidence from the front yard, but we really need to get inside to see the true activities that are happening on the property.

206 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Questions or a way to be able to determine how you're gonna collect your evidence to be able to go to a judge to get a warrant. Got it. We not know because one of the things that I'm picking up and that is from just people in general, you know, when it especially when it comes to co violations, you have a lot of developers.

207 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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That really want property in the West end, right? So they're just purposely calling 211311 whatever one one to be able to just call in property that they see that they

want, which will allow people to collect fines and liens and stuff like that to be able to get their properties. So now it's.

208 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Feels like you guys are taking another step up. I just don't understand if someone owns this property and you all need to get in the property, are you not, if there is not a way that you can't contact the person that owns the home?

209 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Is there not a way that you can put that in there at least the owner before you just kinda go to a judge and and say that you've collected all this evidence and then you've not contacted the owner one time to even let them know that this is what's going on. So they, so if they are a good.

210 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Actor, right? Because I know of course you won't bad actors, but if they are a good actor, that at least gives them the opportunity to say, hey, we've reached out, we've sent a certified letter, you know, and that also keeps us out of litigation.

211 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Yeah, we, our goal is to always make contact with the owner. I mean, we, as I as I've told people that we've talked since we've developed this ordinance, we are always looking for the path of least resistance to gain compliance. That is the goal of, of, of this activity is just to enforce the ordinances that that you all have adopted and we have on the books. So.

212 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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So when it, when it comes to like, is there a set number if we get to three strikes or we gonna go to administrative search forum? Absolutely it's it's it's in the typical situation that's not gonna be the case. Again, in the case of vacant and abandoned properties, there is NO owner to go to. So there's nobody to go ask, can we come inside your building and, and secure it? Well, is it.

213 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Well, it says unsecured, vacant and abandoned properties, right? But whether you contacted the owner of the home or not, you know, you, you all still go and board it up after so many, right? Yeah because you all are already doing it.

214 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Right, and again that's and I'll and I'll let Deputy Mary George speak for, for her agencies, but for our in the case of codes and regulations, I mean, we are really talking about properties that don't have an owner and don't have an obvious contact. So when we have an owner, again, if we have an owner that's going through a routine

violation, we're gonna wanna make con.

215 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Contact with that owner, and they're gonna, they are going to know that we are, they're looking for them because we're gonna be sending them a letter and talking to them directly.

216 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Yep. Thank you chair. Nicole George deputy mayor of public health Public Services. You raised some really good points, and I would say 1st and I would defer to the county attorney's office, this process already exists in a very informal way whereas I understand it, a code official could go to a judge and attempt to get an administrative warn.

217 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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But this provides some protections for all parties because it creates a formalized process to that. And I would defer to the county attorney's office just to confirm my understanding. Robbie Howard with the County address. So you saying that they don't really have to ask for anything they can just go on there.

218 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Christian Gearson with the county attorney's office, that's actually there's a administrative process where we get through the 4th and 14th amendment hurdles. This isn't gonna add an extra protection. It's a best practice. This makes a court be the, the median and the neutral party to make sure we're guaranteeing 4th and 14th amendments are protected to the upmost.

219 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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And the best practice. So this is a better practice than we currently have because it allows a judge to be that mediator and be that deciding factor. And notice should be as a point of clarification, notice is a requirement for most of all its properties and should be in there. I mean as long as you notify the owner.

220 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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You know, and if you can't get a hold to the property owner, I would say at least, you know, try to find somebody that's into the property owner because as we all know that a lot of, you know, properties are being taken, you know, either because they can't find somebody, but.

221 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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How good of a job is the city doing, trying to dig to find somebody that is attached to this home, right? You know, we believe in generational wealth too. So, you know, I think if if we could just make sure that we are trying to contact these

homeowners, you know, before we just.

222 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

01:14:14.090 --> 01:14:34.090

Go to a judge and say, hey, sign off. Now, I definitely understand when you're talking about, you know, trying to get in illegal smoke shops, you know, I'm all about, about that, you know, anything that has to do with communicable diseases, any of that illegal transition has.

223 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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When it just comes to that, you know, going into people's homes and, you know, that's my only concern. And I would just say to your point on yes, we should always be reaching out to the property owners as the 1st measure, and I would say it's quite frankly, as I understand it, officers are incentivized to do that because it's less work. This will be more work for them. So quite frankly frankly, the, the incentive.

224 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Is to get compliance through the property owner to start. So, and thank you for acknowledging the public health components of this because it certainly is important from everything that you mentioned. And like I said, the biggest concern, I mean with it is just the biggest concern is, you know, code is complaint driven.

225 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Anybody can call. If they don't like me, they can call on one of my properties. So if somebody wants my property, it's an easy thing for them to do to continue to call on it, especially if I'm not in a position to be able to get work done really fast. I just want to make sure that this does not create, a.

226 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Way for to take people's homes with people just calling in and that you all are looking at it from a department standpoint of in a different set of lenses like, ok, this doesn't look right, Somebody is continuously to call, you know, just looking at it in a different set of lenses. Yeah, council and I will say that I w I want to.

227 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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This is not about taking people's property. This is about getting getting people's property into compliance with our codes and regular with our codes and ordinances here. Yeah, and I and I and I and I 100 %.

228 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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I hear what you're saying on that and I think that just to I just give you a feelingdulse me for a second here for our for our vacant and abandoned homes, for us to foreclose on a property, it, it takes us about six to nine months to do that, and

it costs the city over \$10000 to do that per home. So we are not.

229 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Not in a posit, we are always looking for people to come into compliance. We have a number of tools that we have through our programs to try to get people get their homes repaired, get, get people that if people have lost their homes through previous actions, they can get their homes back through through the land bank. So there are programs that.

230 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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We've set up, our goal here is to get compliance with the ordinance and if we get to a point of foreclosure, it has been, it is because we have literally got to a point where we cannot get a responsive owner or a next of Ken. And unfortunately there are far too many situations like that in our community, so, we're this is a, this is merely a process though to make sure that our.

231 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Neighborhoods are safe, our staff is safe when they're, when they're enforcing our ordinances and that we are taking care of problems that are plaguing our neighborhoods, and that's that's what this is about, and the, the, you know, the foreclosure part of that is a totally different separate conversation. That's why we don't have anybody from the land bank in the room today, so just wanted to make sure this is very clear about enforcing our ordinances.

232 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Thank you. There's NO one else in the queue. We're gonna have to take a vote on this amendment by substitut substitution, being a motion, all those in favor?

233 "Woolridge, Ginny" (3362538240)

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Hi hi.

234 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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And against it, have it.

235 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Councilman pairs, right? S council.

236 "Kevin Bratcher" (2320991744)

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Yes.

237 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Councilman more.

238 "Woolridge, Ginny" (3362538240)

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Yes.

239 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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Councilmans time you have eight yes votes.

240 "Harward, Sonya" (1212912896)

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This ordinance unanimously passes and will go to old business. Our next regular committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 17 June at 4pM. If there are NO other matters, this committee stands adjourned.