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## City safety actions

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Hi, as requested, please see actions/ commitment details below

**Commitment to a safer Wellington** – to be signed by TP for Central Government actions, Daran Ponter for Regional Council actions and Tory Whanau for City Council actions

Central Government	Regional Council	City Council
Hate speech / hate crime member's bill	Public Transport Bystander Intervention Campaign	Liquor licensing review, Kick out policies and night time stuff
Sale and supply of alcohol act review (advocacy)		Calls to prayer
Firearms work advocacy		Suggestions from the African community
Community hui on City Safety		Re-affirm Pōneke Promise and its original intentions

More details for city council actions:

- Liquor licensing review –
  - Review kick out times on Courtenay Place, look to staggering kick out times strategically or making kick out times far earlier
  - To allay concerns by the hospitality industry, streamline the licensing process by retaining licensing information so that bars/hospo don't have to gather information every time they reapply for license – i.e. council holds on to that IP
  - This action is underpinned by the fact that the major driver of harm on Courtenay Place is driven by alcohol. This is according to the latest reporting by Police, Council and Te Whatu Ora's own evidence base. I understand it is politically challenging to make changes to nightlife however, if we want to be a safer city, we cannot ignore the harm that alcohol creates in fuelling many of the assaults and chaos on Courtenay Place
- Calls to prayer –
  - I understand this work is already in train
- Suggestions from the African community –
  - Soon you will receive a petition from the African community following the tragic death of Luke Smith on Courtenay Place. I would recommend that you take these suggestions on board and commit to whichever actions can be practically implemented
- Re-affirm Pōneke Promise and its original intentions –
  - There has been a lot of criticism of Pōneke Promise straying from its original intentions. It was designed to address sexual violence, but it has veered into becoming a broader safety campaign addressing concerns that retailers have had.
    - Council have not re-filled the role of sexual violence specialist that Jahla Tran-Lawrence used to do. This specialist knowledge does not exist within the organisation anymore.
    - A significant majority of the Pōneke Promise budget went on to the design of the toilets
    - Now council officers have entertained the idea of merging a city safety plan and homelessness plan, which is a major mistake in my eyes. The two issues cannot and

should not be conflated.

I would have liked to clarify these points in person but understand that you have not had time.

If this is not something you can commit to then I understand, but like I have said – I will be calling on the city council to do more in the city safety space regardless. It would look better if we could work together on making this happen. But if it's not something you can commit to, I understand but I would appreciate knowing sooner rather than later

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