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1. Community Court Motion (VanRIMS No. 01-5500-20)

MOVED BY Mayor Sam Sullivan
SECONDED BY Councillor Kim Capri

WHEREAS there are approximately 1,500 individuals in downtown Vancouver, many of whom are repeat offenders;

AND WHEREAS the majority of street crime offenders are suffering from mental illness, drug addiction and homelessness;

AND WHEREAS significant justice system resources are taken up by these offenders and individual cases often take several months;

AND WHEREAS there is a need for coordination of health and social services to respond to the needs of offenders;

AND WHEREAS successfully addressing the needs of these offenders will contribute to the safety and quality of life for all downtown Vancouver residents;

AND WHEREAS a community court has been demonstrated to be effective in reducing repetitive street crime in other cities and will provide innovative, coordinated case management with better linkages to health and social services to street crime offenders.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council supports the current initiative by the Ministry of the Attorney General to establish a community court pilot with related health and social services.

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