ECHO Law Enforcement Panel Agenda

Date: April 14, 9:30-11:30am (if possible, please arrive by 9:15 to help us start on time)

Location: 6th Floor Council Hearing Room, Clark County Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St Vancouver WA 98660

9:30-9:35: Welcome

9:35-9:55: Panelist introductions

9:55-10:50: Panel discussion (will go through questions in order as time allows)

1. Officers, when you respond to a routine call for service about someone camping on public property, what does your response look like? What steps do you take to handle these types of calls? What does a routine response to a mental health crisis call involving someone who is unhoused look like? What steps do you take to resolve these types of calls?
2. What misconceptions do residents have about what law enforcement can do, or should be doing, about homelessness in our communities?
3. In what ways does the current system push law enforcement into roles that might be better handled by health, housing, or social service providers?
4. What non-law enforcement resources for those who are unsheltered are you aware of and in what ways are you able to connect those in need with the services [mental health, outreach, minor medical, transportation, etc.]? What are the challenges to connecting those in need to resources?
5. What changes in policy, resources, services, or coordination would make the biggest difference in reducing repeat crisis calls and helping people exit homelessness in Clark County?
6. Where do you see the best opportunities for collaboration between law enforcement and policymakers to make positive changes in our current systems?
7. How are law enforcement agencies working across jurisdictional lines to address homelessness, and are there changes which would support better regional collaboration and communication around homelessness response?
8. If available in your jurisdiction, what is the process to refer someone to Community Court verses citing them into District Court? Are there changes you would suggest improve the referral process for officers?

9. Is there anything else you would want policymakers to understand from your perspective as they work to end homelessness in Clark County?

10:50-11:20: Audience Q/A

11:20-11:30: Final thoughts/Wrap Up