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2. SB3006 supports the continued deficit funding for the Council budget in FY24 as a fiscally responsible approach by the City of Melbourne given the continued slow recovery from the period of COVID measures especially during the daytime economy right across the entire City not just the CBD precinct.
3. SB3006 notes that the Council continues to expand its commitment to core Council services relating to local roads, garbage, graffiti, and parks and gardens (open spaces). It is concerning that of a \$61m cleaning budget almost \$39m is earmarked for graffiti removal and control. This indicates that it is an issue to which alternative approaches to management and control needs to be investigated going forward.
4. Similarly, as a community we need to rethink the approach to littering we have societally. This is broader than the Council as it involves the wider Victorian community's behaviour. In Southbank we become a focal point with the destination locations (e.g., Crown and the Southbank Promenade) and the routes leading to and from them which suffer from visitors littering and using the streets and doorways as public toilets particularly on weekends and late at night. Internationally there has been some interesting behavioural research in altering behaviours and not relying on lecturing or shaming marketing campaigns. We would urge the Council to explore these with the State Government to develop a multi-pronged program over a 3-year period. As its recent Parking Plan/Policy demonstrated where new comprehensive evidenced based policy was required it is possible, so a similar approach policy needs to be applied to graffiti and littering.
5. SB3006 supports the expansion of the Council's Street Cameras to the Carlton Lygon street destination area. We do believe that this Camera network provides a layer of comfort to residents and visitors with the potential for speedy intervention in an emergency. Such cameras serve as a useful deterrent to some street offences, but again behavioural intervention measures need to be explored with the Victorian Government. Separately we would suggest that the Council can also explore the potential to network in external cameras used around the City on private properties, assuming that appropriate security and data protocols can be developed. This would maximise the coverage in difficult to reach locations such as laneways etc.

In terms of Southbank:

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2. We endorse the new Neighbourhood reporting model contained in the budget papers. We would support additional staffing for the Neighbourhood program particularly in areas such as Docklands and Southbank to provide outreach community development into Strata Buildings to foster community and social development within the communities that live in these buildings. These buildings typically have resident populations from 300 to 2,000 people and no mechanisms to support their social development. Since 82% of the residents of the City live in such accommodation as opposed to signal unit dwellings pivoting the program to meet the needs of these residents in this way should become a priority in FY24.
3. We support the allocation of \$3.5m to develop a City Road delivery plan with which to advocate to the Victorian Government. This is critical to making CitiLink working as it was designed when approved in the 1990's and thus enable City Road/Yarra Highway to be managed better. This is key to actually addressing the principal issues with City Road that the old City Road Masterplan ignored. The issues associated with the dysfunctional state of City Road actually are in the ambit of the State Govt, but it will require the Council to take leadership on this issue to drive change. Included in that should be a review with the State Government of the Kavanagh St and Power Street intersection given the number of accidents and illegal vehicle movements at and near that intersection including vehicles making U-turns across the separator just after the freeway off ramp.
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