

November, 2013

Davidson County Public Works
C/o Rory Rowan
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Nashville, TN 37206
(615)862-8762

Dear Rory Rowan,

I know that as a government employee you are interested in the voice and needs of the people in Davidson County. As a resident of this county, I am writing to ask you, **where have all the benches gone?** I am specifically concerned with the removal of benches in the downtown area along Church St. and Capitol Blvd.

I am concerned, most importantly, with every person's right to rest. Nashville is growing and more people are living, working, and playing in the downtown area than ever before. If anything, our city should be adding benches downtown just as it is adding benches in areas like the 12th South neighborhood. We are also concerned that the benches around the Downtown Public Library were removed to keep economically disadvantaged individuals from resting in these places.

In the 3 block area surrounding the downtown library, 29 benches have been removed. More specifically, I am aware that 13 benches are missing on Church St. from 5th to 7th Ave. and 16 benches are missing on Capitol Blvd. from Church to Union. This means, that 58 people are unable to rest from their busy days in the downtown area.

Lastly, I am requesting as a concerned tax-paying resident of Davison County, **please return our benches.** These benches served as places where people who live, work, and visit Nashville can sit and enjoy time in the downtown area. Placing these 29 benches back in their former positions will allow people to again participate in their right to rest.

I hope that you will make the right choice and restore every person's right to rest. Thanks for all you do to make Nashville more livable and accessible for everyone.

Sincerely,

(Name, address, phone #)