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Somewhere along the way the Council forgot about the details that keep our city clean and safe. Why are we down 8 police officers? Why didn't you put a cap on pot clinics in the first place? Why isn't someone keeping entrance to our library clean? Why are there potholes on the street by Adams School Park?

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