

Speaker 1:

The individual that I am nominating is my colleague, Jahran Allen-Thompson, who works down at the mortuary. Jahran and his team really personify the whole ethos of dignity in death in terms of providing that service. But what particularly struck me about Jahran was really during the COVID pandemic. I know that there were a huge number of us that were involved, in many ways, in dealing with the great response that the council had to the pandemic.

Not everybody could deal with having to do a post-mortem. But the other thing that struck me about Jahran and his approach to all this, is that he has reached out to those victims of gang crime. He has reached out personally to gang members, and Jahran's tried to turn that negative around into very much a positive in dealing with those individuals involved in those sorts of gang cultures. And anything that he can do to persuade them that there is an alternative path to follow is what he does. And so for me, I have absolutely no hesitation in recommending and nominating Jahran Allen-Thompson as my unsung hero for Waltham Forest.