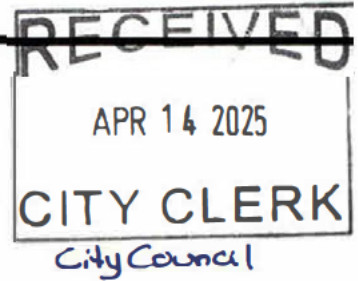


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Hello,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed (temporary) homeless shelter in my neighborhood. While I understand the need for such facilities, I believe that this location is not suitable due to concerns about safety, property values, and community resources to name a few.

The following are concerns about locating a homeless shelter in a residential area (whether it be temporary or permanent as the proposed location is in the same area):

#### # Safety Concerns:

1. **\*Increased Crime Rates\***: Some studies suggest that homeless shelters can lead to increased crime rates in surrounding areas. (Which is already occurring) 2. **\*Security Risks\***: Residential areas may not have the necessary security infrastructure to handle the potential risks associated with a homeless shelter. (The entire area has increased in crime. Can't go shopping without being accosted at cornerstone. How will a temporary or permanent shelter improve change that?!)

#### # Community Impact:

1. **\*Noise and Disruption\***: A homeless shelter can generate noise and disruption, affecting the quality of life for nearby residents. ( you have schools, businesses, daycares, family homes in the area and are still considering a homeless shelter in this area?) why wouldn't a more central location be pursued?!

2. **\*Property Values\***: Some homeowners worry that a homeless shelter could negatively impact property values. (This is a big one - surely a family would not commit to making the largest purchase of their life in the area had they known this was the plan to house the homeless mere steps away).

#### # Resource Availability:

1. **\*Insufficient Support Services\***: Residential areas may not have the necessary support services, such as mental health services or job training programs, to effectively serve the shelter's residents. Again a more central area would be more appropriate like what was proposed at the community meetings.  
 2. **\*Strain on Local Resources\***: A homeless shelter can put a strain on local resources, including emergency services, healthcare, and law enforcement.

#### # Alternative Solutions:

1. **\*Mixed-Use or Commercial Areas\***: Locating homeless shelters in mixed-use or commercial areas might be more suitable, as these areas often have more resources and infrastructure to support such facilities. (Downtown?) 2. **\*Community Engagement\***: Engaging with the local community and involving them in the planning process can help address concerns and build support for a homeless shelter. (What was the purpose of the community meetings if the city had the intention of having a homeless shelter at the exhibition grounds?)

I urge you to consider alternative locations that would better serve the needs of the homeless population without negatively impacting our community. I trust that these concerns will be addressed in the coming city council meeting.

Thanks,

T. Gardiner

Concerned citizen.

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