

Dear City Council,

I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the proposed creation of a Homeless Hub in our North West neighborhood, specifically its placement behind the Black Pearl Pub. While I understand the importance of helping drug-addicted and mentally ill women, I strongly disagree with the chosen location and believe it poses several significant issues.

Firstly, locating the Homeless Hub directly behind a pub is a recipe for potential problems. The presence of a facility aimed at assisting vulnerable individuals struggling with addiction and mental health issues so close to an establishment that serves alcohol raises serious concerns. The proximity may inadvertently expose these individuals to further temptations and hinder their progress towards recovery.

Furthermore, I worry about the safety of our neighborhood, particularly for children and families. The presence of a children's toy store next door to the proposed Hub as well as a Secondary School a block up the road only magnifies these concerns. Historically, when such hub-type facilities are established, we have observed an increase in crime, incidents like stabbings, and general nuisances in the surrounding area. Our neighborhood should be a safe and welcoming environment for all residents, especially our children.

I kindly request that the City Council reconsider the location of this Homeless Hub and explore alternative options that prioritize both the well-being of the vulnerable individuals it aims to help and the safety and security of our neighborhood.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and urge you to take into account the valid concerns of the community in making your decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Shawn Marynuk
Owner/Estimator

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