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From: Gayle Ihlenfeld [mailto:GIhlenfeld@ywcamadison.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:54 AM
To: Stonestreet, Peggy
Subject: RE:

Hi,

We need affordable (to low-income persons) apartments (2 to 4 bedrooms) for families with children. Additional Section 8 vouchers would be helpful so that families could afford what few apartments are available. At the same time, we need a day shelter for all homeless people (singles and families), and expanded overflow night shelter for everyone. It's unconscionable that we are turning families with children away from shelter almost every night!

Thanks,

Gayle Ihlenfeld

From: [Stonestreet, Peggy](#)
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Subject: FW: Input for CDBG on community needs
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From: Weier, Anita
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:30 AM
To: Stonestreet, Peggy
Subject: RE: Input for CDBG on community needs

To the CDBG Committee:

Since I will be unavailable on Nov. 14, I am sending a few thoughts in response to your questions. Thank you for asking.

We do need more affordable housing in our community, but it should not be added in the same areas where it currently exists, such as the Northside of Madison. It's important to offer affordable housing throughout the city and throughout the county if possible, instead of crowding people together in sometimes substandard housing in certain areas. I believe that schools with students with various income levels can reduce the achievement gap.

Also, affordable housing should be located close to employment centers.

Why not include a few affordable apartments in the large complexes being built to house high-income people?

Regarding housing for the homeless, much attention is being focused on single-room occupancy buildings, while homeless families are not getting nearly as much attention.

I believe we should support efforts to rehabilitate vacant structures -- large and small, residential or commercial -- for housing.

On the Northside, a Brentwood neighborhood center might not be needed if more programs for low-income children and families were offered at the nearby Warner Park Community Recreation Center. Apprenticeships are extremely important, as is mentoring.

As our city's population ages, I would like to see more emphasis on volunteer programs -- such as Schools of Hope -- where retired people could help disadvantaged children and their parents by tutoring or in other ways.

Thank you for all the work you are doing and for considering my thoughts.

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