

Melissa Sorenson - Salvation Army

Currently denying as many families as they are serving for drop-in shelter night to night. Want to build the only purpose-built overnight shelter in Dane County. Did not get all of the funding they requested from the County for the affordable housing piece of their development project and is requesting funds to support it. Shelter building would be funded by a capital campaign. Current deficit is \$1.2 million to fund the housing portion of the project.

Medical respite would be provided on-site and serve individual men and women. Program would change - women could have a bed until they do not return to shelter. No 90 day limit for stays. Families could stay up to a week at a time consistently without denials due to capacity.

Rich Zietko

Section 8 housing is in great need. Section 42 is not as accessible to people with low-income. Concerned with gentrification and disparity that could occur with new housing developments, and limited access to section 42 units due to tenant screening criteria that potential tenants may not be able to meet due to less than perfect housing history. Want building materials to meet LEED building standards.

Robin Serano

Notes testifying in her capacity as a private citizen. Speaking in favor of the Salvation Army shelter project. Urging funders to use contracts with existing providers (Sankofa street outreach contract funded by the City of Madison) to help support Salvation Army project and address the concerns of the neighborhood. Collaborations can cost less money in the long run.

Advocating for support for prevention programs to serve individuals without previous experience of homelessness. Need funding sources that are more flexible and can serve a broader population. Need \$40 million dollars to prevent evictions in Dane County (based on 2016 numbers). 40 - 80 cases in eviction court every Tuesday.

Extremely low-income (currently funded with homeless prevention, 30% AMI, cannot access it after 3 years per HUD), 50% of CMI (\$35,000 - \$40,000 average income) could be a second level, no current source of funding for this population.

Alice Howard

Lives in Allied Dr. – Dunn's Marsh neighborhood. Concerned for tenants who move out of homelessness and into housing and do not feel like they can keep their lease. Concerned with low wages and restrictions for individuals who receive Section 8 (cannot receive financial support from outside sources). Shelters may be easier to access if they are community-based, because it is difficult for individuals experiencing homelessness to get around.

Concerned with gentrification of her neighborhood and how hard it is for people to maintain their housing. Apartment buildings have been purchased, renovated, and then the rents are raised. Concerned with the lack of protections for tenants.

Jani Koester

Requesting \$50,000 from the City of Madison and \$50,000 from Dane County to fund a staff position to survey resources available for doubled-up population, identify gaps, and fund potential additional resources to help serve this population. Staff would be housed in the Dane County Housing Access and Affordability Division.