

From: Kristin Reitzell <kreizell@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 11:45 AM
To: Common Council Executive Committee
Subject: Purposed Homeless Shelter

Caution: This email was sent from an external source. Avoid unknown links and attachments.

Hello,

I am writing in regards to the proposed homeless shelter on Zeier road. I have lived on Esker Driver for over 12 years which is located .9 miles away from the proposed new location. We have made the east side our home, we love it for it's convenience, access to the highway & airport, the proximity to the bustling Sun Prairie area, and the melting pot of people in our neighborhood. Unfortunately, this side of town has also suffered some great losses from the mall becoming a ghost town, big box stores moving up the road to Sun Prairie, and restaurants choosing to relocate or just shut down. Just when I feel like the area starts to turn the corner, something pops up and is a blow to this side of town.

It is extremely frustrating to watch.

I listened to the finance meeting on Monday evening, hoping to hear a plan on how this "mega" shelter would work. and learn what the plan was, how it would work, who would be supporting it, what organizations would be working together to make this location different from what we have now, and how the city plans to keep the nearby neighborhoods safe and unaffected by the proposed 400 homeless people moving in down the street.

I did not hear a plan, I heard the city say Zeier road was our last option. First of all, why must we have a mega shelter?!?! Why must the east side of town have two new homeless shelters within 2 miles of one another? I am referencing the Karmanta center on Milwaukee St. This was never even mentioned in the meeting Monday night. Why are we bearing the brunt of the entire surrounding area's homeless problem. It is not fair. The east side has turned into the city's dumping ground. Why is this? It is a common feeling by most of the people on this side of town. You are going to start losing more and more people and their tax dollars if you keep making this side of town feel like 2nd class citizens. People have had it. We already have had an increase in crime, drug trafficking, and shootings. Why do we need to add one more thing to the mix?

I believe the figure that was stated was \$10.4 million just to build the new building. Why can we not take the \$10.4 million to find smaller locations around town to update, staff, and offer support for the homeless. These individuals need their meds, possibly a rehab program, and medical assistance. Let's find out what their real issues are and use this money to actually help them. To just buy the dilapidated building is \$3 million, think how many individuals you could help with that money compared to just buying a run down building.

Can we please think outside the box on this issue? I follow Miss Carly's in Rockford, her outside the box approach has helped so many people get off the street once and for all. They are getting into rehab, finding jobs, volunteering in the shelter. These people need individual attention and help, they need to feel worthy there is no way in a 400 person shelter they will ever get that one on one attention.

If the city was actually going to go to a bank and ask for the money that they need to move forward with this project there is no way you would ever receive it. You would be laughed out of the building. The city does not have a business plan, no idea what the operating budget would be, how many staff would be needed, where the money would come from to operate, what organizations they would be collaborating with, how many people they would be housing, what kind of security precautions would be in place. City council you represent us, the citizens of Madison, please make our mayor and the finance committee be fiscally responsible, and look for a better way to really help the homeless of our city. It appears like the city is just saying we know this is an issue so let's throw some money at it and make it look like we care for a little bit. Find some REAL ways to show you care, not just by cramming men into some

shiny new building.

I am already leary of letting my children ride their bikes to their friends a few blocks away in our neighborhood, due to the decline and random shootings that have taken place recently.

This is Madison, WI how sad is it that this is what this city is turning into.

Please really think about this vote and think about what would be best for the people of the East side and the homeless. A mega shelter is NOT it.

Thank you for your time.

A very concerned and frustrated tax paying citizen.

Kristin Reitzell

Veldran, Lisa

From: sarahk76 <sarahk76@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 7:47 PM
To: Common Council Executive Committee
Subject: Men's Shelter

Caution: This email was sent from an external source. Avoid unknown links and attachments.

I am writing to express my disagreement with the plan to use the Savers building by East Towne as a homeless shelter.

While I do care about the homeless problem in Madison, I do not think the solution is a 200 bed shelter with limited access to resources. This does nothing to solve the issues that are causing homelessness- drug addiction, mental illness, etc. it is merely a thumb in the dam approach and eventually the dam will break. It makes more sense and is more humane to have smaller shelters throughout the city with access to the much needed resources the homeless population needs.

The old Karmenta building is going to be used as a family homeless shelter. This is less than 2 miles from the proposed men's shelter. The East side of Madison is struggling. There are closed businesses, East Towne is emptying. Housing all of Madison's homeless in one place will not help rebuild this side of town. There will be more business loss and more people leaving this area of Madison.

I would be lying if I didn't say that I am also concerned about my property value and taxes. I just bought my dream home last July. I am already concerned about my property value due to the amount of crime. There have been shots fired in my neighborhood. My car was broken into the first week we lived here. I paid over \$400,000 for my house and feel like an idiot because no one would pay that much to live in an area with the crime we have and now to have businesses replaced with homeless shelters. The area does not look promising. It does not have a direction of growth and prosperity. I have already begun to plan to move.

There are better solutions out there. Madison is a big city, there is no reason one area has to solve all of Madison's problems.

Please do not approval this plan.

Thank you,

Sarah Mills

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

From: Paul Basler <plbasler@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 11:42 AM
To: Common Council Executive Committee
Subject: Eastside men's homeless shelter

Caution: This email was sent from an external source. Avoid unknown links and attachments.

I am against locating the men's homeless shelter in the East Towne Mall area. There is already a facility less than 2 miles from that location.

Put it on the west side for better coverage.

Or better yet use small existing units.

Paul Basler

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Veldran, Lisa

From: snickersbox62@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2021 12:49 PM
To: Common Council Executive Committee; county_board_recipients@countyofdane.com; All Alders; zach@madisonbiz.com; Baldeh, Samba
Subject: Proposed shelter on Zeier Road

Caution: This email was sent from an external source. Avoid unknown links and attachments.

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed homeless men's shelter on Zeier Road. My concerns are as follows:

1. Putting 250 or more individuals in one location is dehumanizing. It likely gives the occupants the feeling of being warehoused. In a facility of this size, there is no sense of community or partnership.
2. The proposed location on the far east side of Madison is far from existing services and there has been little to no specific information given to the public on how the men would access those services.
3. The proposed location is in the heart of a commercial district, including East Towne Mall already struggling to survive, yet there has been no economic impact study done. In fact, one large developer for the area has already stated he will terminate his plans if the shelter goes here.
4. There have been no specifics given to the public regarding the plan for this facility other than how many beds are proposed and that it will cost millions of taxpayer dollars to buy the property.
5. The city does not have a realistic plan for how it will make up the difference between available funds and needed funds, which will undoubtedly increase.
6. The people who would be using the building, men who are homeless, have not been asked what kind of shelter they want or whether this plan is one they would support and utilize.

For decades, men who are homeless have been served in the downtown area. This has worked well. Now, some people want a behemoth structure that has not been shown to be effective in serving the needs of the homeless. Many of the homeless population have alcohol or other drug dependence and/or mental health issues and/or physical health issues. Will warehousing them on the far east side help or hurt? It seems that smaller facilities, in more than one part of the city, would be more humane, accessible, and effective in addressing needs. Now, because some believe a huge facility on the far east side is in the best interests of the homeless, other ideas are not being considered. What is wrong with the First Street site, other than some want the Public Market to go there? Why not put the Public Market at the Zeier Road site, where there is ample parking and other commercial properties? Why does the property have to be purchased instead of leased? Why make this huge investment in something that hasn't been adequately studied, including asking the opinions of the end-user?

Yes, the homeless population needs our help. But let's afford them autonomy and dignity. Let's look at all the possibilities that have not been considered because some are in a hurry to do something, anything. Let's examine the impact of this decision on businesses and neighbors, both existing and planned. Let's not finalize a project that seems to only serve the egos of others, as a feel-good project or simply to check off an item on their personal to-do list or to donate capital in exchange for naming rights and tax write-offs.

Sometimes when we think we are doing the right thing, we ignore evidence to the contrary. I don't believe this is the best way to serve this population. We can do better.

Dawn Wavra
District 17 Resident
5114 Crescent Oaks Drive
Madison, WI 53704

From: Bob <bobcat4057@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 12:15 AM
To: Rhodes-Conway, Satya V.; Vakunta, Linda; All Alders; Common Council Executive Committee
Cc: county_board_recipients@countyofdane.com; Parisi, Joseph; zach@madisonbiz.com
Subject: Men's shelter move/Public Market CCEC & CC 63920

Caution: This email was sent from an external source. Avoid unknown links and attachments.

The decision to relocate the current men's shelter from First Street to East Towne seems to be made simply for Political reasons by the mayor and from a financial perspective versus a humanitarian perspective of providing much needed services to help our homeless population.

The prime financial factor in clearing the First Street location appears to be obtaining the projected TIF funding if the Public Market is built in that location.

There is no apparent benefit to the homeless for building a Public Market. There also is no apparent benefit to the homeless for moving them out to East Towne. In fact, all indications are that moving them out there will make it more difficult for them to access the services they may need to help them make progress. A while back Gary Halverson sent you a letter detailing how the current staff at the shelter worked with local resources in helping the men find ways to improve their lives. Some of these service providers are: Beacon, Wisconsin Association, Road Home Dane County, Porchlight, and NAMI, to name a few. The East Towne location provides no easy access to these service providers and increases the time and cost to get there. No evidence has been presented to suggest how this movement improves the ability to serve the homeless needs.

If this is being looked at as a night shelter from the elements, then turning them out in the morning to fend for themselves, does not help them or our communities.

To cut to the chase, your vote to approve the acceptance of the TIF money by moving the shelter to East Towne to build a Public Market on First Street means that money trumps the welfare of our homeless people.

The rationale for even considering a 400-bed facility for homeless has no solid rational expectation for success, but rather presents a potential powder keg of eruption.

Think of a family having a member with a mental illness or substance abuse issues and how it affects the family dynamic. Now add to that a pandemic that confines them to a small space. Now imagine 400 hundred strangers who have those challenges and sometimes multiple challenges or any number of other combinations of these kinds of challenges dealing with many other people with all these different kinds of challenges in a limited space with the addition of covid 19. Do you have the security and resources to deal with that?

Safety must be the priority for people in the shelter, as well as the surrounding community. Do we have the resources needed to provide that security? Bringing in 400 men who have wide ranging reasons for their homelessness only concentrates and increases the challenges if security and resources cannot be provided to help them.

I am not aware of any data or popular consensus from the Dane County community for a need to build a Public Market on the First Street location, in fact, the East Towne area would provide more convenient access via I39-90-94, and US 51 and 151. East Towne is also scheduled for revitalization.

IF YOU PASS THIS, YOU ARE SAYING NO TO PROVIDING THE BETTER SHELTER OPTION FOR OUR HOMELESS AND YES THAT TIF MONEY IS MORE IMPORTANT



Virus-free. www.avg.com

Veldran, Lisa

From: KC Opitz <kc@opitzrealty.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 7:28 AM
To: Common Council Executive Committee
Cc: Neil C. Halleen
Subject: Men's homeless shelter proposal on Zeier Road

Caution: This email was sent from an external source. Avoid unknown links and attachments.

Please do not place the homeless shelter at this location. The East Towne area is already struggling to survive with businesses located there. There are not any additional support services in proximity (health services, job training, transitional housing options) to help these men break the cycle of homelessness. This area is a gateway into Madison and placing this large stand alone facility at this location without a larger concept plan in place is a stop gap measure and a waste of dollars and resources. Thank you for your consideration.

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

From: Andrea Montecchi <montecchiaa@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 10:06 AM
To: Harrington-McKinney, Barbara; Heck, Patrick; Lemmer, Lindsay; Verveer, Michael; Bidar, Shiva; Rummel, Marsha; Wehelie, Nasra H; Prestigiacomio, Max; Skidmore, Paul; Henak, Zachary; Martin, Arvina; Abbas, Syed; Evers, Tag; Carter, Sheri; Foster, Grant; Tierney, Michael; Baldeh, Samba; Kemble, Rebecca; Furman, Keith; Albouras, Christian; Common Council Executive Committee; All Alders
Cc: andrea.phenix@outlook.com; mark@phenixsalonsuiteswisconsin.com
Subject: Letter in opposition to the proposed Men's Shelter in Zeier Road (District 17)
Importance: High

Caution: This email was sent from an external source. Avoid unknown links and attachments.

City Council Members;

By means of introduction I am the Owner and Managing Partner of Phenix Salon Suites in Madison, WI (we have 2 locations - East & West Madison. Each location amounts to a \$1 Million investment in the building and community along with enabling the establishment and operation of 40-50 independent small businesses within each location. These businesses are largely (>80%) operated and frequented by women.

Before commencing, I also need to acknowledge that assisting those who are homeless or vagrant, is a challenging task and although necessary and humane, is always met with resistance as there is no solution that does not present risk. I have personally experienced some aspects of this problem through extended family members and appreciate the complexity of the situation, and therefore any solution.

That said, the proposed initiative is the wrong solution in the wrong location. I am writing to this body to oppose the said proposal.

During the lengthy Finance Committee Meeting held Friday the 19th of March, it was clearly articulated that this location is not the 1st or best choice for this initiative. Rather, it is literally the last option identified. The last option does not equate to a good or right option. In fact, pushing this through further threatens the community.

This approach is troubling in many ways. This site selection is clearly one resulting from a lack of other options. Yet when I (and others) inquired in previous sessions about impact studies that have been conducted, there are none (no community, business, traffic, crime, etc. studies of any sort). The fact that the city is about to approve a transient men's shelter with a potential capacity of more than 400 beds in any community without having done the necessary assessment is irresponsible. Is the fact that there are no impact studies an acknowledgement that results of the studies would identify significant negative results?

The size of this shelter and concentration of the associated negative aspects for the community are far greater than the generic vision being discussed in the meetings we attend. Which brings me to the next point. These decisions are being based on a "vision". That is wonderful, however a vision without a clear plan to achieve it, controls to ensure the actions are attaining the results necessary, and the collaboration within the community that will be impacted is destined to fail. There appears to be a tremendous amount of work in planning and preparation that must take place before any further action is taken to move forward.

The vision as described in the last session is admirable. However, the practicality of that vision with no plan, results in a high concentration of negative factors, that are likely going to prevent that vision from becoming reality, therefore resulting in what is at best a misuse of precious assets, and at its worst...the further deterioration of the community. Just as hope is not a plan, a vision is not a plan. The repercussions of an interim state in which the details, processes, and controls are not in place will be catastrophic to this community. It is equally notable that many people who have far greater experience in operating shelters

and directly helping the vagrant population have all stated that these types of services are best delivered through smaller local shelters rather than large facilities.

It greatly concerns me to hear that the staff references crime rate comparisons to other similar efforts in other cities as the benchmark. Crime rates in those comparisons have increased and that only refers to the rates of convictions. However, the real impact to the community is in the form of claims and nuisances, things that may occur that do not qualify as "crimes" but are ever present and destroy residents and businesses sense of safety, within the community. The impacts of these elements are very real and cannot be understated. It is an issue now and will only be exacerbated with the proposal being brought forward. As Capt. Gary discussed in one session, the police department would not have jurisdiction over non-criminal activities.

It should not be lost on any Council Member or the Mayor that just one week ago, there was a shooting at a homeless shelter shooting incident on the 24th of March. While tragic in and of itself, this should come as a warning of the negative impact that this proposal can have on the vagrants themselves, as well as the community. This effort (as it stands today) is minimally irresponsible, potentially devastating.

In the end this proposal (as it stands today) only aspirationally seeks to help the vagrant men's population, and simultaneously therefore creates a concentration of negative consequences within the community at large.

Andrea A. Montecchi

President Ascensione Holdings
Owner/Managing Partner Phenix Salon Suites
(608) 338 – 7452
Andrea.phenix@outlook.com

Veldran, Lisa

From: DAVID PROCKNOW <dtprocknow@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 4:02 PM
To: Mayor; Common Council Executive Committee
Subject: Re: Homeless (ness)

Caution: This email was sent from an external source. Avoid unknown links and attachments.

On Monday, March 29, 2021, 01:19:58 PM CDT, DAVID PROCKNOW <dtprocknow@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

AS EXPECTED, STILL NOTHING...SO TYPICAL AND SO VERY MADISON!

AFTER MAKING SEVERAL UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE GOVERNOR, MAYOR, EXECUTIVE, AND ALDERS I HAVE DECIDED TO RE-SUBMIT...THE CONDUCT AND OTHERWISE LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY HERE IS ABSOLUTELY OUTRAGEOUS!

Wisconsin State Journal submission (reply)

WSJ DUELING PROPOSALS article from 03/20/2021

IN OPPOSITION!!!!

What on earth is she thinking?

Just what we need, more homeless...especially on the East Side!

Democratic Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway states, "I remain committed to the project and to make sure we have a dedicated, purpose-built shelter for homeless men".

A mens "homeless shelter" on the far East Side is and would be a TERRIBLE idea, NOBODY living or working in the area would be in favor of this...nobody EXCEPT for of course, Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway (and Democratic Governor Tony Evers)!

This is and would be one of the WORST possible places for a "homeless shelter", why is this city SUPPORTING the homeless and homelessness anyway...what's going on here?

The "homeless" have now taken over this city and the Mayor has ALLOWED it to happen, this is absolutely OUTRAGEOUS and it has got to stop IMMEDIATELY...enough is enough!

Ms. Conway (and the city) are SUPPORTING homelessness, she has single-handedly DESTROYED this city under her "extremely careless and otherwise destructive rule"!

Due to EXTREMELY POOR leadership and planning Madison has become a "welfare city", a city of "homelessness and despair"...and with unheard of "lawlessness, crime, and corruption"!

Due to the Rhodes-Conway Regime there are TEN TIMES more homeless living here than there were before...Madison in general, has now OFFICIALLY become an "encampment for the homeless"!

Here's an idea, why don't we just invite the states ENTIRE HOMELESS POPULATION to Madison, Wi. and EXPECT the taxpayers to support them..."taxpayers supporting the non taxpayers"?

AS MOST PEOPLE KNOW (OR ARE SOON TO REALIZE) HOMELESSNESS, WELFARE, AND POVERTY CAN VERY EASILY BE AVOIDED BY GETTING A J-O-B...YES, A JOB!

The city and it's "so called" planning committee should consider converting parts of the otherwise "deserted" Oscar Mayer plant into a "haven for the homeless"...and call it HOMELESS HAVEN NORTH.

The OM site is centrally located and high-fenced, near bus lines, police and fire, several convenience stores, a soup kitchen...and most importantly the MATC and the MADISON JOB CENTER!

I would also agree with Alder Samba Baldeh with putting the proposed "homeless shelter" on First Street and moving the proposed "market" to Lien Road which would be much more REALISTIC and COST EFFECTIVE for the city.

Ms. Conway's plan to construct a mens "homeless shelter" is ill-advised and would actually COST the city MILLIONS of dollars and would force out an entity that would actually GENERATE jobs and HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS of dollars in TAXABLE REVENUE annually!

Again, what on earth is she thinking?

We are all OPPOSED to this...100%!

David A. Procknow

Veldran, Lisa

From: Dennis Zeier <dz@zeierplastic.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 4:17 PM
To: Harrington-McKinney, Barbara; Heck, Patrick; Lemmer, Lindsay; Verveer, Michael; Bidar, Shiva; Rummel, Marsha; Wehelie, Nasra H; Prestigiacomio, Max; Skidmore, Paul; Henak, Zachary; Martin, Arvina; Abbas, Syed; Evers, Tag; Carter, Sheri; Foster, Grant; Tierney, Michael; Baldeh, Samba; Kemble, Rebecca; Furman, Keith; Albouras, Christian; Common Council Executive Committee; All Alders
Subject: RE: Letter in opposition to the proposed Men's Shelter in Zeier Road (District 17)
Importance: High

Caution: This email was sent from an external source. Avoid unknown links and attachments.

City Council Members;

To introduce myself I am a property owner in the area near the proposed Men's shelter. I have invested millions of dollars in new buildings and improvements in the area on East Springs Drive, Annamark Drive, East Towne Boulevard, and High Crossing Boulevard over the last 20 plus years.

This area pre covid had been under the stress of declining local retail and commercial real estate due to the changing retail market place.. then with the Covid it has caused many businesses further hardships and financial stress, including their employees and associates.

I grew up on the east side of Madison and experienced the growth of this area to a vibrant commercial center and in the last four to five years to an area under more stress and pressure with many store closings. I am on the far east side almost every day and I am aware of what a Men's shelter here would do to this area.

The impact on the commercial businesses will be adverse and cause these businesses to suffer the behavior issues a large homeless population with bring with them, concentrated in one area.

I encourage you to recommend a search for a better location that will not adversely affect the business community in this area that desperately needs the survival of the existing business and the growth that will accompany new investments. There has been no economic impact study of how such a facility will impact this area.

I understand it is a challenging task to locate such a facility but the large size and behavior issues associated with this facility do not belong in this area.

The proposed shelter will present itself as an significant obstacle to attracting new investment, new commercial business, and the revitalization of the East Towne area causing potential investment and commercial operators to look elsewhere. It is important we attract new significant investment into the East Towne area, the proposed men's shelter will prevent this and deter this. This area will further decline with a Men's shelter of this size and capacity put into the middle of a large commercial area that desperately needs this new investment.

The future of this area needs your opposition to this shelter at this location. Please oppose the shelter at this location and area.

Thank you,

Dennis Zeier
608-244-5782
2203 Leo Circle
Madison, WI
53704

Veldran, Lisa

From: Tracy Doreen <myrealibrary@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 4:24 PM
To: Common Council Executive Committee
Subject: Agenda #8, Legistar #63902
Attachments: Common Council Meeting.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Caution: This email was sent from an external source. Avoid unknown links and attachments.

Common Council Meeting March 30, 2021
Agenda #8, Legistar #63902

Dear Madison Alders and Mayor Rhodes-Conway,

I appreciate that the city has housing equity in mind in proposed changes to zoning and planning. Establishing work arounds to the 2012 state municipal code on zoning for inclusionary affordable housing seems complicated at best and does not seem to guarantee success to create the desired affordable housing and diverse neighborhoods.

If there is to be success, the proposed ordinance needs work. One of the biggest issues is losing the public voice. Steps for community involvement throughout the process was established just eight years ago in the zoning code rewrite.

I wrote to the Plan Commission and spoke at the meeting last week. At about 2 am. the night before the Plan Commission meeting, the words "unintended consequences" came to me.

I heard many community members speak at the March 22, 2021 virtual Plan Commission meeting. Many more voiced opposition to this plan than to support it; even a few smaller developers spoke in opposition. During the meeting I heard multiple citizens use the same words in addressing their opposition to the proposed zoning changes. I used these words to point this out to the commission. I heard alders repeat and discuss "unintended consequences" during the plan commission meeting. Thank you for listening.

Disturbingly, near the end of the same March 22 Plan Commission meeting, I heard alders say how they had previously been thinking: "get rid of these entitled voices" and "so called neighborhood control" and "the same handful of people." That anyone's voice is not valued is troubling. Does development money trump democracy even in Madison?

I understand some revisions will be or have been made to the proposal but I do not fully know what they are. Here are a few of the questions and concerns I have:

Do these changes address displacing residents who live in current workforce affordable housing, many who have to leave their neighborhood to find an affordable place to live; and that these renters may not be able to afford to live in the new building or return to the now new luxury neighborhood?

Do these changes address the land speculation that drives prices up more and more?

Do changes address the inconsistencies with the comprehensive plan?

Do the changes address limiting the peoples voice in shaping mixed use streets and neighborhoods?

I support referral of this proposed housing ordinance to make sure you address these possible unintended consequences of the proposed zoning changes.

Sincerely,
Tracy Doreen Dietzel
Madison

Veldran, Lisa

From: JACK K PHILLIPS <jack.phillips@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 4:28 PM
To: Common Council Executive Committee
Subject: In Support of Item 9- Men's homeless shelter

Caution: This email was sent from an external source. Avoid unknown links and attachments.

Hello,

I just wanted to say that I fully support putting resources towards housing Madison's homeless population. Any money invested in supporting the community where it needs support will go ten times farther than attempting to criminalize people experiencing those problems. That is to say, in order to address homelessness, we should build homeless shelters. Thank you all in advance for passing item 9 this afternoon!

-Jack

Mx. Jack K. Phillips
They/Them
Graduate Student, Biomedical Engineering
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Veldran, Lisa

From: Tracy Doreen <myrealibrary@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 5:00 PM
To: Common Council Executive Committee; Rummel, Marsha; All Alders
Subject: Agenda #2 Legistar #63972

Caution: This email was sent from an external source. Avoid unknown links and attachments.

Dear Madison Alders and Mayor Rhodes-Conway,

Proclaiming Sunday, April 25, 2021 as World Migratory Bird Day in the City of Madison is super!

Get the word out! Encourage the community as a whole to DO MORE to protect birds! Make sure city lighting policy addresses how light pollution affects migration. Turn off unnecessary lighting. See... <https://www.darksky.org/light-pollution-poses-threat-to-migrating-birds/>

And keep cats inside!

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Tracy Dietzel