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Novitiate of St. Alberto Hurtado

December 6, 2017

Saint Paul City Council  
15 Kellogg Blvd. West, 310 City Hall  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Members of the City Council:

We, the undersigned members of the Jesuit Novitiate of Alberto Hurtado, wish to express our support for the urgent work carried on by Listening House in service to the poor and homeless of the city of Saint Paul. This organization has for many years now carried on an important service to those most in need in our community and have proven their ability to reach out to and help the population they serve, without posing a significant inconvenience to the surrounding community. In moving to a new location to continue their work, they have met objections from neighbors who have requested a cap be placed on the number of people that they be allowed to help each day. We believe such a cap to be unreasonable and a serious obstacle to their serving the very large number of needy people in our community. We urge you to allow Listening House to continue their extraordinary work and not place significant obstacles in their way of helping people who are most in need.

Sincerely,

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