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Good morning Council Members,

I received notice of a public hearing regarding the interim use of 420 N Roy St for interim shelter. I full heartedly support this action. There are a number of unhoused neighbors sharing my neighborhood and i find it enraging that they have to sleep outside in the winter—or ever for that matter. At the time of writing, there is a wind advisory in affect with 20mph wind gusts and I can see people sleeping in a tent across the street, plus the groups that huddle in doorways in the open air. That there is money in our city budget to fund the sports stadium (something I love and frequent often) but not enough money to house the people you are charged with caring for is blood boiling.

The city should be addressing this far more aggressively than they are and since you are failing to look after these individuals, a church stepping up will have to be enough for now.

It is shameful that we have any unhoused individuals in our city when at any point in time there is roughly 12% vacancy rate on residential properties. After the city gutted the rent control measure that your constituents voted to enact to show deference to out of town developers, the least you could do is earmark city funds to provide winter shelter to the unhoused.

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