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September 23, 2022

Dear Members of the committee handling the homeless and shelter issue,

My name is Vincent Tsang I reside at 837 5th st Clarkston WA. and have a business at 2134 4th Ave North Lewiston Idaho. I am one of the members of the North Lewiston Alliance that came before the P&Z and council about the homeless issue and the nuisances in 2016. We are not against the homeless population but we were overburdened with the nuisances caused by a no-barrier handouts program from the ROC and the lack of accountability for the clients they serve. We came together and decided the best thing is conditional use permits so there is accountability for future nonprofit humanitarian organizations that lack accountability. We must keep warming/cooling shelters, day use/night use shelters, seasonal shelters, and more permanent shelters like long-term housing/boarding with a conditional use permit.

My personal opinion, after following your meeting via online video from the city website, is that there should be a separation between the temporary shelter (warming/cooling shelter) and the housing/boarding shelter. We should be deciding what rules and codes are applied for the short-term vs the long-term style shelter. Have a separate section with a clear more refined definition so that aid organizations are accountable and have a guideline to minimize nuisances caused by the non-conforming homeless population.

The placement of a shelter can go anywhere as long as it is operated right giving hand-ups rather than handouts. Dumping resources unconditionally to the homeless and the aid programs is irresponsible and dangerous. In the end, the money will run out and donations wasted. Mr. Phil Altmeyer with the UGM has set a high barrier and operates it correctly. I have seen one of his campuses cleaned up on Sprague ave. I have seen his neighborhood of the men's shelter next to businesses, and the women's shelter is in a residential zone/neighborhood. All of them are organized and have accountability to the neighbors.

Lastly the word "continuum of care" was said. For example, If you make a shelter or aid program and the client's behavior only matters while on your property, in your office, or in the presence of the social worker, but once they leave your place and they are in the neighborhood behaving negatively and then you say you can't or won't take accountability for their non-conforming behavior, what kind of continuum of care are you giving?

Sincerely,
Vincent Tsang