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Re: Request for Reconsideration of Proposed Homeless Housing Site Adjacent to [Name of Tennis Facility]

Dear Mayor Webber and Members of the Council:

We are writing as the principal supporter of Eleanor Brenner's World Class First Serve Facility, which as you know is located adjacent to the City-owned parcel currently being considered for a proposed temporary homeless housing site. While we fully recognize the importance of addressing the City's homelessness challenges with urgency and compassion, we have serious concerns about the location selection process and the potential impacts this specific site may have on the children and families who use First Serve's tennis facility.

Eleanor Brenner's World Class First Serve Facility serves a wide range of community members, including hundreds of children between the ages of 7 and 18 who participate in daily lessons, camps, and youth programs throughout the year. The center was developed with significant private investment as a safe, healthy, and structured environment for athletic and personal development. First Serve's tennis facility will be a valued resource for youth and families from all parts of our city.

To our knowledge, the proposed use of the adjacent parcel for a homeless encampment or temporary housing has not been the subject of a transparent or publicly noticed selection process.

We are not aware of any prior community meetings, planning notices, or public discussions related to this site. The matter now appears to be moving forward for City Council discussion and potential action tomorrow, June 11, without meaningful public input.

We respectfully request that the Council pause this decision and consider the following:

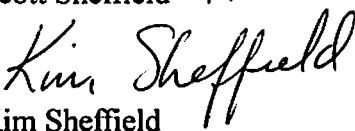
1. **That the City provide the public with a clear explanation of the site selection process, including any criteria used and alternative locations evaluated;**
2. **That appropriate public outreach and stakeholder consultation be conducted before proceeding; and**
3. **That alternative locations be reviewed, particularly those not directly adjacent to high-traffic youth facilities.**

We are committed to being part of the solution and we are willing to contribute financially to help identify and support a more suitable site for this important project—one that addresses the City's goals while also protecting the health, safety, and well-being of children and families who regularly use our facility.

Thank you for your service to our community and for considering this request.

Sincerely,


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