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Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
SUSAN SCOGIN	<i>[Signature]</i>	322 Pigeon Norman, OK		6-8-15
Marcy U	<i>[Signature]</i>	816 Willow Ln		6-8-15
Brandi Winblood	<i>[Signature]</i>	1317 Nebraska Norman 73069		6-8-15
Stephan Hughes	<i>[Signature]</i>	508 Jean Marie Dr 73069 Norman		6-8-15
Wendy Moore	<i>[Signature]</i>	120 Reed Ave		6-8-15
GARY	<i>[Signature]</i>	136 REED AVE		6-8-15
BOB HARMAN	<i>[Signature]</i>	134 REED APT. A		6-8-15
Mike Winstead	<i>[Signature]</i>	136 Reed APT C		
Sheila Cox	<i>[Signature]</i>	138 Reed Ave.		6-8-15
Ernest Cox	<i>[Signature]</i>	138 Reed Ave.		6-8-15

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Rebekah Fisher	<i>Rebekah Fisher</i>	912 E. Eufaula St.		6/6/2015
Hope Ewing	<i>Hope Ewing</i>	142 Reed Ave.	adamantly oppose	6/6/2015
Don Brady	<i>D. E. Brady</i>	908 E. Eufaula	oppose	6/7/2015
Ben Chan	<i>BENJAMIN B. CHAN</i>	828 E. " "	oppose	6/7/15
San Francisco	<i>San Francisco</i>	814 E. Eufaula		6/7/15
Tina Morley	<i>Tina Morley</i>	716 E. Eufaula	oppose	6/7/15
Andrew Kochevar	<i>Andrew Kochevar</i>	914 E. Eufaula St.	oppose	6/7/15
Michael McGehee	<i>Michael McGehee</i>	613 E. Eufaula St	oppose	6-7-15
Larry A Melotti	<i>Larry A Melotti</i>	617 E EUPAULAST	oppose	6-7-15
Diana Alpizar	<i>Diana Alpizar</i>	301 S. Cook	oppose	6-7-15

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<del>Matthew Cowan</del>	<del>Matthew Cowan</del>	508 Jean Marie Dr.		6-8-15
ERL Kinn	ERL Kinn	707 E DAVIS		6-8-15
CLINT GIBBON	CLINT GIBBON	3302 RIDGE CREST CIR NORMAN OK 73072		6-8-15
Harlan Bell	Harlan Bell	529 E Main, Norman	as a father + grandpa kids come 1st	6-8-15
Ruth Anderson	Ruth Anderson	11501 Imperial Dr		6-8-15
Christi Roberson	Christi Roberson	225 N. Webster	Many children	6-8-15
Tara McShaw	Tara McShaw	1070 Kyle Ct Washington OK 73073		6-8-15
JENNIFER ENGLEMAN	JENNIFER ENGLEMAN	2006 Trailpine Ct. 73072	concern for area children; perhaps other locations could be considered	6-8-15
Mary Lassiter	Mary Lassiter	3737 St. 73072	concern for the children	6/8/15
Roger Allen	Roger Allen	Tahquah OK 74464 906 S. EAST AVE		6-8-15

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Susan Sanders <sup>RN.</sup>	<i>Susan Sanders</i>	148 Reed Ave.	<i>Survivor of Rape by homeless man I'm horribly affected by this I would never have bought this house. Unsafe for my kids</i>	6/7/15
Ruth <i>Rh</i>	<i>"lives w/wife + 2 dogs" "Ride bike/walk dogs"</i>	322 Reed Avenue	<i>"I like the field"</i>	6/7/15
Dara Sanders	<i>Dara Sanders</i>	148 Reed Ave. Norman OK 73071 (405) 639-8534	<i>I've played in the field all my life. Now it will be a park to walk in my yard</i>	6/7/15
Bridgett Drennon	<i>B Drennon</i>	136 Reed 305-5938	<i>"We've just heard about it 136 Reed doesn't sound good"</i>	6/7/15
Lydia Stacey	<i>Lydia Stacey</i>	"Need Spiritual Help" 6320 S Dobbs Rd	<i>Go no checks for felons - pedifiles</i>	6/8/15
Brandi Henson	<i>Brandi Henson</i>	PO BOX 1828 / Norman Noble, OK 73071	<i>Would prefer background checks for homeless</i>	6/8/15
Juliana White	<i>Juliana White</i>	1013 Nottingham Cir	<i>There are plenty of structures already in Norman. This will put the current residents at risk.</i>	6/8/15
Chuck Smith	<i>Chuck Smith</i>	1416 Dakota 73069	<i>Bad for neighborhood.</i>	8 June 15
Jim Sanders	<i>Jim Sanders</i>	608 Champion Ln 73069	<i>She can't afford to move. House value lost</i>	June 8, 15
Laurena Baggett	<i>Laurena Baggett</i>	529 E. Main St. Norman 73071	<i>Unsafe for school children</i>	6/8/15

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Bryan Perkins	<i>[Signature]</i>	144 Reed Ave		6/8/10
<del>160 Reed Ave</del>	<del><i>[Signature]</i></del>	" " "	Would ruin Reed Ave.	6/8/10
Hope Ewing	<i>Hope Ewing</i>	142 Reed Ave.	Single women fee/unsafe if built	6-8-15
Thomas Benton	<i>Thomas Benton</i>	901 Cockburn Norman	used to love that field	6/8/15
Ginger Benton	<i>Ginger Benton</i>	" "	Played in field as child - walked to Jefferson	6/18/15
Becky Hennington	<i>Vanessa Dr Norman</i>	B. Lunnington error	"Concern for students"	6-8-15
ELANORE DUTORT	<i>Elanore Dutort</i>	305 Willow Branch	WOMEN & CHILDREN @ RISK	6/8/2015
Phyllis Raley	<i>P Raley</i>	1613 Farmington	Consider Safety	6-8-15
Edward Porter	<i>[Signature]</i>	1106 Lois St. Norman		6/8/15
Michael Slay	<i>Michael Slay</i>	508 Jean Marie	Unsafe for children	6/8/15

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**Fwd: Pre-Development Meeting**

Rebekah [rbls6@cox.net]

**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2015 2:07 PM**To:** Fisher, Rebekah Ann

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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**From:** Myra Karnes <karnesranch@hotmail.com>**Date:** June 8, 2015 at 12:09:16 PM CDT**To:** <tom.mccaleb@smcokc.com>**Cc:** Rebekah Lassley <rbls6@cox.net>**Subject:** Fwd: Pre-Development Meeting

Since my husband and I have not received any communication concerning the proposed re-zoning, I am sending our letter/concerns to you again.

I understand that people with power and money can make any number of decisions effecting ordinary citizens. This appears to be one of those decisions. Without regard to any residents of the neighborhood, you are determined to push ahead with your plan. Reminds us of a country/city without representation.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Myra Karnes <karnesranch@hotmail.com>**Date:** May 28, 2015 at 12:13:16 PM CDT**To:** "tom.mccaleb@smcokc.com" <tom.mccaleb@smcokc.com>**Cc:** Rebekah Lassley <rbls6@cox.net>, Brian Karnes  
<brian\_karnes@hotmail.com>**Subject:** Pre-Development Meeting

My husband, Gene Karnes, and I are the present owners of 912 E. Eufaula, Norman, Ok. We are unable to attend tonight's meeting.

We are extremely opposed to the proposal and re-zoning of the land on the east side of Reed Avenue. Our major concern is for the safety of small children and elderly adults who live in the neighborhood. You and the applicant, Food and Shelter, Inc., cannot guarantee their safety if this plan goes into effect.

Our next concern has to do with property value of our real estate. The value of our property and those of our neighbors will decrease in value. Homeless will be walking, sleeping, trashing and roaming through the neighborhood. E. Eufaula St. ends at the doorstep of your proposed facility.

We think a better use of money would involve tearing down the existing rat-infested, dangerous buildings on E. Main St. and building a new shelter which could be accessed away from residential areas.

I look forward to hearing from you about a solution to these concerns.

Sincerely,  
Gene & Myra Karnes  
806-852-3291

Sent from my iPhone



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To whom it may concern,

I have several concerns and protests about the proposed shelter by Food & Shelter, Inc. First and foremost this will be destroying one of the very few beautiful green spaces with a number of diverse older trees in Norman that many people enjoy and use recreationally.

To get to my concerns with the shelter; I attended the pre-planning meeting and asked several questions however, they were unable to answer a number of VERY important issues that will arise if a shelter is placed within a single-family neighborhood.

Bottom line is, I do not think they have done enough research or planning to minimize the effects upon the surrounding neighborhood and I will address this below in list format.

- No Drug or Alcohol Testing - It appears that the drug screening performed by Food & Shelter, Inc. is only visible observation; this is not adequate. This very well may introduce discarded needles, drug paraphernalia, and booze bottles along with increased litter in a neighborhood with little. This activity is unsafe for all residents in the area, especially children who do not know the dangers of discarded needles and paraphernalia!
- No Background Checks for Violent or Sex Crimes - Food & Shelter, Inc. representatives declared they do not allow violence but they also stated that they do not do Oklahoma Criminal Record checks on their residents. This, clearly, will not keep out violent or sex offenders and will make the residents of the neighborhood unsafe!
- No Clear Plan or Efforts to Minimize Loitering - Food & Shelter, Inc. representatives believe that their clients will move on after meals and other services however, Food & Shelter, Inc. representatives were unable to explain where these HOMELESS clients will go. I have been homeless and have experience with shelters and know that loitering is often your best option. The majority of these clients will loiter and make neighborhood residents feel unsafe!
- No Parking - Food & Shelter, Inc. representatives have explained that the parking lot will be for volunteers. They also explained that the many vehicles of clients currently parking outside of their current facility are parking in public parking spaces. This will not change with the new facility; the street in front of my home (140 Reed Ave.) is also public parking. This will make residents feel unsafe!
- No Plan for Increased Road Traffic - Reed Ave. was and is not built for moderate or heavy traffic, it is barely two cars wide!

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- No Plan for Neighborhood Complaints or Crime - Food & Shelter, Inc. has no plan, experience or idea about dealing with a facility this size in a residential neighborhood. I asked Food & Shelter, Inc. representatives how they intended to mitigate and handle complaints from residents of the neighborhood and crime that will inevitably ensue. The honest answer from Food & Shelter, Inc. representatives was that they had not dealt with this issue before and were unsure of what their actions or responsibilities would be.

**THEY ARE READY TO OPERATE A SHELTER WITHIN A NEIGHBORHOOD!**

I do understand their vision of making their facility feel residential for the benefit of the residents but with the enclosed community/residential feel of the design I see no need to face it to an established quiet neighborhood! I believe Food & Shelter, Inc. and their clients would benefit more if the new facility were placed on the outskirts of a residential neighborhood not facing one.

Lastly I have concern about the impact the relationship between the Executive Director of Food & Shelter, Inc. April Heiple and a prominent member of City Council Greg Heiple will have on this decision. I am confident that he will abstain or be asked to abstain from this important vote but I am still greatly concerned about his influence on City Council and this decision.

Sincerely a concerned resident and homeowner of the Reed Ave. Neighborhood,



Amberlee Darold  
Seismologist  
Oklahoma Geological Survey  
University of Oklahoma  
405-325-8611  
Resident of:  
140 Reed Ave.  
Norman Ok.  
73071

June 8, 2015

City Clerk  
201 West Gray  
Norman OK 73071

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a concerned citizen, residing at 912 East Eufaula Street, Norman, OK 73071, with an active lease purchase agreement with the current property owners, Gene and Myra Karnes. As a resident and future homeowner of property within 350 feet from the proposed site of the new Food and Shelter Addition, I have grave concerns regarding the state of my neighborhood should this rezoning request be allowed and building commence under the current plan.

I am a nurse and have served alongside many of the agencies involved in the development of the tract of land currently belonging to the State of Oklahoma at Main Street and Reed Street, where the future community services center is proposed. I am in agreement that the agencies have a right to improve upon themselves and their facilities, allowing for a fuller range of services. I am in agreement that there are many in the city of Norman who will be assisted through the services of the agencies planning to develop in the proposed area. I am in agreement that relocation of Food and Shelter, Inc. from its current downtown location will relieve business owners along Main Street from the current foot traffic of the homeless as they travel to other service agencies and facilities, such as the Norman Public Library, where daytime sanctuary can be sought. I am in agreement that this plan makes Norman a more "walkable" town. I am in agreement that continued revitalization of downtown Norman is in direct conflict with the current location of Food and Shelter, Inc. and the resulting homeless presence in the city center. I am in agreement that there are many faces of homelessness and poverty and that these conditions do not constitute a person's value or worth. We are all people and we all deserve respect.

The proposed community services center for Norman, beginning with the Food and Shelter Addition takes into account the needs of the city, downtown business owners, service agencies and those receiving services from the agencies, yet lacks compassion and respect for the neighborhood in which they plan to build. My neighborhood, which borders Reed Street to the West, is full of individuals, families, children and elderly that are vulnerable. Residents in my area generally do not have the money to fight back and make their voice heard. Several residents reported they have previously battled homelessness themselves and won the battle. Several residents, like me, have had the opportunity to interact with the homeless, with negative consequences. One neighbor reported that his father was assaulted in a soup kitchen while serving food to the homeless and he now suffers from PTSD. One neighbor reports she was raped by a homeless man. During the course of my job as a nurse and clinic manager, I have been yelled at, cursed at, physically threatened and blackmailed by individuals receiving assistance from Food and Shelter and East Main Place. I have cleaned up the empty bottles of alcohol, the broken glass, the food containers and the used syringes off property clearly labeled with No Trespassing signs.

While these actions cannot be generalized to the entire homeless population, there is much evidence to support the growing violent aspect of some individuals to whom homelessness is a chosen way of life. These are the individuals that pose a threat to the safety and security of me, my children and my neighborhood. These are not the people that will be receiving case management and living in the tiny houses that the architect has exalted as the next Martha's Vineyard. These are the people that are

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addicted to drugs or alcohol, have psychiatric disorders such as schizophrenia, or are hiding from responsibility or from a criminal past. These are the individuals who will be walking through my neighborhood on their way to the facility to receive their free services before heading out to carouse the town until the next free service is available. These are the individuals who will stash bedrolls in the bushes, dispose of their trash in any open space, urinate and defecate at will. These are the individuals who will approach our homes in the night to seek shelter, resources and objects for trade.

This issue goes beyond the desire to care for the homeless. I, too, desire to care for the homeless and have done so passionately alongside churches, city employees, Food and Shelter, United Way, and plan to concentrate on the homeless population following completion of my degree. This is not about a few people who don't want homeless on their doorstep. This is about each individual's inalienable right to the pursuit of happiness and to seek a life free from harassment and strife. The people of my neighborhood have been here, many for years prior to the plans of the Mayor, and the city, and all of the involved agencies. These people have seen elected officials come and go and the failing of agencies such as East Main Place and the continued decline of Griffin Memorial Hospital.

The people of my neighborhood deserve as much respect and compassion from the city as the business owners, service agencies and those that utilize their services. Our city leaders have a responsibility to all citizens of Norman. I am a long-time resident of Norman. I grew up here, attended the schools here, graduated high school and attended college here. My children now walk the school halls where I once walked. I moved away for a time, only to return because I know in my heart that Norman is my home.

As the recent victim of stalking and harassment that lead to repeated attempts of unknown individuals to seek me out at my home, I have suffered tremendous anxiety for which I had to seek out counseling. My children were also very much affected by the actions during the last two years, with increased stranger anxiety and my youngest daughter regressing behaviorally for a time. We have all had a respite from the fear and anxiety over the last few months following an end to the harassment and stalking. I have no desire to be a victim and use the tools at my disposal to improve myself and assist my children to heal from these events, and yet, I still wince every time there is a knock on the door, I scrutinize my surroundings every time I leave my house, and I still question every unknown number that rings to my phone. The psychological attacks during the time of stalking and harassment were so damaging that I am not sure I will ever recover fully. Since learning about the pending plans and location for these services at Food and Shelter, I have experienced increased anxiety and moments of panic regarding the anticipated influx of individuals into my neighborhood. I feel that the actions being taken by the city and the involved agencies are detrimental to my wellbeing and that of my family. I believe there are ways that the impact from these agencies services can be mitigated and I am begging for some compassion for my neighborhood and my family.

Let it be known that I am opposed to the rezoning of all land along Reed Street, south of Main Street, in Norman, Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebekah A. Fisher RN, BSN". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

Rebekah A. Fisher, RN, BSN  
912 E Eufaula Street  
Norman OK 73071

June 8, 2015

Dear Planning Department,

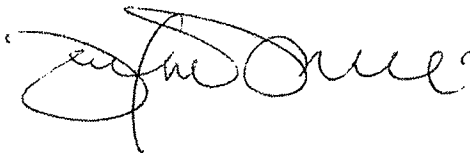
I'm writing this letter to protest the development planning of Food and Shelter, Inc. on building a homeless shelter in this vicinity.

As a resident and foremost single mother of three children my thoughts of this planning would be a disaster for the following first we already fighting drug dealing in this vicinity and most recently homeless people walking around our properties. Second our property value would go down making this area run down and with no future, but an area for drug dealing and such.

We need a change in our area for better like a park with a new home subdivision that would run off all the negative out of our community and frankly a homeless shelter would not fit in this area.

Please reconsider your decision and the effects it will have on the neighborhood vicinities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacqueline Moreno', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

Jacqueline Moreno

Jacqueline Moreno  
916 E. Symmes St. | Norman, OK | 73071  
405.887.2503

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To:

City Clerk

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Please don't make our neighbor  
hood dangerous & unsightly by  
bringing in juvenile delinquents  
& multiple offenders.

You want to hide these people &  
you cast them off on the poor. But  
as a poor person I believe we  
deserve a safe neighborhood and  
a beautiful wilderness site. I love  
every single tree & blade of grass  
& flowers in this field. We have  
a right to enjoy life & not be  
abused by you, by friends  
incorporated by city council.  
We have the right to happiness  
& safety & beauty.

(142) Reed Ave

Hope

821 9731

Norman OK.

73071

## The Land on Reed and Alameda

The whole reason I love to live on Reed Ave. is the beautiful field. The view is spectacular. Big old elms, old sycamore, yellow willow, unusual & old cedars. Some of colorful flowers & assorted grasses. So relaxing to walk in the field. A taste of the country in town. Been here on Reed 13 years & the field & all its big predatory birds & unusual animals that I find fascinating.

If you put food and shelter for friends across the street from me it will be ugly & dangerous. I live alone & many women live alone in this neighborhood. The landlord's property value will also go down.

Please let us keep this beloved site area as a wilderness ~~left~~ to be protected. It is bringing in a lot of butterflies.

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I invite you to walk this area  
& enjoy it.

It is also safer for the  
children.

I've been to Food & Shelter  
to give them clothes & I won't  
go back. A very rough crowd  
too rough for me.

Please let us enjoy this nature  
& the sunrise & sunsets.

Please do not force us from  
our houses. No one can  
leave to live here if you ruin  
it with Food & Shelter Inc.  
or if you make it into stores.

Norman has too  
many stores which do not  
feed the soul. Norman needs  
more beautiful nature which  
feeds the spirit & helps people  
relax.

Please do not destroy the  
beautiful old trees on this  
land.

(405) 8219731

Hope Ewing  
142 Reed Ave.



PS Food and Shelter Inc.

should always be near a police station. Multiple offenders come through frequently.

6/6/15

To whom this may concern,

Living in 148 Reed Ave, located front and central accross street from proposed "Food and Shelter," demand that I be compensated for all loss of value and hikes in home insurance (or cancelation), and compensation for any and all damage that may occur (physical or psychological) to my property and family, resulting from future traffic of homeless people to food kitchen and shelter, and its construction.

As a victim of rape by a homeless man in 1995 and my 2 yr old daughter forced to watch, and her molestation @ seferate time as toddler, we are both under psychiatric care and medication. We both are being treated for mental illness. My counsellor and doctor state this is not emotionally safe for me or my daughter, and it was recommended that we move.

I will hold Food + Shelter responsible for any decline in mental health, quality of life, decrease in our ability to work, live, and function occuring upon commencement of construction. I am told this stress will affect my physical health, recovery from surgery, and levels of pain. Physical and emotional suffering due to future plans will need to be compensated.

I would love to move, but all my money has gone into paying off my property + adding

on behalf of single  
mothers and low income  
families.

outbuildings, necessary for containing my art supplies, related to my only work - teaching art to disabled elderly. I'd love to move it if I could.

The alley along my large yard will need to be much better lit as will Reed Ave, Eufala, and throughout the entire area feeding local schools. We will require very frequent and thorough police patrols 24/7, including alleys, backyards, and outbuildings. Also more staff will be required to man the increased 911 call that are inevitable.

I require my entire property to be surrounded w/ strong fencing + alarm systems. I cannot afford this on my scant income. Also, I require the post office to hand deliver mail to my door. My mail box has been stolen from last winter and it is way out on the street. I receive + send many checks during the month. I'm sure my neighborhood will require this.

Finally - The Griffin property on the Carter street side is set well back, has a sidewalk and barrier fence. With our population, I insist you do @ least that. Also, construction vehicles must have an alternative entry site from Reed or Eufala streets. Alameda or Main are available entry places.

With desperation and fear,  
Sue Sanders

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June 7, 2015  
148 Reed Ave.

Dear Zoning Committee,

I feel bad for homeless people but am afraid to have them accross the street. I'm almost 22 + cant drive. I Normally walk thru the meadow to work during the day. If this building is made I will have to ask my mom for rides. I'm afraid if I miss work I'll lose my job.

Some of my earliest childhood memories are from playing in the field. We moved here when I was about 2 yrs. old. I had 2 Birthday parties accross the street with pony rides!

My family has a fun + Earth friendly custom: For Spring for 20 yrs. We have transplanted baby trees (from Arbor Day, or our own seeds/ baby sycamores, redbuds, bradford pear flowering trees + others) Now there are about 4 times more + denser trees along stream - we also like the old trees along Reed ave. on field side.

Our yard and others have grown many nice trees + gardens. The shade is great in summer! We have so many flowers in Spring - over 200 daffodils, huge ammounts of tulips, irises, and more.

Reed + Eufala have frequent yard sales from Spring to fall. It's amazing how this builds friendships + allies. Also people come from accross Norman to bicycle, jog, walk dogs, sell girl scout cookies. It's a pretty area to use for exercise + to enjoy nature. Dara Sanders 21 years old

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I personally have had many sightings of a pair of bald eagles above field, road runners, quail, at least a pair of silver foxes, raccoons + skunks, many other unusual birds, butterflies, armadillos, horn toads, bees, butterflies + wildflowers.

My mom used to be a member of The Sierra Club, The nature conservancy, + other charities that support habitats. I was told the field is an example of endangered high grass prairie. I hope local branches will become involved in preservation.

Please don't ruin our neighborhood. We can't afford to move if it changes, and will be afraid to go outside. I can't even walk to my therapy + psychiatrist (corner Main/E. 12th) with strange men watching me, and often I can't get rides.

Dara Sage Sanders 21 years old  
148 Reed Ave. Norman, OK. 73071

My mother has written this while I "dictated"  
I am unable to write correctly. DS.  
Please help!

P.S. My little sister won't be allowed to visit, if homeless here. She loved to use trampoline + practise cheer-leading gymnastics in front yard. Her dad is strict tho' mom should have her 1/2 time.

6/6/15

To City Planners,

As a single Mother living opposite the proposed site for Food + Shelter for the homeless men, I am concerned for the safety / living conditions of occupants in this densely populated, low income, vast residential area (from Reed + Carter, to Robinson, Porter, Alameda, and Apache Streets.

The planned area is w/in a 5 block distance (using alleys as my kids did), and about another block from Longfellows East perimeter. Children as young as 3 attend pre-Kindergarten, and adolescents are 14-5 before graduating Longfellow.

Disadvantaged Transients deserve housing and food, but I was astounded upon hearing how very few would receive shelter, especially single men. It alarms me that a <sup>small</sup> fraction of E. Main Place's prior capacity will receive help. Having lived in a car briefly long ago, I know how terrific it was to have that roof, and a semi-private location.

Having friends in E. Main Place, that I visited several times, and are now successful, I will attest to the high level of dorm like bonding that occurred, due to the shared benefit of being required to attend 12-step meetings. Much room to room visiting occurred, and life-long bonding occurred amongst them and other AA/NA members.

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I have names and numbers of E Main Place alumni that can speak eloquently. One was featured in a 3-part series in the Norman Transcript, re: her drug recovery and family and professional status. Heather Earhart (spelling of surname?) I was in her wedding.

Lucie Landers 148 Reed.

Minger Benton (daughter)  
(alumni in 8th grade and I agree)

June 8, 2015  
148 Reed Ave  
Norman, OK 73071

City Clerk  
P.O. Box 370  
201 West Gray  
Norman, OK 73070

To Whom It May Concern:

In principle, I agree with the efforts that the City Council is making to provide much needed care to the homeless and underserved in Norman. Unfortunately, I feel that the proposed location of the center will increase my stress level and may even endanger my life and the lives of others. At age 36, I was raped by a homeless man who broke into my house while my 2-year-old daughter witnessed the event. I have lived with shame and feelings of terror ever since. I have been diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and my doctor has advised me to avoid stressful situations and to avoid contact with environments that may increase my anxiety or fear. Having a soup kitchen and homeless shelter directly in front of my house will create unavoidable interactions with members of the transient population, many of whom suffer from untreated or undertreated schizophrenia, or other mental disorders which would worsen my quality of life.

In addition, one of my daughters was molested at a young age. She is currently 21 years old and continues to require medical therapy for depression and anxiety. I have consulted with her physician who states that she is not to be subjected to additional levels of stress and has recommended that she not live near a homeless shelter or soup kitchen to decrease her level of risk.

I feel that children walking from their homes to school will be in danger of crossing paths with the transient population walking to the soup kitchen. This is inappropriate: children should not be unsupervised when exposed to this population. The soup kitchen needs to be located in an area such that the clients do not cross pathways with children going to and from school.

Relocation is not an option for me. When I first purchased my home on Reed Avenue 20 years ago, I was more prosperous financially, but at this time in my life it would be impossible for me to relocate. If this project proceeds, I feel that as a single mother, I would be living my remaining years in terror.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Sanders".

Ms. Sue Sanders

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ON June 9, 2015



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ON June 9, 2015

June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Greetings,

I'm a single mom with two daughters who have walked to Jefferson Elementary School and Longfellow Middle School from kindergarten through 8th grade so far. There is not bus transportation since I live so close to the schools.

The neighborhoods that "feed" these schools, including mine, border on Reed, Apache, SE Alameda, West Porter, North Robinson and NE Carter. It is a low-income area with many children and single moms. The homes are densely packed on small lots. Owners usually cannot afford secure fences or alarm systems on their homes. There is a playground only 3 blocks away from the proposed homeless shelter(s).

My problem with this new proposal of building these shelters is with the acquisition of large numbers of single men, wandering unsupervised, IS going to change the level of safety of the neighborhood children and single women.

I have been told by the planning committee that these individuals moving into the shelters will not be screened for legal histories such as sex offenders, drugs, and those with past episodes of violent or homicidal behaviors and actions.

Also, these people are not going to be tested for drugs, monitored, nor required to participate in free counseling services, and programs to improve their lives such as 12 step meetings for addicts, anger management courses and other community services that are all often free of charge to anyone.

As a retired RN, member of AA (sobriety since 1983), I personally have been and met many homeless individuals and I care for them deeply. However, as a MoM, I care even more about children. I have found out the hard way, personally, that it takes only one episode of abuse to ruin a child's life. My eldest child, daughter, was abused as a toddler and she is afraid to leave our home as is even to this day. Deep anxiety prevents her from obtaining a drivers license to this day. After years of treatment, counseling and working with her she has just acquired her first job and walks there for her work but, if single men are outside of my door roaming around (I live at 148 reed) I fear she will regress back into agoraphobia. She would no longer be able to walk to her counseling to a nearby facility from reed to main where she is seen by a psychiatrist on a regular basis.

I called Jefferson Elementary and Longfellow Middle school today, 6/8/15. Neither of the principles that I spoke with have heard of this impending relocation homeless shelter. They agreed that the "present location" is in a much "less risky" area with fewer single women and children exposed nearby. Perhaps it is more profitable to move the current shelter away from retail stores and businesses proximity? More susceptible victims are definitely in proposed area with a lot less public attention. Yards and residential homes are much easier to trespass on than a locked door of a business in a high visibility area as it is now.

The educators that I spoke with agreed that the planning committee prevented such attention by bringing public hearings up during summer vacation. Notification was only given to people 300 feet away from the borders of the shelters with two week deadlines for any questions; extremely short meetings; plus other evasive tactics it seems so that the city planners of Norman, OK could have their way before anyone could question their actions.

Promises have now been made to store owners on main. Of course before us parents have had time to protect our children and now the schools will need to start providing transportation etc...

I have also spoken to the east side WalMart. The managers there are all unaware of this move as well. I have spoken to other local businesses in this area and they also are unaware. Hmm

Their fears described to me will be that said proposal will affect the ambience of shoppers and theft prevention will be a nightmare.

b)

I bought my home at 148 Reed 20 years ago. I was an RN at Norman Regional Hospital. I am now disabled. This home will be my only asset after I undergo a mandatory 8hour surgery soon in my future. As a desperate measure I have had to plan to do a reverse mortgage on my home so I can pay for the surgery. With the likelihood that home prices will drop from said shelters being built across the street from my house I may not get that loan now.

I would have NEVER bought my home in this area had I known these changes would be made in the future. To add insult to injury the proposed site is going to be directly opposite my living room windows. My only direct source of light in my home.

Now again, back to the children. Children love to play on unattended construction sites and equipment. Especially with longer days due to school being out.

A reporter doing a piece on the house promised my property value would quadruple in value. I consulted with people in Norman's real estate industry. They said sell now. Get out now. Home prices/values will drop before the site is even finished being built when people find out what threats are being moved right into my neighborhood. My front yard.

I beg that action be taken at once. The risk all of us single moms and the children are being put at in our neighborhood is astounding. I and many others are very concerned this was planned and based on greed. Not for the betterment of our community.

Regards,

*Susan Sanders*

Susan Sanders

*148 Reed Ave. Norman*

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ON 6/8/15

June 8, 2015  
914 E. Eufaula St.  
Norman, OK 73071

City of Norman  
Planning Department  
201 West Gray #A  
Norman, OK 73070

Dear City of Norman Planners:

This letter is in regard to Case Number PD15-14. This past weekend, I had the opportunity to meet approximately 30 of the residents in the immediate vicinity of the proposed homeless shelter/soup kitchen. What I discovered:

1. The Longfellow and Jefferson school districts draw children from residences as far south as Alameda St; these children are walking in a north-south direction to attend these schools. The soup kitchen clients will most likely be pedestrians walking in an east-west direction as they migrate from/to the downtown area (as they arrive on buses, trains, or through the I-35 corridor on the West side of the city) to the proposed soup kitchen location on the East side Norman. Therefore, it is inevitable that these two groups will cross paths. Dangerous encounters could be created between school-age children and Norman's transient population.
2. Many of the current residents of the Reed and Eufaula Street (and surrounding neighborhoods) are single mothers or single women. Of those, several of the women I spoke with are rape victims themselves and are opposed to having soup kitchen clients (who could have criminal backgrounds) in such close proximity to their residences. It is highly likely that these women will have interactions with this population under the proposed plan. Granted, most of the soup kitchen clients are safe, well-mannered citizens; however, this population also includes those with criminal backgrounds, drug histories, and undiagnosed and/or undertreated mental conditions. These female residents could potentially suffer severe emotional disturbances if forced to interact with this transient population.

If the City of Norman Planners recommend proceeding with the homeless shelter/soup kitchen in its current form, they will be indirectly responsible for exposing two vulnerable groups to increased danger: 1. School-age children walking to/from school, and 2. Previous rape victims residing near the proposed facility. I highly recommend that the City of Norman Planners re-think this proposal before proceeding. It seems that the safest option would be to move the facility in a non-residential area.

I will be unable to attend the Planning meeting on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 because of a previous work commitment. However, I would be happy to discuss this issue further and/or answer any questions by telephone, 601-918-3632. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Andrew J. Kochevar, M.D.

June 5, 2015  
914 E. Eufaula St.  
Norman, OK 73071

City Clerk  
P.O. Box 370  
201 West Gray  
Norman, OK 73070

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in response to the request for changing the zoning in my neighborhood to accommodate a soup kitchen/homeless shelter, Case Number PD15-14. The proposal describes the facility being constructed on Reed Street which would be across the street from my house located at the corner of Reed and Eufaula Streets. I feel that Mayor Cindy Rosenthal and City Council members Mr. Gregory Jungman and Mr. Greg Heiple should recuse themselves from voting on this issue because of conflicts of interest.

Mr. Jungman, Ward 4 councilman, states in his City of Norman online profile that "(He) is employed by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development where he serves as the Director of Affordable Housing for the State of Oklahoma – a program that serves 35,000 low income families statewide." According to the HUD FY 2010–2015 HUD Strategic Plan, "Measures of Success" one of the HUD benchmarks is to: "Reduce the number of homeless families" and "Reduce the number of chronically homeless individuals." (Atch 1)


The construction of a new/larger homeless shelter in Norman could indirectly help HUD achieve its goals. Moreover, it may provide potential clients and/or become a place for HUD to refer marginal applicants in and around the Norman-area who do not qualify for HUD assistance. Mr. Jungman should abstain from voting on this issue.

Mr. Heiple's wife, Mrs. April Heiple, is shown in an online website as a supporter of Food and Shelter Inc (Atch 2). Mr. Heiple should abstain from voting on this issue.

In addition, Mayor Cindy Rosenthal's City of Norman website states that "(She has made) more walkable neighborhoods (in Norman)" (Atch 3). I feel that she might be attempting to make the downtown area "more walkable" (by moving the homeless shelter from its current downtown location) to in front of my house which would make my neighborhood "less walkable." Especially for children and women who would like to walk by themselves in my neighborhood. I feel that Mayor Rosenthal's website goal represents a conflict of interest with the relocation of this center and she should abstain from voting.

Also, my work requires me to frequently fly out of town and I may not be able to attend the Planning Commission meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Is it possible to Skype or call during the meeting so that I can voice my opinion? Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please do not hesitate contacting me with any questions or concerns. My cell phone number is 601-918-3632.

Sincerely,

  
Andrew J. Kochevar, M.D.

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## Rental Homes Goal

In an era when more than one-third of all American families rent their homes, we face a housing market that does not create and sustain a sufficient supply of affordable rental homes, especially for low-income households. In many communities, affordable rental housing does not exist without public support. Despite significant improvements in housing quality in recent decades, much of our rental housing stock is not energy efficient or even accessible to people with disabilities, and pockets of severely substandard housing remain across the country. Even before the recent recession, the number of households with severe housing cost burdens had increased substantially since 2000, and homelessness among families with children is a growing problem throughout our nation. When it comes to strong, safe, and healthy communities, lower cost rental housing is particularly scarce. As the lead federal housing agency, HUD will work with its federal, state, local, and private partners to meet affordable rental housing needs for all. The following subgoals provide a roadmap for accomplishing this goal:

Subgoal 2A: End homelessness and substantially reduce the number of families and individuals with severe housing needs.

Subgoal 2B: Expand the supply of affordable rental homes where they are most needed.

Subgoal 2C: Preserve the affordability and improve the quality of federally assisted and private unassisted affordable rental homes.

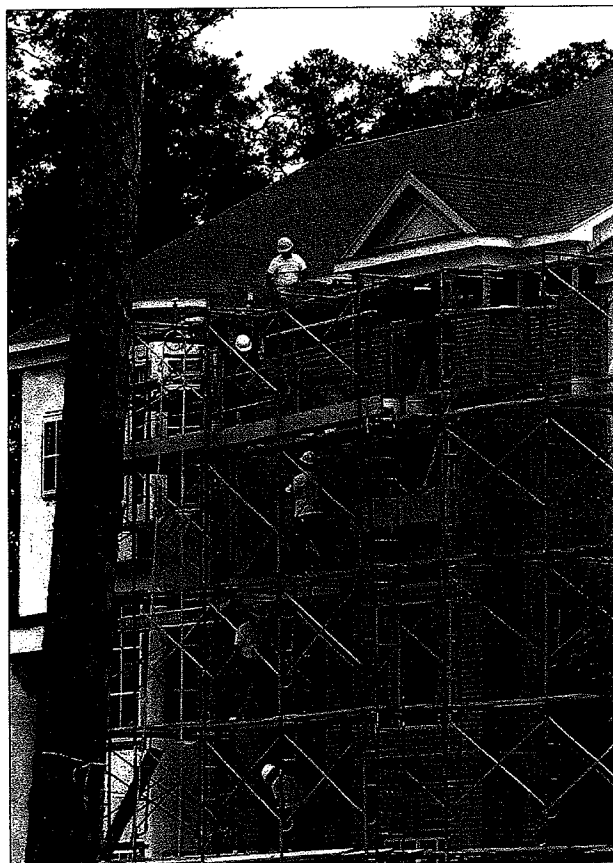
Subgoal 2D: Expand families' choices of affordable rental homes located in a broad range of communities.

*Homeownership is incredibly important. But if this crisis has taught us anything, it's that it is long past time we had a balanced, comprehensive national housing policy—that supports homeownership, but also provides affordable rental opportunities...so families can make good, responsible choices.*

—HUD Secretary  
Shaun Donovan  
October 22, 2009

## Measures of Success

- y Reduce the number of households with worst case housing needs.
- y Increase the total number of affordable rental homes constructed and rehabilitated in communities with the greatest unmet needs.
  - Interim: HUD programs will meet more of the growing need for affordable rental homes by serving 5.46 million families by the end of FY2011, which is 207,000 more than in FY2009.
- y Reduce homelessness (cross-cutting measure for Goals 2 and 3).
  - Reduce the number of homeless families.
  - Reduce the number of chronically homeless individuals.
  - Reduce the number of homeless veterans to 59,000 by June 2012 (jointly with the Department of Veterans Affairs).
- y Improve the quality of housing and available community opportunities reported by HUD residents (cross-cutting measure for Goals 2, 3, and 4).



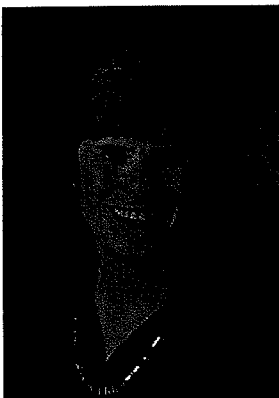
# April Heiple



April is a force for good in Norman and Oklahoma. She has worked tirelessly with Food and Shelter Inc. to help people in need and providing hope where it is desperately needed. Whether it's providing warm meals to hungry folks or a room for people to call home, April's dedication to her community is clear and contagious to those around her. Most recently her involvement with the One Vision One Voice initiative has brought together many community agencies and volunteers under the mission of ensuring everyone in our community has access to a home and ending veteran homelessness. We are proud to have her here and appreciate the hard work she has put in.

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## Mayor

**Cindy Rosenthal**

Cindy Rosenthal was elected mayor of Norman in 2007 after serving three years as the council member from Ward 4. She is Norman's first popularly elected woman mayor. As Mayor, she is Norman's representative to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments. Mayor Rosenthal won the 2009 Distinguished Public Service Award, which is given annually by the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration to a public servant whose career exhibits the highest standards of excellence, dedication and accomplishment. She has been nominated twice as one of 50 women making a difference in Oklahoma and was named the Journal Record's Woman of the Year in 2010.

Mayor Rosenthal has championed environmental awareness and energy efficiency throughout the city, spearheaded Norman's inclusive community initiative, highlighted the need for transportation options and more walkable neighborhoods, sponsored regular walks to promote healthy life styles in the community, and been an advocate for the arts and culture in downtown Norman.

A resident of Norman since 1985, Mayor Rosenthal is director and curator of the Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center at the University of Oklahoma and a professor of political science. Her professional background is as a consultant on public management and a policy analyst with expertise in economic development and intergovernmental relations.

Prior to elected office, she served on the League of Women Voters Board; Norman Public Schools Citizens Advisory Council; Norman Library Board; Firehouse Art Center Board; Greenbelt Task Force; and Norman Future Committee. She and her husband, Jim, are charter members of the Norman Area Land Conservancy and longtime members of St. Stephen's United Methodist Church. They have two children, Caitlin, and Aaron.

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May 27, 2015  
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Norman, OK 73071

City Clerk  
P.O. Box 370  
201 West Gray  
Norman, OK 73070

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter to protest the request to change the zoning in my neighborhood to accommodate a homeless shelter, Case Number PD15-14. The proposal describes the facility being constructed on Reed Street which would be across the street from my house located at the corner of Reed and Eufaula Streets. I am protesting this proposal for three reasons:

**1. Revitalization.** Reed Street is part of an older, blighted neighborhood that I have seen struggle to improve for the past 25 years that I have lived here. I, along with my neighbors, have worked hard to try to improve the living conditions. Currently, we have transients that leave trash and shopping carts in our yards. I have to load the shopping carts into my truck and take them back to the grocery store from which they came.

If the shelter is built, across the street from my house, the pedestrian traffic will most likely increase and the problem with our transient population will worsen. If the proposed facility is built, it will make the revitalization efforts in our area more difficult. The trash and debris problems we are currently experiencing will worsen.

Also, if the shelter is approved, it will lower the property values which are already-depressed in this area. The value of a house across the street from a homeless shelter is worth less than if the same house were not in close proximity to such a facility.

The City of Norman has already debated this issue and come to the conclusion as stated in the, City of Norman, OK, 3-5 Year Strategic Plan 2010-2014:

**4.5.1. Continue to engage in neighborhood revitalization efforts to improve the core area and low income neighborhoods and encourage more mixed-income communities.**

Reed Street is already a low income/blighted community. Adding a new homeless shelter will make it more difficult to achieve the "mixed-income" neighborhood balance. People with the resources available to revitalize these older Reed-Street homes will be less likely to move here if they have to live this close to a homeless shelter.



2. **Safety.** The neighborhood will become less safe if the homeless shelter is approved. My 86-year-old father volunteered at a soup kitchen for many years. Unfortunately, he was assaulted by one of the clients when they knocked him to the ground and broke his hip. He has a permanent disability with ambulation. While most of the clients of a homeless shelter are very appreciative and law-abiding, unfortunately, there may be a few clients with psychiatric conditions that predispose them to civil disobedience. These clients can behave unpredictably and become unruly. My father was attempting to volunteer to help homeless people, but now his quality of life has been diminished and it is harder for him to perform his activities of daily living.

For the most part, I'm sure the homeless shelter helps a lot of deserving, respectful people. However, it will also bring potentially undesirable people to an already-blighted neighborhood.

3. **Fairness.** I've had my house here for 25 years. If the shelter were here before I arrived, I would have consciously made the decision not to move here. Therefore, it is unreasonable to expect me or any of the other residents to approve a zoning change that would allow a business into the area that would most likely have a negative impact on the market value of our houses, increase litter, and potentially creating an unsafe environment.

In conclusion, please understand that I have nothing against the principles of the homeless shelter. I think that the facility offers a valuable service to the community in terms of helping the needy. However, placing it in an already blighted residential neighborhood will diminish the revitalization efforts and safety of those who live here.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew J. Kochevar M.D." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrew J. Kochevar, M.D.