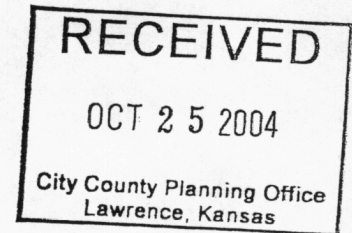


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October 21, 2004

Sheila Stogsdill
Lawrence Planning Department
Post Office Box 708
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Ms. Stogsdill and Planning Department,

This is a letter of support for The Lawrence Open Shelter and their approval of UPR. I am writing as a neighbor to the shelter which is located at 944 Kentucky. I am principal of The Lawrence Catholic School and the St. John Campus which is located at 1208 Kentucky Street. As principal, I am very much in favor of the presence of The Lawrence Open Shelter. For years, I have witnessed the plight of the homeless and worried about their ability to find shelter. It is critical that people in such a dire situation have some sort of safe shelter. When there is a lack of such, I find these folks sleeping on the school grounds or in the park across the street from the school. For the safety of my school children and the safety of our homeless, I urge your office to grant the UPR to The Lawrence Open Shelter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Newton".

Patricia Newton
Principal, The Lawrence Catholic School

"We, though many, are one in Christ."

St. John
the Evangelist



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Capuchin Franciscans

October 28, 2004

Linda Singer, Director of Planning
City of Lawrence
6 East 6th Street
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Ms. Singer,

I am pleased to write you as a neighbor of the Lawrence Open Shelter and let you know that the parish has experienced no negative impact from the shelter's location in our neighborhood.

The parish of St. John the Evangelist is very pleased that the Lawrence community has made this commitment to the homeless in providing the shelter. It is our hope that these services will not only continue, but expand in the future.

If you have any questions, please call me at 843-0109.

Sincerely,

Fr. John Schmeidler

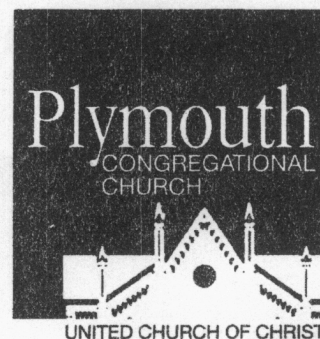
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November 1, 2004

TO: Ms. Linda Finger
Director, Planning Department
City of Lawrence, Kansas

FROM: Rev. Lewis E. Hinshaw III
Associate Pastor
Plymouth Congregational Church

RE: Lawrence Open Shelter
Review of Occupancy Permit



Plymouth Congregational Church has supported the Lawrence Open Shelter (LOS) through its development period and its first year of service to the community.

LOS is located in close proximity to Plymouth Church and is considered a good neighbor.

LOS has identified a unique and necessary service niche and provides services in a professional manner.

We continue to be supportive of LOS, its existence, its work, and its current location.

Respectfully,

Rev. Lewis E. Hinshaw III
Associate Pastor

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lewis E. Hinshaw III", is positioned below the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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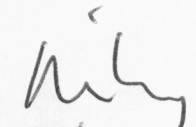
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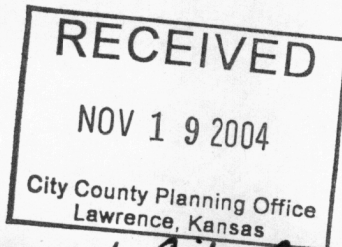
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DEAR MS. FINGER,

Please know that as a parent,
homeowner and resident in the Oread
Neighborhood I wholeheartedly support
the Lawrence Open Shelter.

The good work that the board
and staff does literally saves lives —
but beyond that the shelter makes ~~our~~ our
neighborhood a better place through its
humanity and guidance. Please renew
their license and give them my
thanks.

Sincerely, 
Mike McKinney
1301 Vermont St
Lawrence, Kansas



1 November 2004

Mayor Rundle and City Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the extension of the UPR for the Lawrence Open Shelter.

Although I am not an immediate neighbor I have been by the shelter on numerous occasions over the past year.

I appreciate the respect that the staff and guests have shown for their neighbors this past year. The move of the entry to the east seems to be working particularly well.

I have heard some concerns expressed that granting an extension for five years may unreasonably limit the ability for the neighborhood to act on concerns in the future. Please consider giving the neighborhood an opportunity to ask for a review if they (we?) can document specific concerns and meet an appropriate timetable of giving notice.

The neighborhood association board will be meeting this next week and may have comments on how future reviews could be accommodated.

Thank you for all you do on behalf of our community.

Marc Francisco
1101 Ohio
Lawrence, Kansas

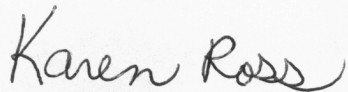
November 2, 2004

Linda Finger
Director of Planning
City of Lawrence

Dear Linda Finger,

I am writing in support of the Lawrence Open Shelter's UPR to continue operation in my neighborhood. I believe they provide an important service for members of our community who are homeless. While I know their work is often difficult and may bring the unexpected, I have not experienced any difficulties from their presence.

I have resided in Oread for over twenty years. Over those years our neighborhood has been home to many social service programs and group homes. I think it is fine to have the Lawrence Open Shelter as part of Oread.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Ross".

Karen Ross
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Lawrence, KS 66044
(785) 842-8504

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City County Planning Office
Lawrence, Kansas

November 3, 2004

Sheila Stogsdill
Lawrence Planning Department
Post Office Box 708
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Ms. Stogsdill and Planning Department,

This is a letter of support for The Lawrence Open Shelter and their approval of UPR. We are writing as neighbors to the shelter, which is located at 944 Kentucky. We are Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth and we reside at the convent at 1204 Kentucky. The homeless are very visible to us in this neighborhood. When the St. John Campus gymnasium was used for the temporary Lawrence Open Shelter, we became even more aware of the need of a permanent site that would provide shelter for those in need. We applaud the work that has been done and we urge your office to grant the UPR to The Lawrence Open Shelter.

Sincerely,

Sister Irene McGrath

Sister Barbara Wieseler

Sister Susan Yerkich

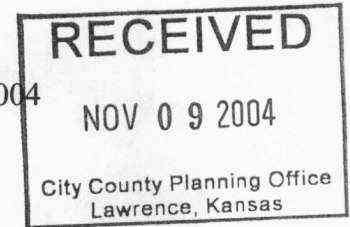
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Sheila Stogsdill
Associate Planning Director
City of Lawrence
Box 708
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November 7, 2004



Dear Ms. Stogsdill:

As chair of the Board of Trustees at First Christian Church located at 10th and Kentucky I am writing in regard to the upcoming review of the permit for the Lawrence Open Shelter which is located across the street from our property.

We are understanding of the need for the open shelter and respect the services that are being provided at the current location. We are supportive of the program but do have some concerns.

Since the open shelter has been operating we believe there has been more incidents of damage to our property including windows broken in our building and also vandalism to vehicles in our parking lots.

It appears there has been more altercations in the neighborhood since the shelter opened about one year ago. There are also more people sleeping on our front steps which can interfere with church activities especially on Sunday mornings. We have also observed more loitering in the area and more trash being littered on our property.

We realize that other services are being provided in the area including LINK and the Drop In Center which bring people to the neighborhood seeking those services. Our purpose in writing this letter is to bring attention to the fact that the addition of the Open Shelter has increased some of the problems that already existed.

It appears that an underlying cause for these problems is alcohol and drug abuse. We believe that the Lawrence community should recognize this as a growing concern and that more emphasis on rehabilitation of addicted individuals is needed.

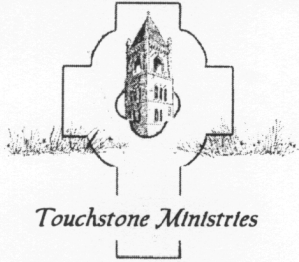
Respectfully,

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Jim Congrove
Chair of Trustees
First Christian Church

First United Methodist Church

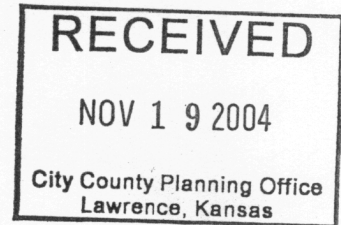
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November 7, 2004

To Whom It May Concern:



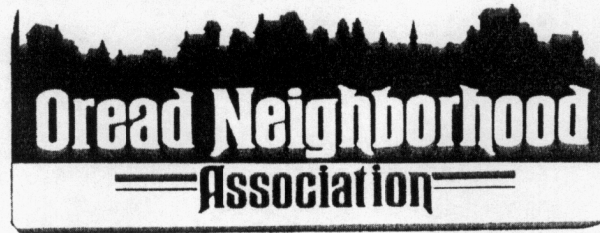
First United Methodist Church is proud to voice our support of Lawrence Open Shelter. We have no objections to them being in the neighborhood, and wish them well in this special mission.

Blessings,

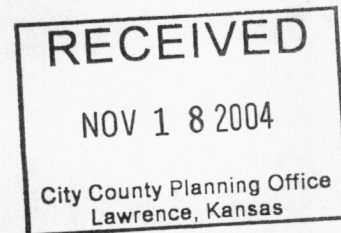
Michael Parmley

Michael Parmley
Chair, Board of Trustees
First United Methodist Church

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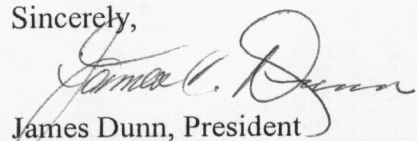
November 12, 2004

Dear Ms. Finger:

At the November 8, 2004 board meeting of the Oread Neighborhood Association, Inc. the Lawrence Open Shelter's "Use Permitted Upon Review" (UPR), a proposal before the Lawrence City Commission on November 30, 2004, was considered. The Board supports the Lawrence Open Shelter's continuation as provided for in the UPR for another year. The Board supports a review of the Lawrence Open Shelter's UPR on an annual basis.

The Director of the Lawrence Open Shelter has provided information regarding the plan to increase the occupancy by 10 individuals.

Sincerely,


James Dunn, President
Oread Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Cc: Mike Rundle, Mayor
City of Lawrence

Mike Wildgen, City Manager
PO Box 708
Lawrence KS 66044

Loring R. Henderson, Director
Lawrence Open Shelter (L.O.S.)
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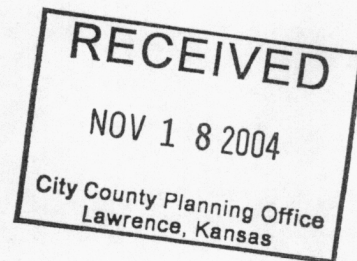
JAMES C. DUNN AND NANCY R. DUNN

936 Kentucky Street
Lawrence KS 66044

785-843-5272

November 18, 2004

Linda Finger
City of Lawrence Planning Department
PO Box 708
Lawrence, KS 66044



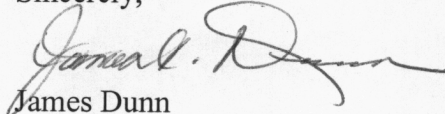
Dear Ms. Finger:

As landlord and next door neighbor, this letter is written to acknowledge our awareness of the Lawrence Open Shelter's annual "Use Permitted Upon Review" (UPR) proposal which is scheduled for consideration by the Lawrence City Commission on November 30, 2004.

The Director of the Lawrence Open Shelter has provided information regarding the plan to increase the occupancy by 10 individuals.

We request that the City Commission implement a program for recycling at this property. From this property owner's perspective, a recycling program will alleviate the necessity of a second Dumpster and removal of an off-street parking space. An implemented program at this property could serve as a pilot coordinated program between the City's Waste Reduction and Recycling Division, the Community Drop-in Center, and the Lawrence Open Shelter.

Sincerely,


James Dunn

Cc: Mike Rundle, Mayor
City of Lawrence

Mike Wildgen, City Manager
PO Box 708
Lawrence KS 66044

Mollie Mangerich, Operations Supervisor
Waste Reduction & Recycling Division
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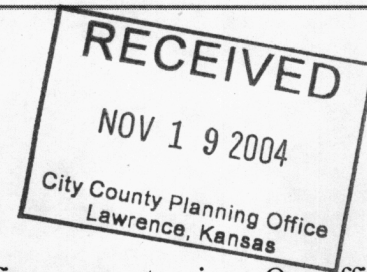
Marceil Lauppe, Chair of the Board
Community Drop-in Center

Sheila Stogsdill

From: Paul R Horvath [morningstarks@juno.com]

Sent: Friday, November 19, 2004 4:21 PM

To: sstogsdill@ci.lawrence.ks.us



Dear Ms. Stogsdill,

Thank you for the notice regarding Open Shelter's request for a five-year extension. Our office is near Open Shelter. Since our office faces the alley we see quite a bit of "Alley" activity which includes "drinking" and suspected drug use which occurs in and around and behind the dumpster. This also seems to serve as a public latrine. There have been a number of times the police have been called out of concern of a passed out person. It seems like this sort of activity has increased with the "opening" of the Open Shelter. While I can support a "Homeless" shelter and programs that are designed to reintegrate people into our society. I cannot support a shelter which passively if not actively encouraged drug and alcohol use. As such I would discourage the extension of the operation unless there was a change in the shelter standards.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Horvath

11/19/2004