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Mayor Stuart Boley
City of Lawrence
City Hall
6 E. 6th St.
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Mayor Boley,

Douglas County has been working with the Lawrence Douglas County Housing Authority (LDCHA) and Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center to develop 8-10 units of permanent, supportive housing. This project is a part of the behavioral health system of care improvements included in the May 2018 ballot initiative. Supportive housing has been identified as significant need in our community and currently presents a significant barrier to sustained recovery for many of our citizens.

As outlined in Resolution 3524, Section III, any property purchased by LDCHA must be titled to the City. Given the number of partners currently involved in the project and the progress made to date, the County would prefer that the land be titled to the County. To that end, a separate resolution has been prepared for this project that allows the land to be titled to Douglas County, but doesn't modify the original joint resolution.

The permanent supportive housing project planned as a part of the behavioral health campus improvements uses existing LDCHA funds available for this project. Because of the existing funding available, this project is not dependent on the ballot initiative. Housing and Urban Development asks that a contract between LDCHA and the local government unit that holds the title to the land be in place before the project is approved. Douglas County is in negotiations with Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center to transfer all of the land involved with the project to the County.

Attached is a proposed resolution. LDCHA is supportive of this change. Please let us if you have any questions or concerns about this resolution, and how best to proceed.

Sincerely,

Sarah Plinsky

cc: Board of County Commissioners, Craig Weinaug