



March 20, 2017

Dear Mayor McAdams,

Homelessness is a serious problem in our county and we all need to do our part to address this. As you know, affordable housing and transitional housing play important roles in reducing homelessness. West Valley City is aware of these needs and we are doing more than our share, but this places a heavy burden on our residents. It impacts our police, our schools, and our neighborhoods; but we continue to provide these without complaining while many other cities do nothing or even exacerbate the problem with their zoning laws and housing standards.

The misguided legislature and governor established a flawed process to build an additional shelter. You have the difficult task of selecting a site. They gave you the opportunity force a city to accept a shelter, an opportunity to engage another city in the solution for homelessness; instead, you added to the burden our residents already bear. You chose sites in an area that is already at risk. So many other cities are better able to weather the storm that a shelter brings. A new shelter would irreparably impact our police, our schools, and our neighborhoods.

It is unfair and immoral to force our residents to carry more of the burden when other cities are doing so little. Please consider other locations and take more time to get this decision right.

Respectfully,

Lars Nordfelt
West Valley City Councilmember At-Large